



Town of Hilton Head Island

EMERGENCY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 6, 2024, 9:30 AM

Minutes

Call to Order

Mayor Perry called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Council Members present: Alan Perry, Mayor, Alex Brown, Ward 1; Patsy Brison, Ward 2; Tammy Becker, Ward 4; Steve Alfred, Ward 5; Glenn Stanford, Ward 6

Council Members absent: David Ames, Ward 3, Mayor Pro-Tempore

Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Stanford moved to approve. Ms. Becker seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Review of Town of Hilton Head Island Municipal Code Section 7-7-20 - Curtis Coltrane, Town Attorney

Mayor Perry invited Mr. Coltrane to conduct a review of the Code.

Mr. Coltrane explained the Code authorizes the Mayor to declare a State of Emergency at the Town when there is an emergency that threatens or endangers lives and property. He stated this is done by a public proclamation by the Mayor which was issued August 5, 2024 following the declaration of a State of Emergency by the Governor of the State of South Carolina which was followed by a declaration of a State of Emergency by Beaufort County. He explained that by holding this meeting, Council has met its obligation required by Code.

Town of Hilton Head Island Declaration of State of Emergency - Mayor Alan Perry

Mayor Perry invited Mr. Orlando to explain what the Declaration by the State provides for the Town of Hilton Head Island.

Mr. Orlando explained that basically the declaration allows the Town to be reimbursed for the work being done after the fact and allows the Mayor to enact any certain contract that Council may have or need to have along the way. He added that it also declares to the Community, from a perspective of the State of Emergency, the Town is on call and standby and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is activated.

Mayor Perry invited Chief Blankenship and Tom Dunn, Emergency Manager to review what had transpired over the past 24 to 36 hours.

Mr. Dunn reported the EOC has been fully functioning since Monday morning noting that a lot of work had gone on before that, but they officially opened yesterday. He explained Fire Rescue has responded to 15 downed trees with one landing on a structure. He stated Palmetto Electric reported 5,700 power outages last evening and

all have been restored with the exception of about 200 customers for which they have crews on site and are working on restoring. Storm water staff has been out in the field and are closely monitoring the system as well as ensuring drains are cleared. Staff continues to work with our partners in lowering lagoons to make sure there is capacity for additional water. Fire Rescue has upstaffed the engines and medics along with having three boat crews in place. As of this morning the total rainfall over the last 24 hours is at about 10 inches by our gauges.

Chief Blankenship reassured all that Fire Rescue is ready to respond along with the number of staff members at the EOC.

It was noted that the Mayor and Town Manager are meeting regularly with members at the EOC to receive reports concerning what has transpired and the plans to respond.

Town Council Discussion

Council member asked questions, made comments and held discussion regarding: inquiry into injuries; confirmation that there have been no storm-related injuries reported at this point; inquiry regarding ponding on the roads; confirmation there has been localized flooding in usual spots and Storm Water staff is addressing isolated flooding regularly and there have been no road closures at this point during the storm; confirmation that there were no injuries from the tree that fell on a structure; appreciation expressed regarding the MyHHI Mobile app Dashboard that has been activated; inquiry into upcoming preparations; and confirmation the storm is not over and there are at least 44-48 hours that need to be monitored closely as yesterday's event could recur.

Mayor Perry encouraged all Council members to email their contact list with updates regarding the storm.

Mr. Orlando thanked Mayor Perry for his support and involvement and thanked Council members for passing on information regarding their concerns and thoughts regarding the storm. He requested all to encourage citizens to utilize the MyHHI mobile application.

Adjournment

At 9:41 a.m. Ms. Brison moved to adjourn. Mr. Stanford seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Approved: August 20, 2024



Alan R. Perry, Mayor



Kimberly Gammon, Town Clerk

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