



## Town of Hilton Head Island

# Town Council

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 4:00 pm

Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers

## MEETING MINUTES

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

**Present from Town Staff:** Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; Joshua Gruber, *Assistant Town Manager*; Charles Cousins, *Assistant to the Town Manager*; Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects and Facilities*; Shawn Colin, *Director of Community Development*; Brad Tadlock, *Fire Chief*; Carolyn Grant, *Communications Director*; Jennifer Ray, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Melissa Cope, *Systems Analyst*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Executive Assistant/Town Clerk*

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

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### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. FOIA Compliance

Public notification of this meeting has been 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 – Father Greg Kronz, St. Luke’s Church

Father Kronz delivered the Invocation.

Mayor McCann asked for a motion to move Agenda Item 8(a) up on the agenda before the Agenda Item 5. Mr. Harkins made said motion. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

### 5. Approval of Minutes

#### a. Town Council Meeting, November 5, 2019

Mrs. Becker moved to approve the minutes from November 5, 2019. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0-2, Mr. Harkins and Mr. Lennox abstaining as they were not present at the November 5, 2019 meeting.

### 6. Report of the Town Manager

#### a. Arbor Day Proclamation

Mr. Riley noted the issuance of the Arbor Day Proclamation. Stating that the Town continues to be recognized as one of the Tree City USA holders.

#### b. Planters Row Golf Course

Mr. Riley gave an update to the members of Town Council regarding the tract of land known as the Planers Row Golf Course. He said that the Town had received a request from the current lease holder to extend the lease for another year. Mr. Riley said that this is an item that will be taken up by Council at a later meeting.

#### c. Items of Interest

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.

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

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

Mrs. Becker gave her congratulations to Mira Scott and BoArt for the first of many children's book events.

Mr. Stanford said that he felt there had been a lot of conversation throughout the community about the development of the Planters Row Golf Course. He provided background information and history of the initial, intended use of the property.

Mayor McCann stated that the Council's workshop would take place in Beaufort starting December 5, through December 7, 2019. He noted that the workshop would be available for viewing, however a determination had not been made as to whether or not it would be shown live or not. Mayor McCann stated that the workshop would not include any public comments, as it was a retreat for the members of Council to meet and begin planning their next priorities.

### **b. Report of the Intergovernmental Committee – Bill Harkins**

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

### **c. Report of the Community Services & Public Safety Committee – Marc Grant**

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

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

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

### **e. Report of the Finance & Administrative Committee – Tom Lennox**

Mr. Lennox reported that the Committee met earlier in the day in Executive Session, where the Committee discussed matters related to the Destination Marketing Organization RFQ response.

## **8. Proclamations / Commendations**

### **a. Commendation Recognizing General Arthur E. Brown, Jr.**

Mayor McCann presented General Arthur E. Brown, Jr. with a commendation from the Town.

## **9. Appearance by Citizens**

**James Lamar:** Addressed the members of Town Council regarding the upcoming Lowcountry Speaker Series starting in January.

**Steven Baer:** Addressed the members of Town Council regarding the U.S. 278 Gateway Corridor Project.

**Jim Fisher, Risa Prince, Patsy Brison, and Heather Rath:** Addressed the members of Town Council regarding the Planters Row Golf Course property.

**Skip Hoagland:** Addressed the members of Town Council on matters related to the Town and Chamber.

## 10. Consent Agenda

### a. **Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-27 – Beach Holes & Shovels**

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-27 amending Chapter 1 of Title 8 (Beaches, Waterways, Recreational Areas, and Arts), of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, to amend Section 8-1-211, Definitions, to add the definition of Personal Property; and to amend Section 8-1-211, Unlawful Activities Enumerated, to add regulation of the digging of holes and the size of shovels allowed on the beach; and providing for severability and an effective date.

### b. **Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-28 - Conveyance of Property to Habitat for Humanity**

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-28 of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, Authorizing the Conveyance of Real Property owned by the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, pursuant to the authority of S.C. Code Ann. § 5-7-40 (Supp. 2019), and § 2-7-20, *Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island* (1983); and providing for severability and an effective date.

### c. **Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-29 – Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc. Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreement**

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-29 granting Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc. a Non-Exclusive Franchise to use the Public Rights-of-Way within the Town of Hilton Head Island for the purpose of erecting, constructing, maintaining, and operating electrical services and facilities thereon and thereunder; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. The Consent Agenda was approved in full by a vote of 7-0.

## 11. Unfinished Business – None

### a. **Consideration of a Resolution – Support for Hands-Free Use of Wireless or other Communication Devices**

Consideration of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina to encourage and support amending the South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 56, Motor Vehicles, Chapter 5, Uniform Act on Regulating Traffic on Highways to require Hands-Free use of wireless or other communication devices by those operating motor vehicles.

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

## **12. New Business**

### **a. Consideration of a Resolution – Waiver of Right of First Refusal – Hilton Head Christian Academy Property**

Consideration of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina authorizing the execution and delivery of a Waiver of Right of First Refusal and Modification of Restrictive Covenants related to 0.193 acres of Real Property located near Gardner Drive on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

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

### **b. Consideration of a Resolution – Workforce Housing, Conversion Restrictions, and Short-term Rental Restrictions**

Consideration of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina authorizing the execution and delivery of an agreement to provide Workforce housing, Conversion Restriction and Short Term Rental Restriction related to Real Property located on Gardner Drive on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. Mrs. Becker stated that she would like to be able to review the other properties that Council recently approved rezoning which are to include workforce housing. Mr. Gruber stated that while the Council could not require these conditions, there is opportunity to review the covenants as the developments continue. With no further discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

### **c. Consideration of a Recommendation – Gullah-Geechee Preservation Project Top Priority Recommendation Framework**

Consideration of a Recommendation from the Gullah-Geechee Cultural Preservation Task Force that Town Council approve the Gullah-Geechee Preservation Project Report Top Priority Recommendations Framework.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. Mr. Stanford asked for confirmation that Council was approving the framework, not necessarily approving the report itself. Shawn Colin, Director of Community Development addressed Mr. Stanford's question. He stated that items noted within the framework are the Task Force's recommendations in a prioritized fashion. Mr. Colin stated that the recommendations before Council are those items that Town staff would begin to execute if approved. He confirmed that the recommendations do not include those items that potentially present a legal issue. Mrs. Becker noted that she still had questions as it related to funding sources from the Town. Mr. Colin confirmed that any request for funding outside of what had already been approved would need to come before Council for approval. Mr. Grant asked that Council go ahead and approve the report that has been put in front of them. With no further discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

**12. New Business (cont.)**

- d. Authorization for the Town Manager to execute the Addendum to the Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc. Rural Development Act Utility Agreement, extending the agreement until December 31, 2020.**

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

**13. Executive Session - NONE**

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

**15. Adjournment**

At 4:55 p.m., Mr. Harkins moved to adjourn. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

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Krista Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

Approved: December 17, 2019

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John J. McCann, Mayor