

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

**Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

**Time: 4:00 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*, Charles Cousins, *Director of Community Development*; Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects & Facilities/Chief Engineer*; Brad Tadlock, *Fire Chief*; John Troyer, *Finance Director*; Jenn McEwen, *Director of Cultural Affairs*; Emily Sparks, *Vision Project Lead*; Marcy Benson, *Senior Grants Administrator*; Taylor Ladd, *Planner*; Ed Boring, *Deputy Fire Chief, Support Services*; Chris Blankenship, *Deputy Fire Chief, Operations*; Coulter Bergmann, *E911 Communications Dispatcher*; Melissa Cope, *System Analyst*; Phyllis Deiter, *Senior Admin. Assistant*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Executive Assistant/Town Clerk*

**Present from Media:** Alex Kincaid, *Island Packet*

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 4:01 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 he needed an Executive Session for: (a) Legal Matters; the receipt of legal advice related to pending, threatened, or potential claim related to, (i) Shane L. Gould v. The Town of Hilton Head Island, The Town of Hilton Head Island Board of Zoning Appeals and the Forest Beach Owners Association, Inc., and (ii) Sea Cabin Racquet Club II HPRV v. Town of Hilton Head Island, and (b) Personnel Matters; the discussion of appointments of members related to Boards and Commissions.

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 was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Council returned to the dais at 5:00 p.m.

**4. Pledge to the Flag**

**5. Invocation**

**6. Proclamations & Commendations**

**a. Beaufort County Student of the Month:**

Mayor Bennett presented the Beaufort County Student of the Month awards to; (i) eleventh grader, Maria DeJesus Salmeron Santos of Hilton Head Island High School, and (ii) fifth grader Agnes Gross of Hilton Head Island Elementary School.

**b. Mayors Honored Islanders:**

Mayor Bennett presented the Mayor's Honored Islander awards to Doris "Dodi" Eschenbach, Benjamin Green and Annie Mae Miller in recognition of their sacrifice of time, talents and resources to better the community.

**c. National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week**

Mayor Bennett presented the National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week proclamation to Coulter Bergmann, one of the E911 Communications Dispatchers for the Town.

**d. Earth Day**

Mayor Bennett presented Marcy Benson, the Town's Senior Grants Administrator, with the 2018 Earth Day proclamation.

## **7. Approval of Minutes**

### **a. Town Council Meeting, April 3, 2018**

Mrs. Likins moved to approve the Town Council meeting minutes from April 3, 2018. Mr. Harkins seconded, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

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

### **a. Hilton Head Island: Our Future**

Emily Sparks, Vision Project Management Team Lead, provided a brief update concerning the Vision Project. Ms. Sparks reported that the Community Engagement and Vision reports continue to be available online, and all stakeholders are encouraged to participate in a survey to provide their feedback after reviewing the reports. She also reported that the Project Team made their recommendations for Town Council to approve the consultant's recommendations. The Public Planning Committee plans to review the Project Team's recommendations to Town Council at their next meeting on April 26, 2018.

### **b. Items of Interest**

#### **i. Town News**

#### **ii. Noteworthy Events**

Mr. Riley reported on upcoming meetings and noteworthy events taking place in the coming weeks. He also spoke of some items of interest happening within Fire Rescue as well.

Mr. McCann confirmed with Mr. Riley that at the next meeting Town staff would be presenting the budget for the upcoming year. Mr. McCann further confirmed with Mr. Riley that there wouldn't be any further discussion on the budget during the next meeting. Mr. Riley said, correct, at the next meeting, the budget will be presented with a brief overview.

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

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

Mr. Lennox stated felt that the week of the Heritage golf tournament, was one of the busiest weeks on the Island. He recognized all the parties responsible for the work before, during, and after the event. Mr. Lennox expressed his gratitude for Town staff, and said he was proud to be an Islander.

Mayor Bennett stated that he thinks the Town's Facebook page looks great! Mayor Bennett noted all the recent repairs, upgrades, and modifications made throughout the Town, giving his gratitude to Mr. Riley and Town staff.

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

Mr. Harkins reported that at the next Committee meeting, Monday, May 7, 2018, the Committee would be discussing abandoned and unsafe buildings on the Island. He said the discussion will be with Town staff and some parties from a neighborhood committee from Sea Pines. He encouraged the community at large to come to the next meeting to participate in the discussion.

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

Mrs. Likins reported that the Venue Committee met on April 16, 2018 where they discussed and voted on Phase II of the consultant's report. Mrs. Likins said the next step is for the Community Services Committee to review the recommendation from the Venue Committee. She said the next Community Services Committee meeting will be on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Mr. Ames stated that he did not have a report.

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

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

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

Mr. McCann reported that the Committee met earlier in the day where they reviewed and discussed the annual review process for the Town Manager. He said the Committee reviewed financial tools that can be used in preparation of the financial reserves for future disasters in the Town.

## 10. Appearance by Citizens

**Skip Hoagland**, addressed Town Council regarding his matters with the Town, ATAX, and the Chamber.

## 11. Unfinished Business - None

## 12. New Business

### a. Consideration of a Resolution – Financial and Audit Services

Consideration of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, authorizing the Town Manager to enter into a contract for financial and audit services for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018 through 2021.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve, Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

### b. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2018-04

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2018-04 of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, authorizing the execution of a lease with ArborNature for property owned by the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, pursuant to the authority of S.C. Code Ann. Sec. 5-7-40 (Supp. 2011), and Sec. 2-7-20, *Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, (1983)*; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve. Mr. McCann moved to delay the discussion of the current agenda item until the May 1, 2018 Town Council meeting, Mr. Harkins seconded.

After lengthy discussion from the members of Town Council and the appearance of several citizens concerning this matter; the motion made by Mr. McCann, and seconded by Mr. Harkins, was approved by a vote of 6-0. Mr. Grant had left the dais and meeting.

### c. Consideration of a Recommendation – Recreational Facilities on Hilton Head Island

Consideration of a Recommendation from the Public Facilities Committee recommending that the Town Council pursue an agreement with Beaufort County to take over full responsibility for all publicly owned parks within the Town.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve, Mr. Ames seconded. Mr. Harkins moved to remove the word “pursue” and replace it with “analyze the potential wisdom”, Mr. McCann seconded.

After much discussion from the members of Town Council, Mr. Harkins and Mr. McCann agreed to withdraw the amended motion. The motion made by Mrs. Likins and seconded by Mr. Ames, was approved by a vote of 6-0.

### d. Consideration of a Recommendation – Joint Funding Request, County Engineering Services

Consideration of a Recommendation that the Town Council assist in the funding of engineering services to prepare an application to the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) relating to the Gateway Corridor Project.

Mrs. Likins moved to approve, Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

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

## 14. Adjournment

Mayor Bennett adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

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Krista M. Wiedmeyer,  
Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved: 05/01/2018

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David Bennett, Mayor