

**THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Present from Town Council: John J. McCann, *Mayor*; Bill Harkins, *Mayor Pro-Tempore*; David Ames, Tamara Becker, Marc Grant, Tom Lennox, Glenn Stanford, *Council Members*

Present from Town Staff: Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; Josh Gruber, *Assist. Town Manager*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Exec. Assist/Town Clerk*

1. Call to Order

Mayor McCann called the meeting order at 2:00 p.m. By way of roll call, Mayor McCann confirmed the attendance of all members of Council.

2. FOIA Compliance – Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Hilton Head Island

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Invocation – Pastor Todd Cullen, Hilton Head Community Church

Pastor Cullen delivered the invocation.

5. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. By way of roll call, the agenda was approved as written by a vote of 7-0.

6. Public Hearing on the Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2021

Mayor McCann called the public hearing to order at 2:03 p.m. Mayor McCann called on Mr. Hoagland who address Council about his concerns with the Fiscal Year 2021 budget. With no further citizen comments, Mayor McCann closed the public hearing at 2:09 p.m.

7. Approval of the Minutes

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Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. By way of roll call, the minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0.

8. Report of the Town Manager

a. Update on Hilton Head Regional Healthcare – Jeremy Clark, CEO

Mr. Clark gave an update on the current status of the hospital to the members of Council. He reported that between both hospitals there were a total of five patients being treated for the virus. Mr. Clark stated that the hospital system remains alert and ready to handle any new cases that come to them.

b. Items of Interest

Mr. Riley reviewed current items of interest as well as virtual events taking place throughout the Town.

9. Update on Town Council Committees – Mayor McCann

Mayor McCann stated that he would be taking the Public Planning Committee back to three members. Those members would be Mr. Ames, Mrs. Becker, and Mr. Stanford. The Mayor said that Mr. Harkins and Mr. Lennox would be working on items in preparation for the Council workshop in December.

10. Unfinished Business

a. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2020-12 – Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2020-12 to raise revenue and adopt a budget for the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021; to establish a Property Tax Levy; to establish funds; to establish a policy for acquisition of rights of way and easement; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. With much discussion about the budget, some expressing concerns about some of the line items, others continuing to support the budget as drafted. By way of roll call, the motion was approved by a vote of 4-3, Mr. Ames, Mrs. Becker, and Mr. Grant opposing.

11. New Business

a. Consideration of a Resolution – Delegating Authority to Sign Certain Legal Service Agreements

Consideration of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, delegating authority to the Town Manager to approve certain contracts for legal services provided to the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. With some discussion and by way of roll call, the motion was approved by a vote of 6-1, Mrs. Becker opposing.

b. Consideration of a Resolution – Granting Authority to Sign Rights of Entry

Consideration of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, authorizing the Town Manager to execute Rights of Entry related to real property owned by the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. With some discussion and by way of roll call, the motion was approved by a vote of 6-1, Mrs. Becker opposing.

12. General Reports of Council

Mayor McCann called on each member of Council who discussed items of importance to the community.

13. Executive Session

Mr. Riley stated that he had a need to enter Executive Session (i) Land Acquisition, discussion of negotiations incidents to the proposed sale, lease, or purchase of property in the Shelter Cove area and 278 & Spanish Wells area; and (ii) Legal Matters, receipt of legal advice relating to pending litigation concerning property in the Bradley Circle area.

At 2:56 p.m. Mr. Harkins moved to enter Executive Session for the matter described by Mr. Riley. Mr. Stanford seconded. By way of roll call, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

14. Possible action by Town Council concerning matters discussed in Executive Session

15. Adjournment

Council returned from Executive Session, and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Approved: July 21, 2020

Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

William D. Harkins, Mayor Pro-Tem