



# Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 2:00 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*; Brad Tadlock, *Fire Chief*; John Troyer, *Finance Director*; Jennifer Ray, *Capital Program Manager*; Anne Cyran, *Interim Community Planning Manager*; Aaron Black, *Facilities Manager*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Town Clerk*

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## 1. Call to Order

Mayor McCann called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 – Reverend General Hay - First Historic African Baptist Church

Reverend Hay delivered the invocation.

## 6. Executive Session

At 2:01 p.m. Mr. Harkins moved to enter into Executive Session for the matters noted on the agenda. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

At 3:11 p.m., Town Council returned to the dais with no action to be taken.

## 7. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting – May 3, 2022

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

## 8. Report of the Town Manager

- a. Items of Interest

Mr. Orlando reported that Town Council would hold a workshop on June 24<sup>th</sup> where they will discuss the Mid-Island Tract and Mid-Island Initiative. He also reported that the Request for Qualifications for the Public Private Partnership would close on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **8. Report of the Town Manager (continued)**

- b.** Update on the Beach Operations and Improvements from the last Twelve Months - Aaron Black, Facilities Manager

Mr. Black delivered a presentation to Town Council updating the status of the Beach Operations and improvements from the last twelve months. He answered questions posed to him from the members of Town Council.

- c.** Quarterly Status Update on the Gullah-Geechee Task Force Work Plan - Anne Cyran, Interim Community Planning Manager

Ms. Cyran delivered a presentation to Town Council, providing a status update on the Gullah-Geechee Task Force Work Plan. She answered questions posed to her from the members of Town Council.

- d.** Report on the Recommendation from the Beaufort County Transportation Advisory Committee to Beaufort County Council Concerning a Proposed 1% Sales Tax Referendum - Peter Kristian, Hilton Head Island Representative

Mr. Kristian reviewed the recommendations from the Beaufort County Transportation Advisory Committee to Beaufort County Council. He answered questions posed to him from the members of Town Council.

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

- a.** General Reports from Town Council

Mayor McCann stated that in 2019, Town Council created the US 278 Gateway Corridor Committee to engage with citizens, gathered public input, and delivered recommendations to Town Council on the 278 project. He praised the dedication of the members and reported that at the next Town Council meeting, he would bring forward a resolution to dissolve the committee.

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

Mr. Harkins reported that at their next meeting the Committee will review the boards and commissions talent bank and make recommendations for interviews.

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

Mr. Ames stated that he did not have a report.

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

Mr. Lennox reported that the Committee met earlier in the day where they received an update from the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry on the ARPA grants and a financial update from Mr. Troyer.

## **10. Appearance by Citizens**

**Russ Whiteford** addressed Town Council on recent experience he had when working with the Town for the Pedal Hilton Head event. He noted how friendly and helpful everyone was and noted that the event was a great success.

**John Davidson** addressed Town Council as a retired attorney concerning his feelings about the Short-Term Rental ordinance and how it was drafted.

## **11. Consent Agenda**

- a. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2022-09, Amending Section 4-5-20 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, Extending the Expiration Date of the Real Estate Transfer Fee from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2044
- b. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2022-10 Amending Sections 10-9-10 and 10-9-30 of the Municipal Code for the Town of Hilton Head, South Carolina, Regarding the Billing for Ambulance Services

Mayor McCann stated without objection, he would remove the second reading of the Short-Term rental ordinance from the Consent Agenda to allow Town Council to consider by itself. Mr. Harkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Stanford seconded. With no discussion from Town Council, the motion carried 7-0.

## **12. Unfinished Business**

- a. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2022-06 Amending, Title 10 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, by Adding Chapter 2 Entitled "Short-Term Rentals"

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. Mayor McCann opened the discussion up to Town Council before turning it over to the audience. Some citizens address Town Council noting that they were not pleased with the ordinance and requested that Town Council take it back for more review and consideration. Other citizens applauded Town Council for taking the steps necessary to better regulate the short-term rentals on the Island. Town Council continued their discussion, requesting regular updates from Town staff as the Short-Term Rental Ordinance is implemented. With no further discussion, the motioned carried 7-0.

## **13. New Business**

- a. Consideration of a Resolution of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, dedicating the fountain at the Shelter Cove Community Park in honor of Drew A. Laughlin, for his role as Mayor, in the development of Shelter Cove Community Park

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. With no discussion from Town Council or the audience, the motion carried, 7-0.

- b. b. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2022-08 Amending Sections 12-1-110 and 12-1-511 of the Municipal Code for the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina with Regard to e-Bike Regulations

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. Mayor McCann opened the discussion up to Town Council before turning it over to the audience. Many citizens addressed Town Council about the governors on the e-Bikes noting that it would void the manufacture warranty if they manipulated the governors. Others addressed Town Council about the state of the pathways and requested updates to the pathways soon. Some citizens said that e-Bikes were dangerous and should not be allowed on the beach. Some also said that this is a simple administrative ordinance and was a good start to get something in place. Mayor McCann turned the discussion back to Town Council who decided to table the matter and return it to the Public Planning Committee to further discuss speed limits, governors, and enforcement. No action was taken.

- c. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Pope Ave Hilton Head 2021, LLC, for the Installation and Maintenance of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathway on Pope Avenue

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. With no discussion from Town Council or the audience, the motion carried, 7-0.

**13. New Business (continued)**

- d. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2022-14 Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Easements for Underground Water and Wastewater Utilities Encumbering Real Property Owned by the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina in the Shelter Cove Area

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. With no discussion from Town Council or the audience, the motion carried, 7-0.

**14. Adjournment**

Town Council voted unanimously adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

**Approved: June 21, 2022**

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Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

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John J. McCann, Mayor