



**Town of Hilton Head Island**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 15, 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, *Interim-Director of Community Development*; Jennifer Ray, *Capital Program Manager*; Jenn McEwen, *Director of Cultural Affairs*; John Troyer, *Director of Finance*; John Tuttle, *Technology & Innovation Director*; Jeff Buckalew, *Town Engineer*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Town Clerk*

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor McCann called the workshop to order at 3:00 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. Roll Call**

Roll was taken by the Town Clerk, and attendance of all members of Town Council was confirmed.

**4. Invocation – Pastor Todd Cullen – Hilton Head Island Community Church**

Pastor Cullen delivered the invocation.

**5. Pledge to the Flag**

**6. Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

**7. Approval of the Minutes**

a. Regular Meeting – January 18, 2022

Mr. Harkins Moved to approve the meeting minutes from January 18, 2022. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

**8. Report of the Town Manager**

a. **Items of Interest**

Mr. Orlando reviewed various items of interest within the town.

**b. Overview of Hilton Head Hospital’s Operational Conditions and Discussion of Future Needs – Joel Taylor, CEO Hilton Head Regional**

Mr. Taylor review the current operating conditions within both Hilton Head and Coastal Carolina Hospitals. He said things since the last COVID spike are coming down, but that staffing is still an issue. When asked about how many of his current staff live on the Island. He said to his knowledge it is less than 30% of his entire staff within the hospital.

**c. Presentation of Check to Expanding Company – RX Industries – John O’Toole, Executive Director of the Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation**

Mr. O’Toole presented a check in the amount of \$25,000 for the expansion of RX Industries. The Town Manager and Town Council congratulated the business and thanked Mr. O’Toole.

**d. Status Update on the Beaufort County Solid Waste & Recycling Program – Eric Greenway, Beaufort County Administrator**

Mr. Greenway provided an overview and update on the status of the Beaufort County Solid Waste & Recycling Program. He answered questions and said he would provide additional information for those questions he could not answer.

**e. Status Update of the Student Art Mural Temporary Exhibition – Jenn McEwen, Director of Cultural Affairs**

Ms. McEwen provided an update on the Student Art Mural Temporary Exhibition. The update included locations and mockups of the exhibits.

**f. Capital Improvement Program Quarterly Status Update – Jennifer Ray, Capital Program Manager**

Ms. Ray reviewed the status of various projects within the Capital Improvement Program. She answered questions and provided information in preparation of upcoming updates.

**9. Reports of the Members of Town Council**

**a. General Reports of Town Council**

Mayor McCann reported that he has started a new segment on the Beaufort County Channel and at his most recent taping had the pleasure of speak with Mr. Barnwell.

Mr. Stanford reported on the recent workshops on the redistricting process for the Town. He complimented Town staff for their hard work and keeping everyone well informed.

Mr. Ames reported on an event taking place at the Boys & Girls Club to honor Mr. Stan Smith. The event, Honoring an Icon will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> honoring Mr. Smith’s 50-year tennis career and his service to the Boys & Girls Club. Mr. Ames asked Mayor McCann if we could honor Mr. Smith with a Resolution. Mayor McCann agreed, asking the Town Clerk to prepare and finalize.

Mr. Brown reported that he recently read in an email that the Beaufort County Council was taking their meetings on the road. He said he applauded the County, stating that it is important that we continue the conversations with the County Council.

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

Mr. Stanford reported that at the last meeting they received a presentation from Craig Winn with the SCDOT who have reported that they have agreed to most all of the recommendations that were made by MKSK to improve the appearances of the William Hilton Parkway project. He

reported that there would be a public hearing on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Island Rec. Center to review and address the recent updates to the project. Mr. Stanford also reported that the state has approved 700 new crosswalks in the state, but only 7 in the lowcountry. He said something needs to be done about that.

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

Mrs. Becker reported that the Council will meet in March since the February meeting had been cancelled.

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

Mr. Brown stated he did not have a report.

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

Mr. Lennox reported that the Board met on January 25<sup>th</sup> where they met on various items, one being the Regional Housing Trust Fund. Mr. Lennox said that the Town would need to determine soon if they plan to participate in the program.

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

Mr. Ames stated he did not have a report.

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

Mr. Harkins reported that the Committee would be meeting soon to discuss various items, including an appointment to the Design Review Board. He also mentioned that the Greater Island Council had requested to have Town Council approve a resolution concerning solid waste and recycling. Mr. Harkins said he understood the resolution would be coming forward to a later meeting of his committee and then on to Council.

**h. Report of the Public Planning Committee – Councilman Ames**

Mr. Ames reported that the Committee met on January 27<sup>th</sup> where they received an update on the Short-Term Rentals initiative. He said they also received a presentation and acted on various items related to Islanders' Beach Park.

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

Mr. Lennox reported on the various workshops the Committee has had for the redistricting on the Island. He also reported on the items of discussion from the meeting earlier in the day. The first being a report from the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry and a Town Financial Update.

**10. Appearance by Citizens**

**Peter Kristian:** Addressed the Mayor and Town Council on the County's solid waste and recycling program. He said he has been working with Councilman Rodman and the GIC is looking at a sustainability campus somewhere south of the Broad.

**Skip Hoagland:** Address the Mayor and Town Council on various matters related to the Chamber and Town of Hilton Head Island.

Mr. Lennox requested a transcript of Mr. Hoagland's comments.

## 11. Unfinished Business

- a. **Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 1 of Title 8 (Beaches), of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, by amending Section 8-1-112 relating to the Definition of Beach; and providing for severability and an effective date.**

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

- b. **Consideration of the Final Draft of the Affiliated Agency Application**

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. With little discussion, the motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

## 12. New Business

- a. **Consideration of a Resolution Dedicating a Garden in Honor of Sally Krebs for her Service with the Town of Hilton Head Island.**

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

- b. **Consideration of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, authorizing the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with the Hilton Head Plantation Property Owners' Association to provide funding assistance for the maintenance and renourishment of Pine Island Beach.**

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. With little conversation, the motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

- c. **First Reading Proposed Ordinance 2022-05 to amend the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island South Carolina, Sections 2-5-15 and 2-5-16, to provide for regular and special meetings and public hearing of the Town Council and Town Boards & Commissions by electronic means; to amend Section 2-5- 80, to specify the Rules of Decorum apply to all public meeting bodies for the Town of Hilton Head Island; and providing for severability and an effective date.**

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

- d. **Consideration of a Resolution by the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island to authorize the Town Manager to prepare the necessary documents to establish a nonprofit Economic Development Corporation to coordinate and implement economic plans and initiatives with an emphasis on the Historical Neighborhoods of Hilton Head Island.**

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried by a vote of 6-1, Mrs. Becker opposing.

- e. **Discussion of Hilton Head Island Representation on the Beaufort County Citizens Advisory Committee Regarding a Possible 2022 Transportation Sales Tax.**

Mr. Gruber reviewed the item and gave an overview of what was being proposed. Town Council was concerned that by appointing someone to the Committee, they were giving their approval and support to the Sales Tax. After much discussion by Town Council, Mr. Harkins made a motion to appoint Mr. Gruber to the committee. Mr. Stanford seconded. After

additional discussion and debate, the motion carried 4-3, Mr. Brown, Mr. Ames, and Mrs. Becker opposing.

**13. Adjournment**

By unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

**Approved: March 1, 2022**

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Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

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John J. McCann, Mayor