



Town of Hilton Head Island  
**Community Services & Public Safety Committee**  
Monday, July 13, 2020 at 9:00 am  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Present From the Committee:** Marc Grant, Bill Harkins, Tom Lennox

**Present from Town Council:** Glenn Stanford

**Present from Town Staff:** Scott Liggett, Brad Tadlock, Charles Cousins, Shawn Colin, Teri Lewis, Stephen Ryan

**Present from Media:** None

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**1. Call to Order**

**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. Roll Call** – All Committee Members were present.

**4. Approval of Minutes** – None

**5. Citizen Comments**

Public comments concerning this agenda item could be submitted electronically via the Town's Virtual Town Hall portal. Citizens could comment on agenda items by phone during the meeting by signing up with the Recording Secretary. The public comment closed at Noon on July 10, 2020. There were no requests from citizens to participate by phone. All citizens' comments were provided to the Committee for review and made a part of the record.

**6. Unfinished Business**

**7. New Business**

**a. Discussion of Additional Covid-19 Related Safety Measures for Potential Implementation**

Chairman Grant stated he looked through all 49 of the comments. When we came up with this particular topic, we wanted to let Councilman Stanford bring his Ordinance forward in terms of a Mask Ordinance. I think the Mask Ordinance is going well. I do not think we need to add anything else. There are some things that people brought up that I would like to share – one of them was a concern of masks in lobbies and elevators. I do believe what we have now enforces that so maybe it is not being enforced or maybe something needs to be done to ensure that. I do not know how everyone else feels, but I do not think we are at the point where we need face masks at beaches or out in the public.

Chairman Grant asked whether there was anyone from staff that wanted to speak on this topic – having none, he asked Councilman Harkins if he had anything he would like to share.

Councilman Harkins said we should just continue the course. We are all worried that we are seeing more incidents being reported but feel we have an intelligent population here and if they use common sense in terms of face masks, distancing and hygiene, we could alleviate the problem quite a bit. A move in the right direction has been from the Governor in closing bars after 11:00 p.m. I would say as testing becomes more widespread and I believe we need more testing, we will continue for the next several weeks and see a decline.

Councilman Lennox stated he read all 49 comments and was surprised that the overwhelming majority of those opposed to the Face Mask Ordinance. Many thought that face masks would be ineffective during this pandemic. I personally feel that the face masks will help and from what I have seen over the past couple of weeks since we passed the Ordinance there appears to be significant and substantial compliance to the Ordinance and that is a good thing. We have other things available to us if this continues to trend in an unfavorable way. We have short term rentals to deal with, non-essential businesses and other things we can address. Like Councilman Harkins said I think the face masks is serving the purpose and helping. I think my impression after reading those 49 comments was one of surprise. I didn't expect to see the large majority of those 49 opposing the Face Mask Ordinance.

Chairman Grant asked staff to keep in touch with Hilton Head Hospital for updates and if the Mayor needs to make some recommendations or he asks us for recommendations we will be prepared to move forward. I think everything is going well with the face masks and people social distancing. I am hoping we continue to do what we need to do to keep the community safe.

## **8. Executive Session**

### **a) Review Talent Bank applications for a vacancy on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee**

Mr. Grant asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilman Harkins moved to go into Executive Session. Councilman Lennox seconded. At 9:09 a.m., the Committee adjourned to Executive Session. The Committee returned from Executive Session at 9:20 a.m.

## **9. Adjournment**

Councilman Harkins moved to adjourn. Councilman Lennox seconded. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

**Submitted by:**

**Karen D. Knox**

**Approved: July 27, 2020**