

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

**Date: Tuesday, March 5, 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, Glenn Stanford, *Council Members*

**Present from Town Staff:** Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; Joshua Gruber, *Assistant Town Manager*; Shawn Colin, *Director of Community Development*; Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects and Facilities*; Brian Hulbert, *Staff Attorney*; Brad Tadlock, *Fire Chief*; Jennifer Ray, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Teri Lewis, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Jayme Lopko, *Senior Planner*; Andrew Nicholls, *Systems Analyst*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Executive Assistant/Town Clerk*

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

---

**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 Michael Carr from Central Church delivered the invocation.

**5. Swearing in of Town Council Member by the Honorable Drew Laughlin**

**a. Ward 6 – Glenn Stanford**

The Honorable Drew Laughlin, Beaufort County Magistrate performed the swearing in of new Council member Glenn Stanford. Mr. Stanford made some brief remarks.

**6. Approval of Minutes**

**a. Town Council Meeting February 19, 2019.**

Mr. Harkins moved to approve the Town Council meeting minutes from February 19, 2019. Mr. Grant seconded, the motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

**7. Report of Town Manager**

**a. Gullah-Geechee Land & Cultural Preservation Task Force Quarterly Update – Chairman Lavon Stevens**

Lavon Stevens, Chairman, provided the members of Town Council with an update that covered the last three months of business. He highlighted many of the items discussed during the meeting held the day prior. Mr. Stevens also noted that a final draft of the Consultants recommendations would be forthcoming.

**b. Update of the Comprehensive Planning Process – Jennifer Ray, Deputy Director of Community Development**

Ms. Ray gave a brief update and overview of the Comprehensive Planning Process for the coming months. She noted that staff would be working with the Community Services Committee with the selection of members for the planning work groups.

**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. He also noted that he and staff are having a meeting with an outside party to discuss the coyotes. Mr. Riley said that once information was available, he would report back to Council concerning this matter.

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

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

Mayor McCann noted that the next Town Council meeting would be held at Town Hall and not at the Hilton Head Island High School as previously noted, but that another date in the future is being discussed. The Mayor also reported that he and other members of Council attended the Fire Rescue awards. He said it was a great night where many new members were sworn in or received promotions. The Mayor also reported that he spoke to some of the General Managers concerning the discussions of the Stormwater agreements. He said that those talks are important and should continue to move forward.

Mr. Grant provided an updated concerning the U.S. 278 Gateway Corridor Committee. He reported that the Committee would host the SCDOT at their upcoming meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

Mr. Harkins reported that the Committee met earlier in the week to discuss the BCSO safety statistics. He also reported that there would be a special meeting of the Committee where they would be discussing a speed study that was recently completed. Mr. Harkins noted that the Sheriff's Office was also invited to participate in that meeting too.

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

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

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

Mr. Ames reported that the Committee met on February 28<sup>th</sup> where they discussed the trolley and new extended hours. He said that along with the extended hours, there would be new routes too which is in hopes of increasing the number of riders this year. Mr. Ames also reported that the Committee discussed the Turtle ordinance during the meeting too.

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

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

### **f. Report of the Finance & Administrative Committee – Tom Lennox, Chairman**

Mr. Lennox reported that earlier in the day, the Committee met where they reviewed, the fiscal year 2020 budget and affiliated agency process. He said that they will begin reviewing the requests from the affiliated agencies for the upcoming budget.

## **9. Appearance by Citizens**

**Amy Ali**, addressed the members of Town Council regarding the use of the CDBG funds.

**Robert Hagen**, addressed the members of Town Council regarding his concerns with ArborNature.

**Taiwan Scott**, addressed the members of Town Council regarding his concerns with the zoning of his residential property.

**Barry Ginn**, addressed the members of Town Council regarding a variety of Town matters.

**Skip Hoagland**: addressed the members of Council regarding the Town and Chamber matters.

## **10. Consent Agenda – None**

## **11. Proclamations & Commendations - None**

## **12. Unfinished Business - None**

### **13. New Business**

#### **a. Consideration of a Recommendation –Performance Lighting System Lease Agreement**

Consideration of a Recommendation authorizing the Town Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement for a Performance Lighting System with the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve, Ms. Becker seconded was approved by a vote of 7-0.

#### **b. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-06**

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-06 of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina authorizing the execution of a Renewed Memorandum of Understanding and Amended Lease with the Mitchelville Preservation Project, Inc., related to Real 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. 2012), and Sec. 2-3-30, Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, (1983); and providing for Severability and effective date.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve, Ms. Becker seconded. Jayme Lopko, Senior Planner, explained that due to a name change, there would be a change when this came back for the second reading. The name would now read, Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park. With no discussion from Council, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

#### **c. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-08**

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-08 to amend Title 16, “The Land Management Ordinance,” of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, by amending Section 16-1-107, the Official Zoning Map and the Indigo Run Master Plan with respect to the certain 13.83 acre parcel located at 55 Gardner Drive, identified as Parcel 98A on Beaufort County Tax Map 8, within the Indigo Run Master Plan “Parcel 15-F” under the PD-1 (Planned Development Mixed Use) District, to remove the Commercial and Public Recreation uses and Commercial Density, and to add Multifamily Residential Use with density of 300 units, and to maintain the existing Institutional Use and Density, and to reduce the maximum building height allowed from 75 feet to 55 feet; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve, Ms. Becker seconded. The Mayor stated that due to a number of questions that have come up from the members of Council, he would like a motion remanding this item and all questions concerning this item to the Public Planning Committee for review and discussion on the questions submitted only. The Mayor further stated that all questions are to be submitted Town Manager no later than Friday, March 8, 2019 for Town staff to begin reviewing and researching. Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Grant seconded.

With a discussion amongst the members of Council, the Mayor opened the discussion up to the public at large. With no further discussion, the motion to remand this item to the Public Planning Committee was approved by a vote of 6-1, Ms. Becker against.

#### **d. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-10**

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-10 of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, authorizing the execution of a Lease with the Heritage Library Foundation, related to the Lease of Real 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. 2012), and Sec. 2-3-30, Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, (1983); and providing for Severability and effective date.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Ms. Becker seconded, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

#### **e. Consideration of the Adoption of the 2019 Town Council Priorities**

Mayor McCann invited Josh Gruber, Assistant Town Manager, to the podium to make a presentation of the 2019 Town Council Priorities. Mr. Gruber gave a brief presentation of the priorities, answering questions from both the members of Council and the public at large. The 2019 Town Council Priorities will be brought forward to the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting for final consideration and approval by the members of Council.

**14. Executive Session - None**

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

**16. Adjournment**

At 5:49 p.m., Mr. Harkins moved to adjourn, Mrs. Becker seconded, the motion to adjourn was approved by a vote of 7-0

---

Krista M. Wiedmeyer  
Executive Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved: 03/19/2019

---

John J. McCann, Mayor