



Town of Hilton Head Island **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** Tuesday, June 7, 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*; 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*

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 – Reverend Edward B. Alston - Queen Chapel AME Church

Reverend Alston delivered the invocation.

6. Public Hearing: Town of Hilton Head Island Municipal Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

At 5:37 p.m. Mayor McCann called the Public Hearing to order. He opened the discussion up to the audience to address Town Council.

Skip Hoagland addressed the members of Town Council on the proposed budget, noting that he is not sure how it is possible to pass such a budget without an Island-wide master plan.

At 5:47 p.m., Mayor McCann closed the Public Hearing.

7. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Workshop – May 10, 2022

Mr. Harkins moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Stanford seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

8. Report of the Town Manager

- a. Items of Interest

Mr. Orlando invited Senator Tom Davis to provide an update on various matters the legislation has been working on over the past session.

Senator Davis spoke on a new appropriations bill which would allow counties to enact a sales tax for the purpose of acquiring open space and green space. He also spoke about recent discussion on the US 278 project and other legislative items throughout the state.

8. Report of the Town Manager (continued)

b. Semi-Annual Report from the Planning Commission - Mike Scanlon, Chair

Mr. Scanlon delivered the biannual update from the Planning Commission, covering matters from the last six months of business. No questions were posed to Mr. Scanlon.

c. c. Beaufort County One Cent Sales Tax Presentation - Eric Claussen, Beaufort County Director of Engineering

Mr. Claussen delivered a presentation to Town Council, providing information on the proposed One Cent Sales Tax from Beaufort County. He answered questions posed to her from the members of Town Council.

9. Reports of the Town Council

a. General Reports from Town Council

Mr. Ames reported that Dr. Emory Campbell received an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities Degree from the University of the South. He said the Honorary Degree recognized his contribution to the preservation of the Gullah-Geechee heritage. Mr. Ames said this was the third honorary degree for Dr. Campbell and that we should all be proud of him for his many good words, stating that he is a tribute to the Island.

Mr. Brown said that he wanted to ask Town Council, the Town Manager and staff to begin to set as a priority how the Town looks at the development of Hilton Head Island, specifically how land is acquired and with or without development rights. He said an important part of that discussion is also how the LMO sets the standards and the requirements for code and for approval.

Mr. Stanford reported that the overlook platform at Islanders' Beach had been completed and ready for use. He thanked the various citizens who reached out to Town Council to approve the structure.

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

Bob Elliot addressed Town Council as the founder of the South Carolina Nurse Retention Scholarship Program, thanking the Town for their support. He gave an overview of the program and the importance of nurses in the community.

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

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

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 6-0.

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 motion carried 6-0.

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, 6-0.

- 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, 6-0.

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, 6-0. Mayor McCann called up Chairman Johnson who delivered remarks to all of those involved in the committee. The members of Town Council also thanked the members of the committee. Mr. Hoagland addressed Town Council on the 278 project and the lack of a master plan for the Town. With no further discussion, the motion carried 6-0.

14. Executive Session

Mr. Harkins moved for Town Council to enter Executive Session for those matters referenced on the agenda. Mr. Stanford seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Mr. Harkins moved to approve a resolution, authorizing the creation of the Northpointe Public-Private Partnership Housing Advisory Committee. Mr. Stanford seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve a resolution, authorizing the execution and delivery of an agreement with the Newport at Shelter Cove Owners' Association, Inc, and the completion of the transaction described in the agreement. Mr. Stanford seconded. With not discussion, the motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Harkins moved to approve the first reading of an ordinance authorizing the conveyance of 0.04 acres of real estate owned by the Town of Hilton Head Island to the Newport at Shelter Cove Owners' Association, Inc. Mr. Stanford seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried 6-0.

16. Adjournment

Town Council voted unanimously adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Approved: June 21, 2022

Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

John J. McCann, Mayor