

**THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Present from Town Council: David Bennett, *Mayor*; Kim Likins, *Mayor Pro Tempore*; John McCann, Bill Harkins, Marc Grant, Tom Lennox, David Ames, *Council Members*

Present from Town Staff: Steve Riley, *Town Manager*, Greg DeLoach, *Assistant Town Manager*; Brian Hulbert; *Staff Attorney*; Charles Cousins, *Director of Community Development*; Brad Tadlock, *Fire Chief*; John Troyer, *Finance Director*; Shawn Colin; *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Marcy Benson, *Senior Grants Administrator*; Andrew Nicholls, *System Analyst*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Executive Assistant/Town Clerk*

Present from Media: Alex Kincaid, *Island Packet*; Cyreia Sandlin, *WTOC News*

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

3. Executive Session - None

4. Pledge to the Flag

5. Invocation

6. Proclamations & Commendations

a. Beaufort County Student of the Month

- i. James “Trey” Thompson**, 9th Grade – Hilton Head Island High School - September 2017 – Character Trait “Acceptance”
- ii. Kevin Slater**, 4th Grade – Hilton Head Island IB Elementary - October 2017 – Character Trait “Courage/Tolerance”
- iii. Cole Howard**, 4th Grade – Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts - November 2017 – Character Trait “Respect/Gratitude”

Mayor Bennett presented each student with their Student of the Month certificate and made brief remarks about each one.

b. Commendation Honoring Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Mark Martel of the Civil Air Patrol

Mayor Bennett presented Cadet Martel with his Commendation and made brief remarks about him.

c. Mayor’s Honored Islanders

- i.** Carlton Dallas
- ii.** Kathy Cramer
- iii.** Margie Smith
- iv.** Ruth and Berry Edwards

Mayor Bennett presented each of the Honored Islanders with their certificate and made brief remarks about each one.

7. Approval of Minutes - None

8. Report of Town Manager

a. Update from the Board of Zoning Appeals – David Fingerhut

David Fingerhut, Chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals addressed the members of Council regarding the items the Board has reviewed over the last six months.

b. CAFR and Audit Presentation for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017 – Don Mobley, Scott & Company

Mr. Mobley from Scott & Company addressed Council giving an overview of the CAFR and audit presentation for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017. Mr. Lennox asked Mr. Mobley what the timing should be for the Town with regards to replenishment. Mr. Mobley recommended the sooner the Town can replenish their reserves the better.

c. Sustainable Community Designation from Audubon International

Marcy Benson, Senior Grants Administrator addressed Council giving an overview of the Town's Sustainable Community Designation recently received from Audubon International.

d. Items of Interest

i. Town News

Mr. Riley reported on the upcoming meetings taking place at Town Hall over the coming weeks.

ii. Noteworthy Events

Mr. Riley reported on upcoming noteworthy events taking place in the coming weeks.

9. Reports from Members of Council

a. General Reports from Council

Mr. McCann reported that he, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Riley had attended a meeting at the Cherry Hill School with the St. James Deacons, the Airport Committee, County Councilman Forbes, and Interim-County Administrator Gruber, where the Pastor of St. James stated that safety of his congregation was important. Mr. McCann said that the Pastor continued by saying, that they would consider an offer from the airport that would include the relocation of the Church sanctuary. Mr. McCann said that if the Deacons of St. James and the Airport Committee are willing to relocate the church sanctuary, then it is the best interest of the Town and County to find a way to assist with this. He went on to say, that Mr. Riley and Mr. Gruber agreed to assist St. James in identifying parcels of land that would be a suitable location.

b. Report of the Intergovernmental & Public Safety Committee – Bill Harkins, Chairman

Mr. Harkins stated that he did not have a report this week.

c. Report of the Community Services Committee – Kim Likins, Chairman

Mrs. Likins stated that she did not have a report this week.

d. Report of the Public Planning Committee – David Ames, Chairman

Mr. Ames reported that consultant for the Vision process notified the Committee that the Vision draft is going to come about two weeks later than expected. He said the Vision draft is expect in mid-February and will be available for review on the website. Mr. Ames said that there was a workshop that discussed the policy questions related to workforce housing. These policy questions will be instrumental in the drafting of a consultant RFP for the workforce housing project. He said that the next meeting will take place on January 25, 2018, where Staff will have the completed policy question document from the workshop.

e. Report of the Public Facilities Committee – Marc Grant, Chairman

Mr. Grant stated that he did not have a report this week.

f. Report of the Finance & Administrative Committee – John McCann, Chairman

Mr. McCann stated that he did not have a report this week.

10. Appearance by Citizens

Wendy & Grey Anne Cummings, Lowcountry Alliance for Healthy Youth. Addressed Council related to the Youth Public Forum on the Opioid Epidemic taking place.

Taiwan Scott. Addressed Council concerning his matters related to the Town and the LMO and South Carolina Code.

11. Unfinished Business - None

12. New Business

a. Consideration of a Resolution – Participation by the Town of Hilton Head Island in Federal Court Litigation by the South Carolina Environmental Law Project

Consideration of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, Authorizing the participation by the Town of Hilton Head Island in Federal Court Litigation by the South Carolina Environmental Law Project (SCELP) to challenge the permitting by the Federal government of seismic testing and drilling in Atlantic Coastal waters, including waters off Beaufort County and the South Carolina Coast.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve the Resolution. Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

b. Consideration of a Recommendation – Roadway Improvements on Office Park Road.

Consideration of a Recommendation that Town Council amend the Town's Consolidated Municipal Budget for 2017-2018, the Capital Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Funding, to provide sufficient funding to contract for the immediate construction of capital roadway improvements on Office Park Road.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve the Recommendation. Mr. Harkins seconded.

After brief discussion by Council, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

13. Possible actions by Town Council concerning matters discussed in Executive Session.

14. Adjournment

Mayor Bennett adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Krista M. Wiedmeyer,
Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved: 02/20/2018

David Bennett, Mayor