

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

**Date: Wednesday, January 2, 2019**

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

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

**Present from Town Staff:** Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; Joshua Gruber, *Assistant Town Manager*; Charles Cousins, *Assistant to the Town Manager*; Shawn Colin, *Director of Community Development*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Brad Tadlock, *Fire Chief*; John Troyer, *Finance Director*; Carolyn Grant, *Communications Director*; Teresa Haley, *Senior Administrative Assistant*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Executive Assistant/Town Clerk*

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

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor McCann called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**2. FOIA Compliance** - Public notification of this meeting was 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 to the Flag**

**4. Invocation**

Pastor Neil M. Yongue Jr., of St. Andrew by the Sea United Methodist delivered the invocation.

**5. Proclamations & Commendations - None**

**6. Approval of Minutes**

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

Mr. Riley noted on page three, under item 9(f), it should read “Tom Lennox” as the Chair of the Finance and Administrative Chair. Mr. Harkins moved to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2018 Town Council meeting as amended. Mr. Lennox seconded, the motion was approved by a vote of 5-0-1 as amended. Mr. Ames was not in attendance.

**7. Report of Town Manager**

**a. Legislative Update – Senator Tom Davis**

Senator Tom Davis addressed the members of Town Council and the community giving an overview and update of the upcoming Legislative discussions slated to take place over the coming months in 2019. He touched on the State pension plan, funding for the bridge to Hilton Head Island, the Governor’s support for the County’s and Town’s SC Infrastructure Bank application, the Jasper Port, and education.

**b. 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.

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

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

No general reports from the members of Council.

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

Mr. Harkins reported that the League of Women Voters would be holding a forum on January 23, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. for the Ward 6 candidates at Town Hall. He asked Mr. Gruber, Assistant Town Manager to give an update on the improvements at the Yacht Cove intersection. Mr. Gruber addressed the members of Council stating that staff is proceeding as directed with the pavement markings, reflective signage and the general safety requirements that were approved by Town Council. He noted that the lighting is currently being reviewed by staff in conjunction with the Design Review Board, Palmetto Electric and the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

### **c. Report of the Community Services Committee – Marc Grant, Chairman**

Mr. Grant reported that the Committee continues do interviews for the U.S. 278 Gateway Corridor Committee, and is looking to have a recommendation to Council by the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

Mr. Ames stated 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. Lennox stated that the Committee will meet again on January 15, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.

## **9. Appearance by Citizens**

**Linda Ovens:** Addressed the members of Town Council with her concerns regarding the intersection at U.S. 278 and Yacht Cove.

## **10. Unfinished Business - None**

## **11. New Business**

### **a. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-01**

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-01 of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, to amend Title 2 General Government and Administration of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina by amending Chapter 5 (Meetings of Council and Rules of Procedure) Section 2-5-50, Agenda and Order of Business and Section 2-5-70 Appearance by Citizens and adding Section 2-5-80 (Rules of Decorum) and providing for severability and effective date.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve, Mr. Lennox seconded. Mrs. Becker asked about items coming out of Executive Session. Mr. Riley clarified, stating that any item that would need to be discussed outside Executive Session falls under the agenda item “Possible actions by Town Council concerning matters discussed in Executive Session.” With no further discussion from either the members of Council or the general public, the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

## **11 New Business (cont.)**

### **b. Consideration of a Recommendation – Land Management Ordinance Roadway Classifications and Design Requirements**

Consideration of a Recommendation from the Public Planning Committee to Town Council that the Town Manager be directed to study the roadway classification standards, design requirements, and other criteria of the Land Management Ordinance.

Mayor McCann, asked Mr. Riley to explain to Council what this Recommendation is. Mr. Riley said what he would like to suggest is that the Town take the Pope Avenue resurfacing project as an opportunity for a “test case” by striping the lanes into eleven foot lanes. Mr. Riley said if this test works out then permanent markings can be put into place. Mr. Riley said that this study would cover a full one year season. Both Council and members of the general public discussed this matter, and how ultimately, a final decision and outcome was needed.

### **c. Appointment of Town Representative to the Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.**

Mr. Harkins moved to appoint Steve Fobes to the Beaufort County EDC Board of Directors as a representative for the Town of Hilton Head Island, Mr. Grant seconded. With some discussion from the members of Town Council, the motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

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

## **13. Adjournment**

At 5:02 p.m., Mr. Harkins moved to adjourn, Mr. Grant seconded. The motion to adjourn was approved by a vote of 6-0

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Krista M. Wiedmeyer,  
Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved: 01/15/2019

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John J. McCann, Mayor