

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

Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Time: 4:00 P.M.

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

Absent from Town Council: David Bennett, *Mayor*

Present from Town Staff: Charles Cousins, *Director of Community Development*; Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects & Facilities/Chief Engineer*; Brad Tadlock, *Fire Chief*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; John Troyer, *Finance Director*; Jenn McEwen, *Director of Cultural Affairs*; Carolyn Grant, *Communications Director*; Steven Markiw, *Deputy Finance Director*; Shawn Colin, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Emily Sparks, *Vision Project Lead*; Marcy Benson, *Senior Grants Administrator*; Ed Boring, *Deputy Fire Chief, Support Services*; Chris Blankenship, *Deputy Fire Chief, Operations*; Heidi Boring, *Finance Administrator*; Cindaia Ervin, *Finance Assistant*; Melissa Cope, *System Analyst*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Executive Assistant/Town Clerk*

Present from Media: Alex Kincaid, *Island Packet*

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Likins 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 - None

4. Pledge to the Flag

5. Invocation

Mr. Ames moved to amend the agenda removing item 12(d), Consideration of a Recommendation for Affordable Workforce Housing Funding from this agenda to be considered at a later date. Mr. Harkins seconded, the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

6. Proclamations & Commendations

a. Betsy Doughtie

Mrs. Likins presented Ms. Betsy Doughtie a Commendation in honor of her service with Deep Well and the community.

b. EMS Safety

Mrs. Likins presented the EMS Safety Week proclamation to the members of Fire Rescue.

7. Approval of Minutes

a. Town Council Meeting, May 1, 2018

Mr. Harkins moved to approve the Town Council meeting minutes from May 1, 2018. Mr. McCann seconded, the motion was approved by a vote of 6-0. As noted herein, Mayor Bennett was absent from the meeting.

8. Report of Town Manager – No Report

a. Gullah-Geechee Land & Culture Preservation Task Force – Chairman Lavon Stevens

Palmer Simmons stood in for Mr. Stevens, providing an update to Town Council concerning the Gullah-Geechee Land and Culture Preservation Task Force.

Report of Town Manager (cont.)

b. Items of Interest

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

Mrs. Likins reviewed the upcoming meetings and noteworthy events taking place in the coming weeks. She also noted the upcoming Budget Workshop taking place on May 22, 2018 and the closing of the Town Hall Administrative Offices on May 28, 2018 for Memorial Day.

9. Reports from Members of Council

a. General Reports from Council

Mr. McCann requested that an update regarding the sewer spending from the last three years be placed on the next agenda. He asked that the update include the number of hookups achieved by the sewer spending, and any other expense that has been incurred, including litigation, so that there can be better planning for the upcoming budget.

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

Mr. Harkins reported that the Committee met on May 7, 2018 where they discussed the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office report, and met with a committee from Sea Pines regarding blighted and abandoned homes and buildings. He said the conversation with the committee from Sea Pines has opened up further conversations throughout the Town and within other PUD's. Mr. Harkins said that this was just the start of a lengthy discussion and process.

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

Mrs. Likins reported that the Committee met on May 14, 2018 where they discussed the recommendations from the Venue Committee regarding the recommendations about a community center, no decisions were made at that meeting. She said that the Venue Committee has asked for additional time to review and consider the recommendations from the consultant, and will return with additional information at later date for the Committee to review and consider. Mrs. Likins, on behalf of the Community Services Committee, moved to appoint Omar Perez to the Cultural and Arts Advisory Committee. Mr. Harkins seconded, the motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

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

Mr. Ames reported that at the last meeting the Committee discussed the items as they related to the Visioning process. He noted that those items would be discussed later on in the meeting as agenda items. Mr. Ames said that the Committee would be meeting on May 24, 2018 to discuss the alignment of the 2018/19 Chamber Marketing Plan with the pillars of the Vision.

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

Mr. Grant stated that he had no report at this time.

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

Mr. McCann reported that the Committee met earlier in the day where they discussed the financial status of the Tax Increment Financing district.

10. Appearance by Citizens

Felicia Wilson, addressed Town Council regarding her concern with beachgoers flying drones on the beach.

Steve Chisholm, addressed Town Council regarding NOC and their partnership with St. Luke's Church.

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 Recommendation – Vision and Strategic Action Plan

Consideration of a Recommendation from the Public Planning Committee that Town Council accept the Vision and Strategic Action Plan, adopt the Vision, and approve the Vision Project Management Team recommendations.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. McCann seconded. After some discussion amongst the members of Council, the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

b. Consideration of a Recommendation – Direction on Vision Phase 2

Consideration of a Recommendation from the Public Planning Committee that Town Council direct the Committee and staff to develop a process and define principles used to guide Phase 2 of the Vision Process.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. McCann seconded, the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

c. Consideration of a Resolution – Dissolution of Vision Project Management Team

Consideration of a Resolution of the Town Council, to dissolve the Vision Project Management Team.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. McCann seconded, the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

d. Consideration of a Recommendation – Affordable Workforce Housing Funding

Consideration of a Recommendation from the Public Planning Committee to direct staff to include funding to start an affordable housing seed fund and identify the funding source in the Fiscal Year 2019 budget.

e. Consideration of a Recommendation – Gullah Neighborhood Signs

Consideration of a Recommendation from the Public Facilities Committee to approve funding for the implementation of a sign project to identify Historic Gullah Neighborhoods on the Island, and authorize the installation of the signs on Town-owned land.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. McCann seconded. After some brief comments from both Council and the audience, the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

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

14. Adjournment

Mrs. Likins adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Krista M. Wiedmeyer,
Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved: 06/05/2018

David Bennett, Mayor