



Town of Hilton Head Island PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 2:00 PM Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chairman Siebold called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Those present were: Brue Siebold, Chairman; Mark O'Neil, Vice-Chairman; Albert Mealer; Tom Henz; Chuck Lobaugh; and John Campbell. Absent were: Ellen Whaley, Rick D'Arienzo, and Joe DuBois.

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Adoption of the Agenda

There being no changes, a motion to adopt the agenda as presented was made by Mr. Henz and seconded by Mr. Lobaugh. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2024 will be approved at the April 17, 2024 meeting.

5. Appearance by Citizens

Public comments concerning agenda items were to be submitted electronically via the Open Town Hall Portal. No comments were received. Public comments concerning non-agenda items were solicited. Sharon Schermerhorn spoke concerning damage being done to the dunes by beachgoers, more signage required, and the need for dune protection and ecosystem educational flyers. Frank Babel expressed the importance of improvements to the transportation system for the labor force, which he noted was as important as workforce housing.

6. Unfinished Business

None.

7. New Business

- a. Capital Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2025 Priority Projects

Chairman Siebold noted that the purpose of today's meeting is to focus on the 62 projects that are being suggested by Town's staff as a priority for Fiscal Year 2025, along with carryovers from FY2024 that are either in progress or well along, and those projected future projects in the CIP Program for FY2026-2029. Bryan McIlwee, Director of Public

Projects & Facilities, presented a list of proposed priority projects for FY25 that has been prepared for consideration in the FY25 budget, a copy of which was included in the agenda packet. This list was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission at its March 14, 2024, meeting, and with the addition of the South Forest Beach Drive pathway project being moved forward in FY2025, it is the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission that the Draft FY25 Proposed Priority Projects be approved by the Planning Commission and its recommendation be provided to Town Council prior to their budget deliberations in May 2024. Mr. McIlwee pointed out the list contained both projects carried over from FY2024, new projects and maintenance for existing projects for FY2025, and future projects planned for FY2026-2029,

Mr. McIlwee presented a broad overview of the various projects on the list and answered questions posed by the Commission members. After discussion comments from the public were solicited, and Mr. Babel commented on the great Town staff relationship with the biking community, how important it is for biking and trolleys to be encouraged and emphasized as alternative access to the beaches to alleviate additional parking spaces for autos, and better marketing and bike racks for Town parks.

After further discussion among the Commission members, a motion to send a recommendation from the Planning Commission to Town Council for approval of the FY2025 Priority Projects for inclusion in the FY2025 budget with the condition that priority be given to Corridor Segment 1, US Highway 278 at Spanish Wells, and add to the scope that portion of the road between US Highway 278 and Jonesville Road due to increased pedestrian and vehicular traffic and the successful business now located at 2 Spanish Wells Road, and alleviate the illegal parking on both sides of the road at that location, all of which pose concerns for safety and continued traffic problems was made by Mr. Henz and seconded by Mr. Mealer. The motion was passed unanimously.

8. Commission Business

None.

9. Chairman's Report

None.

10. Staff Reports

None.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was declared adjourned at 2:43 PM.

APPROVED: April 17, 2024

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