

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Kiawah Island Municipal Center
Council Chambers
February 7, 2017; 2:00 PM

AGENDA

I. Call to Order: *Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.*

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Present at the meeting: Craig Weaver, Mayor
John R. Wilson, Mayor Pro-Tempore
Jack Koach
Diana Mezzanotte
Chris Widuch

Also Present: Stephanie Monroe Tillerson, Town Administrator
Dwayne Green, Town Attorney
Petra Reynolds, Town Clerk

III. Approval of Minutes:

A. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of January 10, 2017

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2017 Town Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mezzanotte and the minutes were unanimously passed.

IV. Mayor's Update:

Mayor Weaver reminded everyone about the Public Service Commission (PSC) night hearing for the Kiawah Island Utility rate adjustment. The public hearing will be taking place at the Turtle Point Clubhouse, tonight February 7th, at 6:00 pm. During the hearing, the public will have the opportunity to speak before the Commission for a period of three minutes, but the commissioners will not be allowed to respond to questions or comments. Mayor Weaver stated that both the Town and the Community Association have filed as interveners in the case and therefore will not be speaking or giving testimony at the hearing. The Town will be providing input or testimony through its attorney or directly at a hearing which will be held at a later time.

V. Citizens' Comments (Agenda Items Only):
Wendy Kulick – 3- Marsh Edge Lane

Mrs. Kulick thanked Mayor Weaver his reminder about the PSC night hearing and the clarification on the Town involvement at this public hearing. She thanked the Town for posting the openings on the Town's Boards and Committees. She commented on the Town streaming Town Council meetings online once in the new municipal Center. She stated it would allow those property owners and nonresidents who cannot attend to have the opportunity to see how the Town conducts business.

Mrs. Kulick stated she and others pose questions to Council on a variety of topics. Though some are answered at the meeting she has not yet received answers to those questions which were not answered and she feels there is a hollowness when talking about transparency.

Mrs. Kulick described some of her challenges in navigating the Town's new website. She pointed out that the designer's preview presentation of the new website showed much easier navigation, which has not been the case so far.

Mrs. Kulick stated the agenda for the Council Retreat was not posted on the Town's website until approximately 5:00 pm the Tuesday preceding the Retreat on Thursday. She noted the roughly one business day was not sufficient for anyone looking to attend the meeting and asked that these agendas be posted much further in advance of the meeting to encourage Town residents to attend.

Mayor Weaver stated he would take responsibility for the late posting of the agenda which was due to last minute changes. He also felt that once the Town's website is fine-tuned and everything is working properly residents will enjoy the new website and discover it is easier to navigate and information is easier to find.

Frank Cannella – 342 Surfsong Road

As a resident and Board Member of the Charleston Therapeutic Riding Center on Johns Island, Mr. Cannella asked Council for support in the allocation of \$7,076.00 of the remaining Charitable Contributions funding. He explained how his organization operates and the individuals who take part in the services provided.

VI. Presentations:

A. Portrait Presentation – Former Mayor Charles R. Lipuma

Mayor Weaver commented on how lucky Kiawah was to have residents willing to give of their time to be involved with and support all manner of community organizations. He stated that Former Mayor Charlie Lipuma's Leadership has spanned over twenty-three years. As member and chairman of the Planning Commission and Arts Council as well as eight years on Council, four of those as Mayor.

Mayor Weaver presented Mr. Lipuma his Mayor's portrait for his years of leadership and in defining the development and direction of the Community.

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. New Business:

A. Approval of Beach Patrol Contract with Island Beach Services, Inc.

Mayor Weaver indicated the contract with Island Beach Services was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. Widuch made a motion to approve the contract with Island Beach Services as proposed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Koach and was unanimously approved.

B. Approval of Tidal Trails Franchise Agreement

Mayor Weaver indicated the franchise agreement with Tidal Trails was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. Widuch made a motion to approve the franchise agreement with Tidal Trails as proposed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson and was unanimously approved.

C. Approval Charitable Contributions Recommendations

Mr. Weaver stated that each year the Town sets aside up to \$150,000.00 for contribution to local agencies and charitable organizations. This year the Town received twenty-six application requests which were presented to the Ways and Means Committee. The members reviewed, discussed, and recommend a funding amount for each applicant totaling \$141,000.00.

2017 Charitable Contributions Applications Summary	
Applicants	Recommended Funding
American Red Cross	\$ 1,500
Backpack Buddies Seabrook Island	\$ 2,000
Barrier Island Free Medical Clinic, Inc	\$ 20,000
Begin with Books	\$ 2,000
Bridges for End-of-Life	\$ 1,000
Catesby Commemorative Trust, Inc	\$ 2,000
Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding	\$ -
Charleston Symphony Orchestra	\$ 15,000
Chucktown Squash Scholars	\$ -
Engaging Creative Minds	\$ 5,000
Full Faith Ministries	\$ 6,000
Gibbes Museum of Art	\$ 12,000
Hebron Zion Presbyterian Church	\$ -
Kiawah Womens Foundation	\$ 7,000
Lowcountry Food Bank	\$ 5,000
Operation Sight	\$ 4,000
Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach Services, Inc	\$ 20,000
Reading Partners	\$ 5,000
Scope 50	\$ 1,000
Sea Island Habitat for Humanity	\$ 12,000
Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation	\$ 1,000
South Carolina Aquarium	\$ 8,000
Sweetgrass Garden Co-op	\$ 2,500
Teachers Supply Closet	\$ 9,000
Total	\$ 141,000

Mayor Weaver and Mr. Widuch recused themselves from voting on the request from Kiawah Women’s Foundation.

Mayor Weaver made a motion to approve the Ways and Means recommended Charitable Contributions funding amounts as listed with the exception of the Kiawah Island Woman’s Foundation in the amount of \$7,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mezzanotte and unanimously approved.

Mr. Koach made a motion to approve the ways and Means recommended funding of Kiawah Island Woman's Foundation in the amount of \$7,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson and was unanimously approved. Mayor Weaver and Mr. Widuch recused themselves from the vote.

D. 2017 Committee Appointments
- Board of Zoning Appeals

Charlie Larsen, Ron Hacker, Jack Braden, Ben Farabee, Michael Clawson, Randy Gilmore, Dr. Scott Parke and Wendy Kulick.

Mr. Koach motioned to reappoint Mrs. Kulick for additional three-year term to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The motion was seconded by Mayor Weaver and passed unanimously.

- Environmental

Diana Mezzanotte (Chairman), David Elliott, Jim Chitwood, Marilyn Olson, Lynne Sager, Robert Simmons, Jim Sullivan, Jane Ellis, Lynette Schroeder, Sandra Williams, John Leffler, Liz King, Amanda Mole, Matt Hill, John Kotz, Justin Core, Jim Jordan, and Aaron Given.

Mrs. Mezzanotte indicated the Environmental Committee lost one member, Mr. David Achey.

Mrs. Mezzanotte made a motion to reappoint the 17 existing members to the 2017 Environmental Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Widuch.

Mr. Wilson asked that the Committee work on making its membership more manageable using the Public Safety Committee as a model.

Following further discussion the motion was unanimously passed.

- Planning Commission

Fred Peterson, Larry Iwan, Andy Capelli, Bill Dowdy, Gale Messerman, Jack Koach and Daniel Prickett. The Committee will appoint a Chairman and Vice-Chairman at their upcoming meeting.

Mr. Koach motioned to reappoint Mr. Capelli and Mr. Dowdy for an additional four-year terms and appoint Mr. Brit Stenson to the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson and was unanimously passed.

- Public Safety Committee

Chris Widuch (Chairman), Joe Pezzullo, Jack Regan, Yvonne Johnstone, Bill Thoma and Julie Beier

Mr. Widuch motioned to appoint Mrs. Maryanne Connolly to the Public Safety Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson and was unanimously passed.

- SATAX Committee

- *Dan Hubbard, Bill Blizard, Roger Warren, Pam Harrington, Judy Chitwood, Robbie Crawford, William Pittman*

Mr. Koach motioned to reappoint the existing members to the 2017 SATAX Committee. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mezzanotte.

E. Arts and Cultural Events Council Charter Amendment

Mrs. Mezzanotte indicated the proposed changes to the charter were to clean it up to provide a better understanding of the tasks and responsibilities of the Arts and Cultural Events Council.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the amendments to the Arts and Cultural Events Council Charter. The motion was seconded by Mr. Widuch.

Following discussion and unanimously passed.

F. Environmental Committee Charter Amendment

Mrs. Mezzanotte indicated the proposed changes to the charter were to clean it up for better understanding of the activities of the Committee.

Mr. Widuch made a motion to approve the amendments to the Environmental Committee Charter. The motion was seconded by Mr. Koach and was unanimously passed.

G. Approval of the FY 2017- 2018 Budget Calendar

Mr. Wilson stated the Fiscal Year Budget Calendar was discussed at the Council Retreat and was designed to allow Council to be more involved at an earlier time in the budgeting process. He noted the proposed addition of a Ways and Means Budget Workshop on February 21st to review the FY 2016-2017 projections and to receive feedback from the Committee members on the FY 2017-2018 Budget so it can be refined and presented by the June 6th deadline.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the proposed the FY 2017-2018 Budget Calendar with addition of the February 21st meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mezzanotte and unanimously passed.

IX. Town Administrator's Report:

Mr. Lameo reported on the status of the boardwalk damaged during the hurricane. He stated there were a total of 168 public and private boardwalks on the beach. As of the 24th of January, there were 43 damaged boardwalks which had not yet been repaired. Letters were sent to the owner of the 27 which extended more than 10 feet onto the active beach. He noted that approximately 8 have replies have been received for Architectural Review Board (ARB) review and repair recommendation. The additional 16 only need minor repairs and do not pose a hazard.

Mr. Lameo reported on the storm water project by stating the materials have been received and work should begin later this week or the beginning of the next. The work which will begin at the Beachwalker Drive intersection moving down toward the Municipal Center driveway and is expected to take three to four weeks.

X. Council Member:

- a. Committee Updates
- b. General Comments

Mrs. Mezzanotte reported on the upcoming *Arts Council* events taking place this month. She indicated that of the last seven events, four were sold out.

Mrs. Mezzanotte, as part of the Environmental Committee, reported on the Post and Courier article which highlighted the Yellow-Green Vireo. The South American bird made its South Carolina debut here on the Island and Mr. Given, Town Biologist, was interviewed for the article. She reported the annual deer count revealed sixty-six deer per square mile which has been stable since 2010. Also, applications for the Environmental Initiatives are being taken until February 15th and will be reviewed at the February 16th meeting.

Mr. Wilson stated the Town has a seat on the BODCOG and CHATS. A meeting was to have taken place yesterday. On the agenda was an item to approve a resolution for the use of federal funds to help in the completion of I-526. He stated the meeting was canceled on short notice and rescheduled for next Monday but did not know if the controversial resolution was on the upcoming agenda. He noted the Town of Mount Pleasant did not support the completion of I-526, but the City of Charleston as well as the Town have been proponents of the completion.

Mr. Widuch and Mr. Koach had no additional reports.

XI. Citizen Comments:

Wendy Kulick – 38 Marsh Edge Lane

Mrs. Kulick again spoke to the allegations against the former Town Administrator and Treasurer. She noted an article in the Post and Courier referencing the allegations in which Mayor Weaver stated that there had not been a resolution in the matter; it was still in the hands of the US Attorney's office and was still subject to active investigation. She pointed out that the forensic accountant's report was completed eighteen months ago and noted the many articles published in which individuals committed similar crimes are swiftly brought to justice. She questioned what follow-up actions the Town has taken with US Attorney's office and when the Town presented the forensic report to the Solicitor's Office.

Mrs. Kulick encourages all the members of Council to attend the PSC Meeting this evening.

Mayor Weaver stated there was no information that he can add to the comments reported by the Post and Courier. He indicated the Town is also mystified by the lack of action taking place in this case and would like to see a more significant movement toward a resolution. He stated the Town is periodically in touch with the appropriate law enforcement officers but has received no additional information.

Marilyn Larach -1082 Terrapin Court

Dr. Larach commented on the earlier discussion of the boardwalk extending out on the active beach. She noted the dunes under the boardwalk close to her home seem to be accreting at a very rapid rate which may solve the need for shortening some of the boardwalks.

Rob Edgerton – Island Beach Services


Mr. Edgerton thanked Council for giving Island Beach Services the opportunity to continue to provide Beach Patrol services.

XII. Executive Session:
None

XIII. Adjournment:

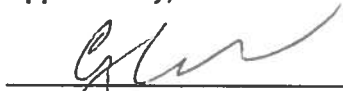
Mayor Weaver motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:43 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Widuch and carried unanimously.

Submitted by,



Petra S. Reynolds, Town Clerk

Approved by,



Craig E. Weaver, Mayor

3/8/17
Date