Town of Hilton Head Island
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 3:00 PM
Minutes

Call to Order

Mayor Perry called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Council Members present: Alan Perry, Mayor, David Ames, Ward 3, Mayor Pro-Tempore; Patsy Brison, Ward 2; Alex Brown, Ward 1; Tammy Becker, Ward 4; Steve Alfred Ward 5, (joined meeting at 3:03 p.m.); Glenn Stanford, Ward 6

Invocation

Pastor Glenn Neff from Hilton Head Island Chapel (Hospital Clergy) presented the invocation.

Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Ames moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. Motion carried 6-0. (Mr. Alfred joined the meeting following the adoption of the agenda.)

Report of the Town Manager

Mr. Orlando stated the Town began moving agenda notifications over from GovDelivery to Civic Plus in October as we slowly introduced the public to the look and feel of our meeting agendas. The agendas will continue to be online as they always have been and published to social media, however if you would like to continue receiving email notifications about meetings, you will need to sign up through Civic Plus. That link has been sent out several times via media releases and social media posts, and it is also available on the homepage of our website. There are also fliers in the back of Council Chambers with the link and instructions on how to sign up for notifications. If you have any questions, please see our Town Clerk.

Earth Day Proclamation - Mayor Perry

Mayor Perry presented the proclamation to Dr. Jean Fruh, Executive Director, Outside Foundation.

Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation - Mayor Perry

Mayor Perry invited Mayor Pro-Tem Ames to conduct the presentation. Mr. Ames presented the proclamation to Dr. Jo Keuhn, Board Member of Hopeful Horizons and Chris Wilbur, Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA).

General Reports from Town Council

Mayor Perry extended condolences regarding the passing of Henry C. Driessen, one of the original Town Council members in 1983 when the Town was incorporated. Mr. Driessen served on Council for 10 years, sold property to the Town which is now known as Driessen Park. Mr. Driessen and his family have left a great legacy with all of their contributions to the Town of Hilton Head Island.

Ms. Becker submitted a request that the Mayor change the start time for the upcoming meetings of the William Hilton Parkway Gateway Corridor Review Advisory Committee from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. to allow those that are working to attend.

Mr. Brown noted that he recently spoke at Hilton Head Island High School and encouraged residents to be mindful of environment and attitude towards the younger generation in order to make them want to come back to the area after completing their further education.

Report of the Lowcountry Area Transportation Study - Glenn Stanford

No report.

Report of the Lowcountry Council of Governments - Tammy Becker

No report.

Report of the Beaufort County Airports Board - David Ames

Mr. Ames reported construction has begun on the Hilton Head Island Airport and the RBC Heritage Golf Tournament flags have been placed at the entrance to the airport.

Report of the Southern Lowcountry Regional Board - Glenn Stanford

Mayor Perry reported that at a recent meeting the Board received updates from Dominion Energy, Palmetto Electric and Beaufort Jasper Water/Sewer Authority regarding Capital Improvement Projects and how they are addressing growth.

Report of the Island Recreation Board - Alex Brown

No report.

Report of the Community Services and Public Safety Committee - Tammy Becker

Ms. Becker reported the meeting met previously and will be bringing forward recommendations for the vacancies on the Housing Action Committee during Executive Session.

Report of the Public Planning Committee - David Ames

Mr. Ames reported the Committee met on March 14 and approved to moved forward a resolution to Town Council for consideration regarding trends and assessments. He added there would be no meeting held in April.

Report of the Finance and Administrative Committee - Alex Brown

No report.

Appearance by Citizens

Skip Hoagland addressed Council regarding his perception of misuse of tax dollars.

Yolawnda Cohen-McKinney addressed Council regarding her opposition to the expansion of US278 and her concern for the Gullah Geechee Community and loss of culture.

Lucas Michalowski addressed Council regarding bonfires in neighboring homes and the negative effects on him and his family. He asked for stricter regulations regarding the fires.

John Casey addressed Council regarding the Coastal Community Development Corporation and the need for a legal analysis due to conflict regarding the 501(c)(3) status and violation of such.

Lynn Greeley addressed Council stating Skip Hoagland could speak on her behalf. Mayor Perry stated Council would not recognize the yielding of time. Mr. Hoagland continued to speak.

Unfinished Business

Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the Town of Hilton Head Island's Comprehensive Plan to Incorporate a Housing Impact Analysis - Second and Final Reading - Missy Luick, Director of Planning

Ms. Luick conducted a presentation and reviewed the timeline, background and overview below:

- November 27, 2023: Housing Action Committee Review
- December 13, 2023: Housing Action Committee Recommendation of

Approval
- December 17, 2023: Legal ad posting
- January 17, 2024: Planning Commission Public Hearing and Recommendation of Approval
- February 8, 2024: Public Planning Committee and Recommendation of Approval
- February 20, 2024: Town Council Brief
- March 5, 2024: Town Council 1st Reading
- April 2, 2024: Town Council 2nd Reading
- In 2023, SC General Assembly passed Act 57 allowing Accommodations Tax Revenue (ATAX) to support the development of workforce housing.
- Act 57 allows local governments to utilize a portion of its state or local accommodations taxes, or both, to be utilized in the development of qualified workforce housing as a tourism related expenditure.
- Act 57 requires that a local government entity that wants to utilize state ATAX revenue for workforce housing must complete and adopt a Housing Impact Analysis (HIA).
- Expenditures of both state and local ATAX are capped at fifteen percent (15%) of the local government's annual collections.
- The provisions of the Act are no longer effective after December 31, 2030.
- A HIA must be completed prior to second reading of an Ordinance to Town Council for approval.
- Town must update (amend) its Comprehensive Plan to include the HIA as a part of its housing element.
- The local government shall provide copies of the HIA to:
    - The Department of Revenue,
    - The Tourism Expenditure Review Committee, and
    - As an ordinance to the members of the legislative body of the local government.
    - Staff has confirmed receipt by both agencies above. Both agencies also confirmed that the Town of Hilton Head Island is the first municipality to deliver a Housing Impact Analysis.

The Housing Impact Analysis is a point in time analysis which includes the required data and analysis outlined in Act 57. Housing market challenges, costs associated with increased real estate prices, and the cost burden of local employees and families due to area income and housing cost imbalances.

The Town of Hilton Head Island Housing Impact Analysis has five areas of focus:

1. **Employment Analysis:** Assesses the current job market, growth projections, and employment trends.
2. **Housing Market Analysis:** Evaluates the broader housing market, examining factors such as housing supply and demand, pricing trends, and market

saturation.

3. **Housing Market Conditions:** Examines current housing availability and affordability for both homeownership and rental units.
4. **Construction & Development Costs:** Analyzes the costs and barriers associated with building and developing housing affordably.
5. **Solving the Housing Crisis:** Overview of the Town's Workforce Housing Framework along with the goals associated with the adoption of the HIA to allow for ATAX revenues as a potential funding source to support these strategies.

Mayor Perry asked for public comment.

Xiadan Li addressed Council regarding her opposition to the amendment noting negative impacts would prevail in communities if passed.

Skip Hoagland addressed Council regarding the need for less government and more free enterprise.

Louise Cohen addressed Council and emphasized that Hilton Head Island is home to Native Islanders and encouraged all to pray and not get discouraged. She stated God is with them and they need to persevere and be encouraged they will be here forever.

John Smarzley addressed Council regarding analysis and the specifics stating if we are going to create an ordinance a section needs to address what is in the State's Bill.

Following comments, Mr. Ames moved to approve. Ms. Brison seconded.

Ms. Becker spoke in opposition to the ordinance because it does not address the impact of Act 57, the need for a survey of current conditions, and the intent of the analysis. She stated it needs to be sent back for additional information to be embedded into it so Council will be better informed.

Mayor Perry called for a vote and the motion carried 6-1 (Becker opposed).

New Business

Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize Submittal of the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2024 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. - Marcy Benson, Senior Grants Administrator

Ms. Benson conducted a presentation. The Finance & Administrative Committee recommends Town Council approve a resolution to authorize submittal of the Annual Action Plan for the program year 2024, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program.

The Finance & Administrative Committee met on March 12, 2024, and voted unanimously to recommend approval authorizing submittal of the Annual Action Plan for program year 2024.

To meet HUD requirements an Annual Action Plan must be prepared each year of program participation and public input must be solicited during the Plan development process. Public engagement was conducted January 3 - 27, 2024, after which the draft Plan was completed. The Plan details 2024 CDBG funds to be used for program administration costs and a park project located at the Town owned Patterson Park property, situated in a Census tract meeting LMI eligibility requirement. The draft Plan was released to the public on February 14, 2024, for a 30-day public comment period. The public comment period ended March 15, 2024, and no comments were received during this time period. A comment summary is included as an attachment to the plan document.

Approval of the 2024 CDBG Annual Action Plan will meet a HUD requirement for participation in the CDBG Entitlement Program. The attached Plan must be approved by HUD prior to execution of a CDBG Entitlement Program grant agreement. Inclusion of the Patterson Park as the 2024 CDBG project in the Town's Annual Action Plan will allow the 2024 funding allocation, pending official HUD announcement, to be used for this project.

Approval of the Patterson Park project is consistent with the current Five-Year Consolidated Plan for CDBG funding as well as several Our Plan goals, strategies, and tactics including Connected – Strategy 4.5 and Tactic 4.5.1; Inclusive – Goal 8 and Strategy 8.5; Priority Investment – Strategy 4.5; and Parks & Recreation – Goal 2, and Strategy 7.2. The CDBG program has been identified in the Our Plan Capital Improvement Program (CIP) section as a funding source for Town CIP projects.

Mayor Perry asked for public comment. There was none.

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

<u>Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize Submittal of the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program 2021 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. - Marcy Benson, Senior Grants Administrator</u>

Ms. Benson conducted a presentation. In the current 2021 Annual Action Plan, accepted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Patterson Neighborhood Park is the project funded with the 2021 CDBG allocation. After preliminary park project design work began it was determined land acquisition costs for additional real property adjacent to the Town-owned Patterson parcel was needed to carry out the Patterson Neighborhood Park public improvement project. Because land acquisition activity was not included in the original 2021 Annual Action

Plan a substantial amendment is required to add this activity to the plan. This substantial amendment will allow land acquisition activity to be funded with a portion of the Town of Hilton Head Island 2021 CDBG funding allocation. No other changes are proposed for this amendment.

According to HUD guidelines and the Town of Hilton Head Island CDBG Citizen Participation Plan, an amendment is considered substantial when an activity is to be added, deleted, or substantially changed in terms of purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries. Because land acquisition was not included as an activity in the original 2021 Annual Action Plan, to use CDBG funds for land acquisition in this project, the plan must go through a substantial amendment process. This process includes a required separate public meeting and a 30-day public comment period to solicit feedback from the community on the amendment to the plan.

The draft 2021 Annual Action Plan substantial amendment was released to the public on March 1, 2024, for a 30-day comment period. A public meeting to solicit input on the substantial amendment was held on March 6, 2024, and there was one meeting attendee. No comments on the amended plan were given at this meeting. The public comment period ends April 1, 2024. Any comments received between the March 19, 2024, Town Council agenda item deadline and close of the public comment period will be brought forth at the April 2, 2024, Town Council meeting and included in the final submittal document to HUD.

Approving the resolution to authorize the amended plan submittal will also allow a funding request for land acquisition for the Patterson Neighborhood Park project to be submitted to HUD. This funding request submittal will allow for compliance with HUD timely expenditure requirements.

Mayor Perry asked for public comment.

Xiaodan Li addressed Council and questioned the need for HUD fundings for the project as opposed to Accommodations Tax Funds.

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

Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the Town of Hilton Head Island Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024; to Provide for the Budgeted Appropriations of the Prior Year Budget Roll Forwards and Certain Other Appropriations and Commitments and the Expenditures of Certain Funds; to Allocate the Sources of Revenue for the Said Funds; and to Provide for Severability and an Effective Date - First Reading - Josh Gruber, Deputy Town Manager

Josh Gruber conducted a presentation. As part of the annual budget review process, the Town assesses its current budgeted funds once the previous fiscal year has been closed. Staff then determines whether a mid-year budget amendment should be recommended.

As we are now more than halfway through Fiscal Year 2024 and the previous fiscal year has been closed, staff proposes several budget amendments within certain identified Town Funds. Along with information pertaining to why the budget amendment is being requested, there are also corresponding recommendations on the identified sources of funding that are proposed to satisfy these amendments.

1. GENERAL FUND AMENDMENTS:

a. Beach Parking Allocation:

On September 20, 2022, the Town Council approved entering into a contract with PCI Municipal Services for the purpose of providing beach parking management. On February 21, 2023, the Town Council approved a budget amendment to fully fund this contract at a total cost of $869,730 with $366,965 allocated towards operating expenses and $502,765 allocated towards capital expenses. At the conclusion of Fiscal Year 2023, there was $308,508 remaining in unspent operating funds that staff is proposing to transfer into the Fiscal Year 2024 budget. These funds would be utilized to continue providing for the approved operating expenses identified in the initial budget that are continuing during the current fiscal year.

b. Community Development – Land Management Ordinance:

As part of the Fiscal Year 2023 budget, funding was identified within the Community Development Division for the purpose of engaging a consultant to undertake revisions to the Town's Land Management Ordinance. This initiative is identified in the Town's Strategic Action Plan under the Growth Framework and Island-Wide Master Plan strategy. The Town has recently executed a contract with the firm who will be utilized to accomplish this objective and as such, funding that was budgeted within the Fiscal Year 2023 budget but remained unspent is needed to be transferred into the Fiscal Year 2024 budget in the amount of $350,000 to complete this initiative.

c. State Accommodation Taxes Allocation:

The Town's Finance and Administrative Committee recently made a unanimous recommendation to the Town Council that it authorize supplemental, mid-year appropriations under the FY24 Affiliated Agency program. Specifically, the Committee is making the following funding recommendations from available State Accommodation Tax balances:

i. Coastal Community Development Corporation - $600,000
ii. Hilton Head Regional Habitat for Humanity - $500,000

At its meeting on February 20, 2024, the Town Council voted to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with both the Coastal Community Development Corporation and the Hilton Head Regional Habitat for Humanity which outlines the various roles and responsibilities of the parties in the expenditure of these funds should this funding request ultimately be approved. Both appropriations would be funded from existing and available State Accommodation Taxes and would be dedicated towards the purpose of supporting affordable workforce housing initiatives on Hilton Head Island. A budget schedule identifying the availability of these funds is enclosed as Attachment 1. Also enclosed are copies of the Memorandums of Understanding with the Coastal Community Development Corporation and the Hilton Head Regional Habitat for Humanity as Attachments 2 and 3 respectively. Based upon these directives, staff is recommending an increase in the General Fund budget in the cumulative amount of $1,100,000 from available State Accommodations Taxes to provide for these requested allocations as FY24 Affiliated Agencies.

d. Hospitality Tax Allocation:

Town Council recently approved a Sponsorship Agreement with the Heritage Classic Foundation to support the 2024 RBC Heritage Golf Tournament in the amount of

$400,000. Funding for this Sponsorship Agreement was included in the Fiscal Year 2024 in the amount of $307,469. Since the approved sponsorship amount is in excess of what was initially budgeted within the Fiscal Year 2024 budget, staff is recommending a budget amendment in the amount of $92,531 from available funds within the Hospitality Tax fund balance. A schedule showing the availability of these funds is enclosed as Attachment 4.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) AMENDMENTS:

a. Land Purchase Allocations:

The Town Council has previously authorized the purchase of several real estate parcels totaling 13.2 acres, and for which a corresponding budget amendment will need to be recorded to identify the sources of funding necessary to acquire these parcels. Staff are therefore requesting an amendment to the Capital Projects Fund budget in the cumulative amount of $11,927,000 as further identified in each of the property acquisitions identified in the chart below:

Property Address	**Purchase Price**	**Source of Funds**	**Closing Date**
30 Bryant Road	$3,400,000	Real Estate Transfer Fees	July 5, 2023
71 Shelter Cove Lane	$3,938,000	State ATAX, Real Estate Transfer Fees, Land Sale Proceeds, and Hospitality Taxes	July 28, 2023

Parcel 15, Matthews Drive	$350,000	Real Estate Transfer Fees	August 18, 2023
72 Pope Avenue	$4,000,000	State ATAX, Real Estate Transfer Fees, Land Sale Proceeds, Hospitality Taxes	October 26, 2023
Lot 9, 19 Marshland Road	$239,000	Real Estate Transfer Fees	April 30, 2024
Total Expenditure	$11,927,000		

b. <u>CIP Carry Forward:</u>

In building the Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Improvement Program Budget, a preliminary estimate of the "Carry Forward" funding that would need to be brought forward from the Fiscal Year 2023 budget into the Fiscal Year 2024 budget was provided forwithin the adopted budget. Now that the Fiscal Year 2023 budget has been closed out, these estimated numbers are being updated to reflect the actual unspent balances that remain in a number of Capital Improvement Program project budgets. A copy of the CIP spreadsheet identifying these amounts by project is enclosed as Attachment 5. It is important to note that the current approved budget for Fiscal Year 2024 CIP projects is not being altered or amended with the exception of carrying forward unspent funds from Fiscal Year 2023.

As summary of the proposed carry forward requests broken down by CIP category is as follows:

- Beach - $286,000
- Pathway - $607,000
- Roads - $530,000
- Parks - $363,000
- Facilities and Equipment - $1,490,000
- Fleet – No Change
- Land Acquisition - $11,927,000 (via transfers in)

The Capital Projects Fund Expenditures spreadsheet showing the original budget carry forward estimate, the revised carry forward amounts, original budgeted and revised new funds for FY24, and the corresponding FY24 Adopted Budget and FY24 Revised Budget showing these figures is shown as follows:

Capital Projects Fund Expenditures:

	Budgeted Carry Forward	Revised Carry Forward	Budgeted New FY24 Funds	Revised FY24 New Funds	FY24 Adopted Budget	FY24 Revised Budget	Variance
Beach Program	1,556,000	1,842,216	3,000,000	3,000,000	4,556,000	4,842,216	286,216
Pathway Program	2,385,000	2,992,085	2,425,000	2,425,000	4,810,000	5,417,085	607,085
Roadway Program	3,892,020	3,397,753	2,312,445	3,337,170	6,204,465	6,734,923	530,458
Park Program	5,350,000	5,691,949	3,779,500	3,780,220	9,129,500	9,472,169	342,669
Facilities & Equipment Program	950,000	2,238,936	5,613,696	5,814,147	6,563,696	8,053,083	1,489,387
Fleet Program	7,518,420	7,489,466	811,000	839,954	8,329,420	8,329,420	-
Land Acquisition Administration	290,000	85,041	110,000	314,959	400,000	400,000	-
Land Acquisition	-	-	-	11,927,000	-	11,927,000	11,927,000
Totals	21,941,440	23,737,446	18,051,641	31,438,450	39,993,081	55,175,896	15,182,815

3. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) SPENDING PLAN:

a. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Reallocation:

The Community Development Department has been engaged in implementing both the Home Safe and Repair Program and the Lateral Sewer Connection Program authorized by Town Council. The initial spending plan that was approved in 2021 provided for the following allocations:

- Community Foundation of the Lowcountry Grant - $1,000,000
- Town Hall Security and Technology Improvements - $1,000,000
- Workforce Housing Development/Infrastructure - $1,000,000
- Home Safe and Repair Program - $400,000
- Lateral Sewer Connections - $200,000
- Public Infrastructure (TBD) - $1,627,178

Based on the success of both the Home Safe and Repair and Lateral Sewer Connection Programs, the adopted Fiscal Year 2024 budget, it included a reallocation of additional funding for both of these programs thereby increasing the total funding available for these efforts as follows:

- Home Safe and Repair Program - $200,000 in reallocation funding from Public Infrastructure (TBD) which results in $600,000 in cumulative project funding.
- Lateral Sewer Connections - $100,000 in reallocation funding from

Public Infrastructure (TBD) which results in $300,000 in cumulative project funding.

Due to the success of both of these programs, the Town has received more requests for assistance than it currently has in available in Town Council approved funding that would be needed to fulfill these outstanding requests. Staff is therefore proposing a further reallocation of $969,158 in funding from Public Infrastructure (TBD) with $899,741 being allocated to the Home Safe and Repair program and

$69,417 being allocated to the Lateral Sewer Connection program. A spreadsheet outlining these proposed amendments is enclosed as Attachment 6.

A current status update on the Home Safe and Repair program is as follows:

- The Home Safe and Repair program has qualified 96 of the 123 applications that it has received.
- Of these 96 qualified applications, 19 projects have been completed at a cost of $166,563.48.
- 29 projects have jobs that are pending or are otherwise under contract at a cost of $403,205.
- Staff anticipates being able to complete all of the 62 additional projects if the proposed reallocation of funds is adopted.
- Any remaining projects will be identified for possible inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

A current status update on the Lateral Sewer Connection program is as follows:The Lateral Sewer Connection program has qualified 35 of the 37 applications that it has received.

- Of these 35 applications, 24 projects have been completed and an additional 3 projects are pending at a total cost of $288,417.
- There are 8 projects remaining that staff anticipate being able to complete if the proposed reallocation of funds is adopted.
- The successful completion of these 8 projects would leave no outstanding applications remaining within the program.

The Town Council is requested to provide policy guidance on the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2024 budget which include recommendations to transfer Fiscal Year 2023 unspent funds, rolling forward of Fiscal Year 2023 unspent Capital Improvement Project funds, to allocate funding for the Town's land acquisitions, and allocate Affiliated Agency funding for the Coastal Community Development Corporation and the Hilton Head Regional Habitat for Humanity. Additionally, the Town Council is requested to provide policy guidance on proposed amendments to the adopted American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) spending plan which if approved, would allow for the completion of qualified projects between now and the end of the current calendar year.

Mayor Perry asked for public comment.

Melinda Tunner addressed Council questioning why the item was not presented to the Finance & Administrative Committee first. She also questioned the Beach Parking allocation to move unspent operating dollars from fiscal year 2023 to fiscal year 2024 and are the funds earmarked for specific projects.

Skip Hoagland addressed Council and questioned the numbers within the document and the need for review by an outside expert CPA along with a forensic audit to be conducted.

Following comments, Mr. Ames moved to approve. Mr. Alfred seconded.

Ms. Becker moved to amend the ordinance to have the Coastal Community Development Corporation and the Hilton Head Regional Habitat for Humanity removed from the list to be voted on separately. Motion failed for the lack of a second.

Following review of each item in detail and comments and questions posed by Council, the motion carried 5-2 (Perry and Becker opposed).

Consideration of an Ordinance of the Town of Hilton Head Island authorizing the Execution of an Easement Encumbering Property to be Owned by the Town of Hilton Head Island Identified as PIN:R510 008 000 0460 0000, under the Authority of South Carolina Code 5-7-40 and 2-7-20, Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date - First Reading - Josh Gruber, Deputy Town Manager

Mr. Gruber conducted a presentation. At its meeting on March 5, 2024, the Town Council authorized the Mayor and Town Manager to enter into a contract with Herbert Ford to purchase real property located on Marshland Road in connection with the planned development of Patterson Park. The terms and conditions of the March 5, 2024, Contract, obligate the Town to execute and deliver an easement to Herbert Ford authorizing access across the Town Property and the placement of underground utilities and drainage lines on the Town Property.

Under the terms and conditions of the March 5, 2024, Contract, the execution and delivery of the easement is to take place at the Closing of the Town's purchase of the Town Property. To lawfully authorize such an action, the Town Council must adopt an Ordinance authorizing the granting of this easement.

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

Executive Session

Discussion of Appointment to Boards, Commissions, Committees [Pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act Section 30-4-70 (a)(1)(2)] related to:

1. Housing Action Committee

Receipt of Legal Advice from the Town Attorney on Matters Covered Under the Attorney-Client Privilege [Pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act Section 30-4-70(a)(2)] related to:

1. Beaufort County v. Town of Hilton Head Island (Law Enforcement Fee)

Mayor Perry asked the Town Manager if there was a need to enter Executive Session. Mr. Orlando stated there was a need regarding the items listed above.

At 4:47 p.m. Mr. Ames moved to enter into Executive Session for the reasons cited by the Town Manager. Mr. Stanford seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

At 5:20 p.m. Mr. Ames moved to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Alfred seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Action from Executive Session

Mr. Ames moved to authorize the removal of Candace Birkenhauer from the Housing Action Committee. Ms. Brison seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Ames moved Council appoint the following members to the Housing Action Committee: Janet Fantano - term to expire on 06/30/2026; Dennis Crawford - term to expire 06/30/2025; Katie Varin - term to expire 06/30/2026. Ms. Brison seconded. Motion carried 6-1 (Becker opposed).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Approved: May 7, 2024

Kimberly Gammon, Town Clerk

Alan R. Perry, Mayor

The recording of this Meeting can be found on the Town's website at www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov