



Town of Hilton Head Island
TOWN COUNCIL
Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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

Present from Town Staff: Steve Riley, *Town Manager*; Josh Gruber, *Deputy Town Manager*; Shawn Colin, *Director of Community Director*; Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects and Facilities/Chief Engineer*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Exec. Assist/Town Clerk*

1. Call to Order

Mayor McCann called the meeting to order at 2:00 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. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Appearance by Citizens

Marty Baumgartner, Iris Shedlock, Cherry Norris, Eric Lawson, Lisa Laking, Jeff Laking, Danny Gause, and Skip Hoagland addressed the members of Town Council to show their opposition of the extension of the Ordinance for wearing face coverings.

Dr. Jane Kelly, Assistant State Epidemiologist with the Department of Health and Environmental Control gave a presentation showing a snapshot of where the case numbers are as well as why wearing a face covering helps to slow the spread.

Mr. Gruber gave an update to Town Council about a change order for the completion of the Sandbox Museum at Celebration Park.

5. Consideration of Proposed Emergency Ordinance 2020-35 - Required Face Covering

Consideration of Proposed Emergency Ordinance 2020-35 requiring individuals to wear face coverings in certain circumstances and locations in the Municipal limits of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, and providing for severability and an effective date

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. Town Council each agreed that they are following the guidance of both the Centers for Disease Control and the Department of Health and Environmental Control with regards to the wearing of face

coverings to help slow the spread of the virus. With limited discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

6. Executive Session

Mr. Gruber stated that there was a need to enter into Executive Session for Legal Matters; the discussion of pending litigation with Beaufort County concerning the Law Enforcement Fee.

At 3:23 p.m., Mr. Harkins moved to go into Executive Session for the reasons stated by Mr. Gruber. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

7. Potential Action by Town Council as a Result of Executive Session

At 4:22 Council returned from Executive Session.

Mr. Gruber stated that as a result of discussions during Executive Session, he would need a motion of Council authorizing the Town Manager to transfer two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to Beaufort County to be held in an escrow account as a show of good faith regarding continued negotiations surrounding the law enforcement fee and that in exchange and as a show of good faith the County remove the fee from the current tax bills as negotiations continue on this matter. Also, in addition to transferring the funds to the escrow account, the Town would request title to the County-owned parks properties on the Island for which the Town will be assuming the maintenance responsibilities.

Mr. Lennox moved to approve the actions stated by Mr. Gruber. Mr. Stanford seconded. With no discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 6-0. Mrs. Becker left the meeting.

8. Adjournment

By unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Approved: December 15, 2020

Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

John J. McCann, Mayor