



Town of Hilton Head Island
TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 4:00 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, *Council Members*

Present from Town Staff: Marc Orlando, *Town Manager*; Josh Gruber, *Deputy Town Manager*; Shawn Colin, *Interim Deputy Town Manager*; Angie Stone, *Interim Deputy Town Manager*; John Troyer, *Finance Director*; Jennifer Ray, *Interim Director of Community Development*; Teri Lewis, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Jeff Buckalew, *Town Engineer*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Exec. Assist/Town Clerk*

1. Call to Order

Mayor McCann 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 – Pastor Neil M. Yongue, Jr. – St. Andrew By-The-Sea

Pastor Yongue delivered the invocation.

5. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Harkins moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Stanford seconded. By way of roll call, the agenda was approved by a vote of 7-0.

6. Approval of Minutes

a. Workshop – March 10, 2021

b. Regular Meeting – March 16, 2021

Mr. Harkins moved to approve the minutes as noted on the agenda. Mr. Stanford seconded. By way of roll call, the minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0.

7. Report of the Town Manager

a. Items of Interest

Mr. Orlando reviewed and reported on a number of items of interest from the Town.

8. Reports from Members of Council

a. General Reports from Council

Mr. Ames reported that everyone has seen or experienced near misses on the bike pathways. He said the Town needs to take a more proactive approach with all of the different programs and address this matter. Mr. Ames also asked the Town take a look at the use of golf carts on Pope Ave., potentially adding additional striping to accommodate the golf carts and keep all parties safe.

8. Reports from Members of Council (cont.)

b. Report of the Community Services & Public Safety Committee – Bill Harkins

Mr. Harkins was not available for the March 22, 2021 Committee so Mr. Lennox stood in for him. Mr. Lennox reported that the Committee discussed two items, the first being the Sandalwood Food Pantry. He said the Committee made a recommendation to authorize the Town Manager to execute a lease of the former Children’s Center site to the Sandalwood Community Food Pantry to build a permanent facility. Mr. Lennox said the second item was the HUD/CDBG Annual Action Plan, where the Committee made a recommendation to select Patterson Park as the CDBG project for inclusion in the Town’s 2021 Annual Action Plan.

c. Report of the Public Planning Committee – David Ames

Mr. Ames reported that the Committee reviewed the proposed Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions, and Limitation Running with Certain Lands, Workforce Housing Agreement, and the Rental Workforce Housing Agreement. He said he understood this item would be at the next Council meeting for full consideration.

d. Report of the Finance & Administrative Committee – Tom Lennox

Mr. Lennox stated he did not have a report.

9. Proclamations/Commendations – NONE

10. Appearance by Citizens

David Arnal addressed Town Council about the Beaufort County’s request for municipal consent for aerial mosquito control. He said, having spoken to both Clemson University and the County, the information presented in the agenda was not accurate. Mr. Arnal recommended that Council receive the full back-ground before making such a decision.

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

11. Unfinished Business - NONE

12. New Business

a. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2021-09 Permanent Drainage Easement at the Former Hilton Head Christian Academy Site

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2021-09 authorizing the granting of a permanent easement on, over, and across Town-owned real property, to AB PR QOZB II Property, LLC, under the authority of S.C. Code Ann. § 5-7-40 (Supp. 2020), and § 2-7-20, the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island (1983), and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. Council had a brief discussion with staff answering questions about the drainage in the nearby Woodlands Subdivision. By way of roll call, the motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

12. New Business (cont.)

b. **First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2020-26 – Historic Neighborhoods Preservation Overlay District LMO Amendments**

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2020-26 to amend Title 16 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, the Land Management Ordinance (LMO), Chapters 2, 5, 10 and Appendix D. These amendments, commonly referred to as *Family Compound and Family Subdivision Applications* as noticed in the Island Packed on September 13, 2020, include changes that add Family Compound and Family Subdivision as a new application described in Exhibit A to the ordinance, and providing for severability and an effective date.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Ames seconded. Council had a lengthy discussion, specifically about increasing density. Members of the Public Planning Committee did not remember seeing language in the documents they approved with regard to increased density. Town Council also discussed whether or not the LMO Official had the authority to grant exceptions. Staff noted that these amendments had been written as absolutes, meaning that only the BZA could grant any exceptions, but that the Official could not. Council was hesitant to approve the amendments on first reading without ensuring the language in the amendments was specific. It was determined that they could approve it as to form for first reading only, coming back with the requested language at second reading. By way of roll call the motion carried by a vote of 6-1, Mrs. Becker opposing.

c. **Consideration of a Resolution – Broad Creek PSD Proposed Aquifer Storage and Recovery Facility**

Consideration of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, authorizing the Broad Creek Public Service District's proposed Aquifer Storage and Recovery Facility on a portion of Town property.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Ames seconded. With a brief discussion and by way of roll call, the motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

d. **Consideration of a Resolution – Municipal Consent for Aerial Mosquito Control**

Consideration of a Resolution of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, authorizing the Town Manager to execute the Municipal Consent from Beaufort County to conduct aerial application of public health insecticides for mosquito control.

In light of the statements made during Appearance by Citizens, Mr. Harkins moved to remove this item off of the agenda until all the information was available. Mr. Brown seconded. By way of roll call, the motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

12. New Business (cont.)

e. Consideration of the Municipal State Highway Project Agreement – Cross Island Parkway Toll Conversion

Consideration of the Municipal State Highway Project Agreement consenting to the construction or improvements to the Cross Island Parkway by the South Carolina Department of Transportation in accordance with the scope of work.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

13. Executive Session

At 5:00 p.m., Mr. Harkins moved to enter into Executive Session for the reasons described on the agenda. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

14. Possible Actions by Town Council Concerning Matters Discussed in Executive Session

At 6:05 Town Council returned from Executive Session.

Mr. Harkins moved to authorize the Town Attorney to pursue potential litigation on behalf of the Town regarding collection of Accommodation Taxes. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

15. Adjournment

By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Approved: April 20, 2021

Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

John J. McCann, Mayor