

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Kiawah Island Municipal Center

Council Chambers

September 10, 2015; 8:30 am

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Lipuma called the meeting to order at 8:30 pm
- II. **FOIA:** Notice of this meeting has been published and posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Kiawah Island.

III. **Roll Call:**

Present: Charles R. Lipuma, Mayor
John D. Labriola, Mayor Tempore
Mary Q. Johnson
John Wilson
Craig Weaver

Also Present: Dennis Rhoad, Town Attorney, by phone if necessary
Petra Reynolds, Town Clerk

IV. **Citizens' Comments:**

Dennis McGill – 100 Pleasant Valley Drive

Mr. McGill indicated he contacted Mr. Rhoad and Mr. Hines, both attorneys that represent the Town, via E-mail late on the previous evening.

Before stating the purpose of his address he verified with the Mayor that the agenda had been posted the required 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Mr. McGill continued by reading from the E-mail sent to the attorneys; he questioned why the meeting should be held in private considering the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) required the release of any employee making more than \$50,000.00 annually and considering Council acknowledgement that the administrator would be making more than \$50,000.00 annually. He further stated that the redacted resumes of the final grouping of candidates, even if more than three, should be made public according to SC Code. He requested that the resumes be made public before the meeting starts or to delay the start of next weeks meeting. He further stated that even with the disclosure of the candidate resumes the public has a right to see them personally interviewed by members of Council and to witness the individual members' inquiries, the candidate responses, and any proposals.

Mr. McGill indicated that he felt that more time was needed and requested the attorneys to delay or reschedule today's meeting. He asked the attorneys to advise members of Council and

himself if they were in agreement with his proposals and as of this morning there had not been a response from either.

Mayor Lipuma advised Mr. McGill a copy of the resumes of the four candidates being interviewed during today's Executive Session are being made available to him. He also stated that he had not been contacted by Counsel with the exception of instructing that the resumes should be made available to the public at this morning's meeting. Mr. McGill again restated his feeling that the interviews be conducted in Open Session.

Mayor Lipuma indicated most of the issues raised by Mr. McGill will be address by legal counsel and through adjudication in the legal system. Mayor Lipuma also confirmed that the interviews will not be conducted in Open Session.

Mr. McGill closed his comments by stating that if Council made a decision on one candidate at the end of the Session, they would be in violation of FOIA because the resumes where only released this morning for the first time and not been given to the public for review prior to the meeting to receive their input.

Mayor Lipuma stated that the attorneys are in complete agreement with the interviews being conducted in Executive Session. If there would be a decision on a preferred candidate or a reduced grouping made at the end of the day is still unknown.

V. Old Business:

None

VI. New Business:

A. Candidate Search for the Town Administrator Position

Mayor Lipuma stated the Executive Session would be to conduct interviews for the Town Administrator position. The candidates are Kurt Taylor, Rebecca Vance, Stephanie Tillerson and Jason Taylor.

Mrs. Johnson made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss and interview potential candidates for the administrator position which will necessarily involve the potential employment or compensation of an employee by a public body. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson and was unanimously passed.

VII. Executive Session:

A. To discuss and interview potential candidates for the administrator position which will necessarily involve the potential employment or compensation of an employee by a public body.

Mr. Labriola made a motion to return to Regular Session. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Mayor Lipuma stated the four candidates interviewed were still in the running and have asked Mr. Mercer, the Executive Search Consultant, to obtain more information on the candidates.


Mayor Lipuma stated that in Executive Session, no decisions were made or actions taken that would bind the town to a particular course of action.

Mayor Lipuma indicated that once the additional information is obtained Council will be taking a public vote on their candidate selection.

VIII. Adjournment:

Mr. Labriola motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weaver and carried unanimously.

Submitted by,



Petra S. Reynolds, Town Clerk

Approved by,



Charles R. Lipuma, Mayor

10/15/15
Date