

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Kiawah Island Municipal Center

Council Chambers

June 6, 2017; 2:00 PM

MINUTES

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

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

Arrived Late: Stephanie Monroe Tillerson, Town Administrator

Also Present: Petra Reynolds, Town Clerk

ii. Pledge of Allegiance

iii. Approval of Minutes:

A. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of May 2, 2017

Mr. Koach made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2017 Town Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson and the minutes were unanimously approved.

iv. Mayor's Update:

Mayor Weaver reported one of the requirements for DHEC to perform a periodic review of the location of the baseline along the coastline of South Carolina every 8-10 years. He indicated the last one was done in 2009 so the next re-establishment will have to be completed by the end of 2019. It is the intent of OCRM to have the proposed baseline and setback by late August with a goal to have everything approved by 12-31-17 to beat the regulation that will not allow for movement baselines more seaward.

Mayor Weaver stated the Resort submitted zoning, map, and Comprehensive Plan amendment requests that will be reviewed by Planning Commission at the June 7th meeting. There will be a Public Hearing on June 22nd to hear comments on the requests followed by a first reading of the ordinances. The second reading is expected at the July 11th Town Council meeting with an amendment to the 2010 Development with the Resort following thereafter.

v. Citizens' Comments (Agenda Items Only):

Wendy Kulick – 38 Marsh Edge Lane

Ms. Kulick indicated that the resolution which will be discussed is an enactment of what a majority of Kiawah Island Property owners believe in regards to offshore drilling and questioned how Council made the determination.

vi. **Old Business**

A. Ordinance 2017-08 - An Ordinance to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget for the Town of Kiawah Island, SC (7/1/17 through 6/30/18) – Second Reading

Mayor Weaver stated the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget was carefully reviewed and recommended for approval by the Ways and Means Committee. Town Council approved the first reading at the May Meeting and held a Public Hearing on June 2nd with no public comment.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinances 2017-08 to adopt the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget for the Town of Kiawah Island, SC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Widuch and was unanimously passed.

B. Use of New Town Hall Facilities: Principals for Discussion

Mayor Weaver stated that following the discussion at the Last Town Council meeting the policy for the uses of the New Town Hall Facilities were refined using the feedback that was received at the meeting. He indicated that with the building not completed and not moved into, the revision, rather than being too specific, were basic use principles for Council review and comments.

vii. **New Business:**

A. Approval of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office Contract

Mayor Weaver stated the Charleston County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Contract was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Ways and Means Committee. The 2017-2018 contract included the increase in deputies and the addition of language providing that the Coordinators have the responsibility of vetting and managing the deputies referred for part-time employment. The changes help manage the liability of the Town and also provide a suitable level of oversight.

Mr. Widuch made a motion to recommend to Town Council the approval of the 2017/2018 Charleston County Sheriff's Office Contract. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mezzanotte.

Following further discussion, the motion was unanimously passed.

B. Recommendation to Amend Resolution 2015-01 by Adopting Resolution 2017-01 opposing Seismic Testing and Offshore Drilling off the SC coast.

Mrs. Mezzanotte addressed Mrs. Kulick's question by indicating she queried the members of the Environmental Committee and all respondents were against offshore drilling. She indicated that after reviewing earlier letters from other beach communities she concluded that there was a need to defend Kiawah's environment, wildlife, and community. The approval Ordinance 2017-01 would reaffirm the opposing Seismic Testing and Offshore Drilling off the SC coast. Members engaged in an in-depth discussion of the previous resolution and options available at this time.

Mrs. Mezzanotte made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-01 opposing Seismic Testing and Offshore Drilling off the SC coast. Mr. Widuch seconded the motion.

Following member comments, the motion was unanimously passed.

C. Discussion of Annual Employee Disclosure Statement – Ethical Conduct and Conflicts of Interest

Mayor Weaver indicated the Annual Employee Disclosure Statement focused on Ethical Conduct and Conflicts of Interest was part of procedure to be implemented for Town staff. He noted the statement was to be part of the new Employee Handbook, and since the handbook has been delayed in legal review, he felt it would be a good policy to put into practice this summer.

VIII. Town Administrator’s Report:

None

IX. Council Member:

- a. Committee Updates
- b. General Comments

Mrs. Mezzanotte reported on:

- The Environmental Committee’s Sea Level Rise Subcommittee meetings with Seabrook and other local entities having substantial Sea Level Rise Initiatives. She indicated Mr. Conner, from the Community Association, Mr. Jordan, and Mr. Spicher would be joining the Committee at the next meeting on June 16th.
- The Conservancy making preparations for its *Legacy Gala* fundraiser which will be held at the Resort on November 12th, land donations, and documentary showing.
- Last of this season’s Arts Council events “Piccolo comes to Kiawah” to be held this evening, the new season will begin on July 2nd at Freshfields.
- The Audit Committee met in April to review and discuss the draft of Town’s new Accounting Policy and Procedures manual and a planning session with the auditors.
- Meeting with representatives of the Charleston Visitors Bureau to gain a better understanding of what they do for Kiawah.

Mr. Wilson, for the Ways and Means Committee, commended Mrs. Szubert and Ms. Tillerson on a smooth and well-illustrated budget cycle which was just completed.

Mr. Widuch reported the New Municipal Center was 30 to 45 days away from obtaining the certificate of occupancy, still under budget and the move was approximately 60 days way.

Mr. Widuch, for the Public Safety Committee, reported the temporary trailer is positioned at Station 6. The tents for the apparatus to be delivered within the next two weeks and demolition is expected to begin in July. He also reported on the increased patrols and monitoring of Beachwalker Drive which resulted in the line entering the County Park.

Mayor Weaver announced both Mr. Widuch and Mr., Wilson agreed to work on reassessing the Town approach on hurricane debris clean-up to include a review of contractors and the responsibilities of the different entities on the Island and Town finances.

x. **Citizens' Comments:**

Wendy Kulick – 38 Marsh Edge Lane

Mrs. Kulick:

- Asked that Council encourage residents attend the Disaster Awareness Day at Seabrook on June 15th.
- Expressed her concern with the speeding that is occurring coming on to the Island and asked that Council may a request for more a police presence.
- Suggested that along with the Resolution and letter to the governor, the Town follow up with federal agencies and congressman.
- Suggested credit cards expenditures are approved before the transaction is completed.

Dennis McGill – 100 Pleasant Valley Drive

Mr. McGill asked questioned on legal expenses and asked if all the bills had been received for the water rate case. **Mayor Weaver indicated the final bills has not been received yet.**

Mr. McGill questioned if the compensation and classification reports being done by the Mercer Group had been completed. **Mayor Weaver indicated the Classification Study had not begun and would not until the completion of the Organizational review is completed.**

Mr. McGill questioned the percentage increases in some departmental salaries in the FY 17-18 Budget and asked if the amounts were anticipated or actual. **Mayor Weaver explained the increase did not reflect a percentage raise to employees.**

Mr. McGill asked if overpayment payback loans had been paid out yet. **Mayor Weaver indicated they were still in progress.**

David DeStefano – 31 Burroughs Hall

Mr. DeStefano referenced the minutes of the last Town Council meeting which indicated the approval of the architect's contract extension. He expressed his concern with what he felt was an inaccurate statement and questioned how and why the contract was negotiated.

Gregg Bragg – 176 Marsh Island Drive

Mr. Bragg asked if the Mayor would look into a FOIA request made in March of 2016 in which he did not receive the item requested. **Mayor Weaver asked that he resubmit the request to the Town Clerk.**

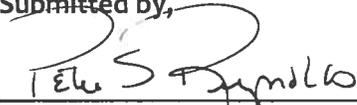
xI. **Executive Session:**

None

xII. **Adjournment:**

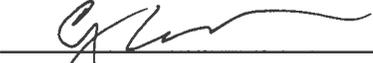
Mr. Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 am. The motion was seconded by Mr. Koach and carried unanimously.

Submitted by,



Petra S. Reynolds, Town Clerk

Approved by,



Craig E. Weaver, Mayor

7/12/17
Date