

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

**Date: Tuesday, October 2, 2018**

**Time: 4:00 P.M.**

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

**Absent from Town Council:** Bill Harkins, *Council Member*

**Present from Town Staff:** Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; Joshua Gruber, *Assistant Town Manager*; Charles Cousins, *Director of Community Development*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Brad Tadlock, *Fire Chief*; John Troyer, *Finance Director*; Carolyn Grant, *Communications Director*; Shawn Colin, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Chris Blankenship, *Deputy Fire Chief – Operations*; Ed Boring, *Deputy Fire Chief – Support Services*; Joheida Fister, *Fire Marshal*; Cinda Seamon, *Fire & Safety Educator*; Melissa Cope, *Systems Analyst*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Executive Assistant/Town Clerk*

**Present from Media:** Katherine Kokal, *Island Packet*

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 4:02 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**

Mr. Riley stated that he needed an Executive Session for: (a) Legal Advice; receipt of legal advice related to pending, threatened, or potential claim related to; (i) ArborNature, LLC vs. the Town of Hilton Head Island, et. al.; and (b) Land Acquisition; discussion of negotiations incident to the proposed sale, lease, or purchase or property; (i) in the Beach City Road area.

At 4:03 p.m. Mrs. Likins moved to go into Executive Session for matters mentioned by the Town Manager, Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion to go into Executive Session was approved by a vote of 6-0, Mr. Harkins was absent from the meeting.

Town Council returned to the dais at 5:02 p.m. to begin the Regular portion of the meeting.

**4. Pledge to the Flag**

**5. Invocation**

**6. Proclamations & Commendations**

**a. Fire Prevention Week**

Mayor Bennett presented the Fire Prevention Week Proclamation to members of the Hilton Head Island Fire Rescue.

**7. Approval of Minutes**

**a. Town Council Meeting, September 18, 2018.**

Mrs. Likins moved to approve the minutes from the September, 2018 Town Council meeting. Mr. McCann seconded, the motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

## **8. Report of Town Manager**

### **a. USCB – Quarterly Report – Dr. Charlie Calvert**

Dr. Calvert gave an update on the progress of the new USCB Hospitality Campus to the members of Town Council. He noted that everything remains on time for a November 14, 2018 ribbon cutting. Dr. Calvert noted some upcoming events that are scheduled to take place at the new campus, including the Chamber's Taste of the Season and Town Council's annual Workshop.

### **b. First Tee – Update – Brady Boyd**

Brady Boyd, Executive Director of First Tee, gave an update to Council regarding First Tee. He provided recent numbers of all the programs that took place throughout the year, and encouraged the members of Council, Town staff, and citizens to visit the First Tee website for even more information.

### **c. Items of Interest**

- i.** Town News
- ii.** Noteworthy Events

Mr. Riley reviewed the Items of Interest, including Town News, upcoming Town meetings, and noteworthy events taking place throughout the Island over the coming weeks.

Mr. Riley also noted to the Mayor that he understood that there had been discussion about cancelling the November 20, 2018 Town Council meeting, and in order to do so, Council would have to move and approve such a meeting schedule change.

Mrs. Likins moved to cancel the November 20, 2018 Town Council meeting, Mr. McCann seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

## **9. Reports from Members of Council**

### **a. General Reports from Council**

Mrs. Likins reported that she has talked to the telecom group about the WIFI at the Town's parks and other facilities throughout the Town. She noted that as these facilities are being used more and more, the WIFI is becoming more bogged down, and that this may be something that should be looked at in anticipation of expanding.

Mr. Grant stated that he had three items he wanted to bring forward for consideration. The first being a change in the parliamentary procedures, specifically for the Appearance by Citizens portion of the agenda. He said that he felt the way some citizens addressed Council was disrespectful, and deserved a second look. Mr. Grant said that he wanted to extend his gratitude to Mr. Riley and Mr. Gruber and others from the Town who met with the Stoney Community to begin addressing the potential changes to the US 278 corridor. Finally, Mr. Grant noted that he was provided a document of a 2002 transportation plan, where the Town would need to expand US 278 to a six lane highway all the way through to the south end. He asked that this topic be brought up for discussion, and possible resolution; resolving that there is not a six lane highway throughout the entire Island. Addressing Mr. Grant, Mayor Bennett stated that he felt changes to the Appearance by Citizens portion of the agenda may have First Amendment implications; continuing to address Mr. Grant, he said as to the six lanes, he would take it under advisement and talk about it before the next Council meeting.

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

No report as Mr. Harkins was absent.

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

Mrs. Likins reported that Committee's Personnel Committee met on September 27, 2018 where they finalized the recommendations for Boards and Commission appointments to be heard later in the meeting. She also noted that the Committee met with the Venue Committee where they reviewed the modified recommendations. Mrs. Likins said this is the second phase, would be a needs plan drafted by the four largest cultural organizations and delivered in early 2019. She noted that the modified recommendation would come forward to the next Town Council meeting.

## **Report of the Members of Council (cont.)**

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

Mr. Ames stated that the Committee met on September 20, 2018 where they were introduced to the affordable housing consultant. The consultant answered questions related to the topic, he noted that the meeting was very positive largely due to the consultant's knowledge and demeanor. He noted that he felt the public felt the same.

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

Mr. Grant stated he had no report.

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

Mr. McCann asked Mayor Bennet, for the sake of an efficient Finance and Administrative Committee meeting on October 16, 2018, if he could outline for Mr. McCann what his personal objectives are for the meeting. Mr. McCann stated that he wanted to make sure that he was prepared for the meeting ahead of time. Mayor Bennett affirmed.

## **10. Appearance by Citizens**

**Skip Hoagland:** Addressed the members of Council about his concerns with transparency with the Chamber and the DMO.

**Andrea Baker:** Addressed the members of Council about her concerns with the development on Jonesville Road. Mayor Bennett explained to Ms. Baker why since she last appeared before Council this topic did not appear on the agenda for further discussion or Town Council vote.

**Frank Babel:** Addressed the member of Council about his concerns of who is responsible for the Town's public safety.

**Alex Brown:** Addressed the members of Council concerning the US 278 Gateway corridor expansion and the fears of the citizens within the Stoney Community.

**Luana Sellers:** Addressed the members of Council concerning the US 278 Gateway corridor expansion and the citizens within the Stoney Community.

**Bryan Bobinchuck:** Addressed the members of Council regarding crosswalk safety, describing a prototype that he had come up with that could possibly be effective within in the Town.

## **11. Unfinished Business**

### **a. Second Reading of Propose Ordinance 2018-16**

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2018-16 to amend the budget for the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019; to provide for the budgeted appropriations of prior year budget roll-forwards and the expenditures of certain funds; to allocate the sources of revenue for the said funds; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve, Mr. McCann seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

## **12. New Business**

### **a. Consideration of a Resolution – HUD/CDBG Entitlement Program Consolidated Plan Amendment**

Consideration of a Resolution of Town Council to approve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program five year Consolidated Plan (2015-2019) substantial Amendment.

Without objection, this item was removed from the agenda for additional review and changes to be made by Town staff, to be brought forward to Town Council at a later date.

**New Business (cont.)**

**b. Consideration of a Resolution – MASC Setoff Debt Collect Act**

Consideration of a Resolution of Town Council authorizing the Municipal Association of South Carolina to act as Claimant Agency for the collection of debt on behalf of the Town of Hilton Head Island in accordance with the Setoff Debt Collection Act.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve, Mr. McCann seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

**c. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2018-17**

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2018-17 Amending Section 10-10-10 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, relating to recovery of collection cost as part of delinquent debts collected pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve, Mr. McCann seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

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

Mrs. Likins moved to appoint Kathy Reynolds, William Schmitt, and Linda Piekut to three terms, ending June 30, 2021 to the Culture and Arts Committee; Michael McCullion to a three year term, ending June 30, 2021 to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Mrs. Likins further moved to nominate Brian Turrisi to complete an unexpired term in February 2019, and re-nominate Mr. Turrisi for an additional full term immediately following to the Beaufort County Airports Board.

Mr. McCann seconded, the motion was approved by vote of 6-0.

**14. Adjournment**

Mayor Bennett adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

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Krista M. Wiedmeyer,  
Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved: 10/16/2018

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David Bennett, Mayor