

TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Town Council – Work Session

April 11, 2023

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Minutes

Call to Order – Roll Call – Freedom of Information

Mayor Gregg called the April 11, 2023, Town Council Work Session to order at 1:00PM. Councilwomen Finke and Fox, Councilmen Goldstein and Kortvelesy, Town Administrator Joe Cronin, Zoning Administrator Tyler Newman, and Town Clerk Katharine Watkins participated in the meeting. The Town Clerk confirmed that notice of the meeting was properly posted, and the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act had been met.

Due to a COVID exposure at Town Hall, the Work Session was made virtual via Zoom.

Mayor John Gregg

- Update Concerning Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mayor Gregg noted that on April 7, proposed updates for the Town's "Action Report" for the 2023 update of the Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan were submitted to and acknowledged by Charleston County. With that submission, it was noted that the Town would rely on updates of data by Charleston County for the Town's "Problem Assessment" portion of the Plan update.

- Update Concerning Receipt of Mitigation Grant Funding (SIUC Grant Application)

Mayor Gregg noted that on April 5, the Town received payment of \$200,533.59 as reimbursement under a Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") grant application by Seabrook Island Utility Commission for pump station generators procured under a FEMA hazard mitigation program associated with hurricane Irma (September 2017).

- Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee Update

Mayor Gregg noted at the upcoming Town Council Regular Meeting in May, there will be an item on the agenda to remove Mr. Joe Pontuti from the Accommodations Tax (ATAX) Advisory Committee. Mr. Pontuti no longer is a representative of the Club, and Town Clerk Watkins noted that the Town has reached out to Mr. Pontuti to confirm that he no longer wishes to serve on the committee.

Town Clerk Watkins summarized the qualifications needed to serve on the ATAX Advisory Committee as specified in State Law.

Town Council Members:

- **Jeri Finke**

None.

- **Patricia Fox**

Councilwoman Fox noted the Community Promotions & Engagement Committee next meeting will be held on April 20th at 1:00PM.

Councilwoman Fox summarized the communications from the Town and the recent long range planning meeting with the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA).

- **Barry Goldstein**

None.

- **Dan Kortvelesy**

Councilman Kortvelesy noted the upcoming Public Safety Committee next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 18th at 10:00am.

Town Administrator Joe Cronin

- Action Items for April 25, 2023, Meeting

- Ordinance 2023-03: An ordinance authorizing and directing the Town of Seabrook Island to enter into an intergovernmental agreement relating to South Carolina Local Revenue Services; to participate in one or more local revenue services programs; to execute and deliver one or more participant program supplements; and other matters relating thereto (*Public Hearing and Second Reading*)
- Local Revenue Services Agreement: Agreement concerning with the Municipal Association of South Carolina for the Town's participation in South Carolina Local Revenue Services.

Town Clerk Watkins summarized Ordinance 2023-03 for second reading and the Local Revenue Services Agreement associated with Ordinance 2023-03.

- Items for Information

- Discussion of letter from the mayor in opposition to Proviso 113.11 in the State General Appropriations Bill (2023-24) Passed in the S.C. House on March 15th, 2023.

Town Clerk Watkins and Town Administrator Cronin summarized Proviso 113.11 in the State General Appropriations Bill (2023-24) Passed in the S.C. House on March 15th, 2023, and how the Town would be impacted.

Town Council voted unanimously to write a letter to both Senate and House Representatives for Seabrook Island in opposition to Proviso 113.11.

Other Action Items

- Res. 2023-24: A resolution to appoint and commission Cassandra Albenesius as a Code Enforcement Officer for the proper security and general welfare of the Town of Seabrook Island

Zoning Administrator Newman summarized Ms. Albenesius qualifications for the position.

Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Resolution 2023-24; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor.

Resolution 2023-24 passed.

Adjourn

Councilwoman Finke moved to adjourn; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 1:24PM.

Date: April 24, 2023

Prepared by: *Katharine E. Watkins*
Town Clerk/Treasurer