



Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN COUNCIL Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 3:00 p.m. 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, *Town Council Members*

Present from Town Staff: Marc Orlando, *Town Manager*; Josh Gruber, *Deputy Town Manager*; Shawn Colin, *Advisor to the Town Manager*; Chris Yates, *Interim-Director of Community Development*; Jeff Buckalew, *Interim-Director of Infrastructure Services*; Jennifer Ray, *Capital Projects Manager*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Town Clerk*

1. Call to Order

Mayor McCann called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. FOIA Compliance

Ms. Wiedmeyer confirmed compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

3. Roll Call

Attendance was confirmed by way of roll call.

4. Pledge to the Flag

5. Invocation – Pastor Cornelius Kamei, Hilton Head Seventh Day Adventist Church

Pastor Kamei delivered the invocation.

6. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

7. Approval of the Minutes

- a. October 12, 2021
- b. October 19, 2021
- c. October 21, 2021
- d. November 2, 2021

Mr. Harkins moved to approve the minutes listed on the agenda. Mr. Stanford Seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

8. Report of the Town Manager

- a. Items of Interest
- b. Status Update on COVID-19 – Dr. Jane Kelly, Assist. State Epidemiologist

Dr. Jane Kelly, the State Assistant Epidemiologist delivered a report to the Mayor and Town Council on the status of COVID-19 within the state and county. She discussed the current rate of transmission and reported about continued concern with the different variants tied in with holiday travel.

- c. Status Update on COVID-19 at Hilton Head Hospital – Joel Taylor, CEO Hilton Head Regional Hospital

Mr. Taylor reviewed the current number of cases of COVID-19 hospitalized within the Hilton Head Regional Hospital system. He pointed out that the numbers had come down considerably but there was still concern about those not vaccinated. Mr. Taylor echoed the information Dr. Kelly delivered and stated that there is concern of a spike in cases after the holidays.

- d. Presentation of the Crystal Award from the South Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association for the 2020 to 2040 Comprehensive Plan – Our Plan

Ms. Tillerson “virtually” presented the award to Ms. Ladd, giving high praise for the work done on the Comprehensive Plan.

- e. Planning Commission Semi-Annual Update – Mike Scanlon, Chairman

Mr. Scanlon gave an update and report on the last six month of activities that have come before the Commission. He highlighted the Commission’s interest in the Affordable Housing matter.

- f. Status Update Town Hall Technology and Security Enhancement

Mr. Orlando reviewed and shared information regarding some technology enhancements to Council Chambers. He also reported that some new security enhancements are being put into place and would provide additional information as soon as it was available.

9. Reports of the Members of the Council

- a. General Reports from Town Council

Mayor McCann reported that Town Council meetings would return to Council Chambers in January.

Mr. Lennox reported that he had attended the ATAC meeting via Zoom recently. He reported that he was very impressed with how the Committee Chair handled an irate caller.

Mr. Brown requested an update on the maps for redistricting. Mr. Gruber responded, noting that the Town was still waiting on the final maps from Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, but would reach out to the state to see what the timeline is.

Mr. Ames reported that Mayor McCann led the recent Lantern Parade. He also thanked Jenn McEwen for organizing the event.

- b. Report of the Lowcountry Area Transportation Study – Councilman Stanford

Mr. Stanford did not have a report.

- c. Report of the Lowcountry Council of Governments – Councilwoman Becker

Mrs. Becker did not have a report.

- d. Report of the South Carolina Floodwater Commission – Councilman Brown

Mr. Brown did not have a report.

- e. Report of the Southern Lowcountry Regional Board – Councilman Lennox

Mr. Lennox reported that the Board met earlier in the day where they discussed the Regional Housing Trust Fund.

- f. Report of the Beaufort County Airports Board – Councilman Ames

Mr. Ames did not have a report.

g. Report of the Community Services & Public Safety Committee – Councilman Harkins

Mr. Harkins did not have a report.

h. Report of the Public Planning Committee – Councilman Ames

Mr. Ames reported that the Committee would be meeting on November 18, 2021.

i. Report of the Finance & Administrative Committee – Councilman Lennox

Mr. Lennox reported that the Committee received the monthly financial update from Mr. Troyer at the meeting earlier in the day.

10. Appearance by Citizens

Edwina Dunlap, Ellen Whaley, Sherri Bittner and Terry Finger addressed the Mayor and Town Council on the beach master planning and facility enhancements.

Martin Lesch, Risa Prince, Jane Joseph, Dr. Roselle Wilson, Luanna Sellers, Dr. Gloria Holmes, Nancy Contel, Louise Cohen, Ibrahim Abdual-Malik and Xiao Dan Li addressed the Mayor and Town Council on the Office of Cultural Affairs Strategic Plan.

Lisa Laking addressed the Mayor and Town Council on the Town Hall security.

Skip Hoagland addressed the Mayor and Town Council on matters related to the Town and Chamber.

11. New Business

a. Consideration of a Resolution – Authorizing the Town Manager to Enter into a Contract Securing Fire Rescue Fleet Updates

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. By way of roll call the motion carried 7-0.

b. Discussion of Beach Master Planning and Facility Update

Mr. Buckalew reviewed the presentation previously delivered at the Community Services and Public Safety Committee. He and Mr. Orlando reviewed the proposed recommendations and request for additional input from Town Council. After much discussion, the Mayor reassigned the matter to the Public Planning Committee. Mr. Ames affirming the decision and noting that this matter needs to be communicated to the broader community to answer the question why the limitation to the beach access.

12. Executive Session

At 5:29 p.m. Mr. Harkins moved to enter Executive Session. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

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

14. Adjournment

With no action taken by Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Approved: December 7, 2021

Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

John J. McCann, Mayor