



Town of Hilton Head Island  
**TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP**  
Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 10:00 a.m.  
**MINUTES**

**Present from Town Council:** Alan Perry, *Mayor*; David Ames, *Mayor Pro-Tempore*; Tamara Becker, Alex Brown, Steve Alfred, Glenn Stanford, Patsy Brison, *Town Council Members*

**Department Heads Present:** Marc Orlando, *Town Manager*; Josh Gruber, *Deputy Town Manager*; Shawn Colin, *Assistant Town Manager – Community Development*; Angie Stone, *Assistant Town Manager*; Ben Brown, *Senior Advisor to the Town Manager*; John Troyer, *Finance Director*; Bob Bromage, *Public Safety Director*; Chris Blankenship, *Fire Chief*; Thomas Sunday, *Technology and Innovation Director*; Carolyn Grant, *Communications Director*; Kimberly Gammon, *Town Clerk*

**Others Present:** Brian Kinzelman, *Senior Principal, MKSK*; Tony Roell, *Associate Principal, MKSK*; Addie Weber, *Tool Design Group*; Johnathan Guy, *Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.*

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Perry called the workshop to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2. FOIA Compliance**

Ms. Gammon affirmed compliance with FOIA.

**3. Adoption of the Agenda**

Mr. Stanford moved to approve. Mr. Ames seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

**4. Workshop Discussion**

**a. Discussion of Hilton Head Island Major Thoroughfare Corridor Plan**

Shawn Colin introduced the consultants that would be conducting presentations. Mr. Colin referenced the previous workshop held in March noting that at that time Council reviewed the system segments which are essential elements that make up safe, functional, and attractive corridor land, which includes landscapes, signage, intersections, etc. He stated that at this workshop the segments will be reviewed applying those systems that were looked at earlier in March. He noted that Council requested staff and the consultants review in detail, specific areas including William Hilton Parkway at Northridge; William Hilton Parkway through the Chaplin Community; Main Street Corridor; Palmetto Bay, Bay Pines and Arrow Road; Sea Pines Circle; Pope Avenue and Coligny Circle. Mr. Colin said the segments will be

a major focus of the presentation and discussion, as well as general recommendation for the overall corridor. He emphasized this is a massive undertaking which has not been done at this level and expressed appreciation for the Council support in advancing the project and providing the resources and ability to do the work to make a meaningful impact to the community from a safety, aesthetic, and functionality perspective for all users within the corridors.

Mr. Colin stated the goal of the workshop is to get Council's input on the segments being presented and later return for follow up as many times as needed with Council to make sure there is a comfort level and to ultimately ask for approval of the major Thoroughfares Corridor Plan by adoption through resolution which will provide a blueprint for execution.

Mr. Colin introduced Brian Kinzelman who conducted a detailed presentation regarding the segments and the implementation priorities. Mr. Kinzelman provided an overview and purpose, which included focusing on analyzing and understanding current conditions; direct improvements to critical areas and corridors; target safety of roadways and pedestrian/bicycle movement; and design standards for infrastructure, materials and aesthetics. Mr. Kinzelman reviewed the project areas which includes William Hilton Parkway, Main Street, New Orleans Road, Sea Pines Circle, Pope Avenue, Coligny Circle, North Forest Beach Drive, South Forest Beach Drive, Palmetto Bay Road, Acher Road, Target Road, Arrow Road and the Cross Island Parkway. He provided a background on the plan framework which consists of systems and segments following by implementation. He emphasized they have started and ended all this looking through the lens of safety. Mr. Kinzelman noted stakeholder meetings have been held resulting with the need to focus on increasing safety for all; update the pathway network; improve the functionality of intersections; create consistent aesthetic; develop a uniform signage and wayfinding system; calm traffic; and reduce travel speeds; and reduce vehicular traffic demand. Mr. Kinzelman reviewed each segment in detail, discussed prioritization, and recommendations and options for each. Mr. Guy and Ms. Weber and Mr. Roell assisted in the presentation.

Council members asked questions and made comments regarding: clarification regarding the role of the SCDOT within the project; possibility of acquisition of roads; a suggestion to place the segment numbers on the map for easy access in locating them; the need to review prioritization of the segments; clarification as to implementation of the segments and breaking them out for advancement in the shorter term; understanding that the timeframe regarding the segments will depend on SCDOT approval confirmation; a reminder that it is the consensus of Council that WHP 3 – Northridge Area is a priority due to traffic safety concerns and traffic fatalities; the need to find some interim solutions regarding safety in the Northridge Area; a request to review and provide the cost of acquiring ownership the roads; concern for taking ownership of the roads and the cost of maintenance; the need for Council to provide notes and input to staff and the consultants; inquiry as to the reason for some 8 foot pathways and some 12 foot pathways; confirmation there

will be further conversation amongst Council, the community and various stakeholders to ensure needs are being met in each area; the need for explanations and reasoning behind some of the suggestions and recommendations to assist in the thought process; confirmation detailed plans will be coming forward at a future date; inquiry as to the need for right of way acquisition and/or easements; the need for adjustment to save significant trees; concern regarding any type of bike path on the road; clarification on bike path connections; suggestion regarding closing the current entrance into Southwood Park and moving it down to the entry lane next to the Oaks for a safer intersection; confirmation that Oaks and Southwood side behind the business center back to Gardner Drive is being addressed; the need to address accidents at intersections where people cross in the middle of the block or jaywalk; inquiry as to reducing speed to address incidents; the need to address crosswalk areas at this time; request for an interim solution to the safety issue of crossing William Hilton Parkway at Palmetto Parkway; the need to be mindful of homeowners regarding closing curb cuts and requesting they use shared access; concern over the value of privately owned property with these changes; suggestion that speed reduction needs to take place before approaching the Cross Island Parkway Bridge to enhance safety measures on the downhill side; notation of the high priority for the residency of Bay Pines and Point Comfort to convert a private drive to a public street for more direct access; inquiry as to what can be done relatively quickly to alleviate the traffic concerns and congestion; the need for bike paths to be far from the roadways so drivers do not mistake them for a road; concern regarding a pedestrian crossing at the Coligny Circle; concern regarding the crossing access at Lagoon Road and a suggestion of an all-stop with no right turns being implemented; the need for the crossing at Lagoon Road and Pope Avenue and Nassau Road and Pope Avenue to be addressed as soon as possible; a request that traffic signals have delay time extended from when they turn from red to green or green to red; suggestion to consider adding the crossing after exiting the Coligny Circle to South Forest Beach and it becomes double lanes as an area of concern for crossing;

## **5. Appearance by Citizens**

Skip Hoagland addressed Council regarding his concern reading what he called special interest groups. He expressed concern regarding the traffic growth on the Island. Mr. Hoagland stated his support for improvement to local infrastructure, bike paths, etc. He expressed his opinion of the need for a full-time Mayor.

Frank Babel addressed Council regarding safety and speeding and expressed his support of the corridor approach. He suggested reduction of speed limits and increased enforcement of traffic violations.

Jocelyn Staiger addressed Council regarding her concern for the safety issues at the entrance for Driessen Beach on Bradley Beach Road. She stated hundreds of people travel that road daily and access from William Hilton Parkway is difficult. She asked that this intersection be included in the corridor improvements. Ms.

Staiger suggested a bike lane be installed when exiting the Cross Island Parkway Bridge to accommodate the high rate of speed of the bicycle.

## 6. Adjournment

The workshop adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

**Approved: August 15, 2023**

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Kimberly Gammon, Town Clerk

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Alan R. Perry, Mayor

The recording of this Workshop can be found on the Town's website at [www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov](http://www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov)