



Town of Hilton Head Island
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 4, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
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*; Angie Stone, *Assistant Town Manager*; Shawn Colin, *Assistant Town Manager-Community Development*; Ben Brown, *Senior Advisor to the Town Manager*; Brad Tadlock, *Fire Chief*; John Troyer, *Finance Director*; Jeff Buckalew, *Town Engineer*; Missy Luick, *Community Program Manager*; Shari Mendrick, *Floodplain Administrator*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Town Clerk*

1. Call to Order

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

- 2. FOIA Compliance** Public notification of the 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

Attendance of Town Council was confirmed by way of a roll call.

4. Pledge to the Flag

5. Invocation – Pastor Brett Myers, First Baptist Church

Pastor Myers delivered the invocation.

Mr. Brown moved to amend the agenda, moving item 13(b) from executive session to open session. He said he was requesting this change for a few reasons: (1) this item continues to show up on the agenda under executive session, but he thought there was a verbal consensus that this item was no longer going to be discussed, (2) moving the item to open session will give Mrs. Becker the opportunity to recuse herself because this is a matter of personal interest of hers, and (3) to give some protection to Town staff. Mr. Brown said that there have been newspaper articles written about this matter and it is staff that is taking the brunt of it, being accused of being predatory towards properties that are not only sensitive, but unsolicited. Mr. Ames seconded the motion from Mr. Brown. Mayor McCann asked Mr. Coltrane for his opinion on this matter so Town Council could make an informed decision.

Mr. Coltrane said that Town Council could vote to amend the agenda and remove it from executive session and into open session. He continued by saying that if Town Council wished to have a discussion about whether or not to do that as part of the executive session process, then Town Council would need a motion to go to executive session now to allow all members to discuss and receive advice on that point. Mr. Coltrane explained that to his recollection, he thought this matter had been discussed in executive session as part of a potential contract or potential sale.

At 3:07 p.m. Mr. Stanford moved to enter into executive session to allow Town Council to seek advice on this matter. Mayor McCann seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Town Council returned to the dais at 3:25 p.m. Mr. Ames said he was withdrawing his second for Mr. Brown's original motion. As a point of order, the Town Clerk stated that since Mr. Ames had withdrawn his second, the motion fails.

6. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting - August 16, 2022
- b. Special Meeting - September 6, 2022
- c. Strategic Plan Workshop - September 8, 2022

Mr. Harkins moved to approve the minutes listed on the agenda. Mr. Stanford seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

7. Report of the Town Manager

- a. Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park Biannual Update - Ahmad Ward, Executive Director, Mitchelville Preservation Project

Ahmad Ward, Executive Director of the Mitchelville Preservation Project delivered the biannual update. He reviewed and highlighted many of the events that have taken place over the last six months, answering questions posed to him by Town Council.

8. Reports of the Town Council

- a. General Reports from Town Council

No general reports.

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

Mr. Harkins reported that at the committee's last meeting they took action to move the resolution approving the orientation processes for Town boards and commission and Town Council forward for full Council to consider. He also reported that the committee had received a mid-year report on Fire Rescue from the new Fire Chief, Chief Blankenship.

- c. Report of the Public Planning Committee – Councilman Ames

Mr. Ames stated that there was no report.

- d. Report of the Finance & Administrative Committee – Councilman Lennox

Mr. Lennox reported that the next committee meeting would take place on October 18th at 10:00 a.m.

9. Appearance by Citizens

Skip Hoagland: addressed Town Council on matters concerning the Town and Chamber finances.

Joan Campbell, Ken Campbell, Jack Alderman: addressed Town Council on matters concerning workforce housing.

Richard Bisi, Diederik Advocaat, Steve Baer, Gray Smith: addressed Town Council on matters concerning the William Hilton Parkway Gateway Corridor Project.

Peter Kristian: addressed Town Council concerning the Town's response and preparedness for a potential hurricane.

10. Consent Agenda

- a. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2022-17 to Repeal and Replace Chapter 1 of Title 17 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, Related to the Town's Adoption by Reference of Beaufort County Ordinance Chapter 14, Article II, Animal Control
- b. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2022-16 of the Town of Hilton Head Island, Authorizing the Granting of Easements Encumbering Town-Owned Property to the Broad Creek Public Service District for an Aquifer Storage and Recovery Facility in the Palmetto Dunes Area

Mayor McCann asked, without objection to the items listed, for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. With little discussion, the motion carried 7-0.

11. Unfinished Business

- a. Consideration of a Resolution of the Town of Hilton Head Island, Authorizing the Execution of a Revised Memorandum of Understanding with Beaufort County Outlining the Critical Path of the William Hilton Parkway Gateway Corridor Project Including an Independent End-to-End Analysis and Simulation of the Corridor

Mr. Colin opened the discussion on this matter by reminding Town Council that they chose to not take action to accept the proposed revisions from Beaufort County. Senator Davis also spoke to this matter; sharing his disappointment that the Town and County had not taken the steps necessary back in April when he first drafted the proposed scope of work. Mr. Colin and Mr. Fralix reviewed some of the key points of the newly revised agreement before asking for approval to move forward. After a lengthy discussion from Town Council and members of the community, Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. With some continued discussion, the motion carried 4-3, Mr. Brown, Mr. Ames, and Mrs. Becker opposing.

12. New Business

- a. Consideration of a Resolution of the Town of Hilton Head Island Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Mauldin and Jenkins, LLC for Financial Audit Services for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023 through 2027

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. With some discussion from Town Council and the community, the motion carried 7-0.

- b. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2022-19 Amending Section 2-11-40(a) of the Municipal Code for the Town of Hilton Head Island; Town Council Appointment of a Town Attorney to Align with the Town's Fiscal Calendar

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

13. Executive Session

At 5:22 p.m., Mr. Harkins moved for Town Council to enter Executive Session for those matters referenced on the agenda. Mr. Stanford seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Mr. Harkins moved to appoint Councilman Alex Brown as an Ex Officio member and Ray Kisiah as a voting member to the Island Recreation Association Board. Mr. Stanford seconded. Motion carried 6-0, Mrs. Becker had left the meeting.

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Approved: October 18, 2022

Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

John J. McCann, Mayor