

TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Town Council Meeting

August 22, 2023 – 2:30 PM



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AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Roll Call – Freedom of Information – Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gregg called the August 22, 2023, Town Council Regular Meeting to order at 2:30PM. Councilwoman Finke, Councilmen Goldstein and Kortvelesy, Town Administrator Joe Cronin, Zoning Administrator Newman, Communications & Events Manager Robin Ochoa (virtual), and, Administrator Newman, and Assistant Town Administrator Katharine Watkins participated in the meeting. The Assistant Town Administrator confirmed the requirements of the SC Freedom of Information Act have been satisfied.

2. Approval of Minutes:

- Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes – July 25, 2023
- Town Council Work Session Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2023
- Town Council Budget Workshop Minutes – August 11, 2023

Councilwoman Finke moved to approve the previous meeting minutes of July 25th; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor.

The previous meeting minutes of July 25th were approved.

Councilwoman Finke moved to approve the previous meeting minutes of August 8th; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor.

The previous meeting minutes of August 8th were approved.

Councilwoman Finke moved to approve the previous meeting minutes of August 11th; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor.

The previous meeting minutes of August 11th were approved.

3. Presentations:

None.

4. Public Hearing Items:

- Ord. 2023-06: An ordinance annexing Charleston County Tax Map Number 204-00-00-010 containing approximately 17.75 +/- acres at 4484 Betsy Kerrison Parkway.
- Ord. 2023-07: An ordinance adopting a Mixed-Use Concept Plan and Development Conditions for the Andell Mixed Use project.

Mayor Gregg noted that the applicant withdrew their request for annexation and did not open the public hearing.

5. Citizens Comments:

Mayor Gregg noted that in lieu of the application being withdrawn, those who have signed up to speak during the public hearing if they wish to speak during the first citizen comments.

Steven Pugh, no address given, inquired about the withdrawal of the request for annexation.

Rich Thomas, Betsy Kerrison Parkway, commented against the withdrawn annexation request.

Mary Jo Manning, no address given, inquired about the status of the rezoning, and commented on the rezoning request made in the withdrawn application.

Ava Kleinman, no address given, commented on the withdrawn annexation request, and inquired about the process for the rezoning request.

Lydia McDonald, no address given, commented against withdrawn annexation request.

6. Reports of Town Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- **Advisory Committees**

- Community Promotions and Engagement Committee

Mayor Gregg summarized the recent Community Promotions and Engagement Committee meeting held on August 17th, 2023.

- Environment and Wildlife Committee

Councilwoman Finke noted there was no Environment and Wildlife Committee meeting for August.

- Public Safety Committee

Councilman Kortvelesy summarized the recent Public Safety Committee meeting held on August 15th.

Discussions were had with members of the audience.

- Public Works Committee

Councilman Goldstein updated the council on the status of Seabrook Island Road project.

Discussions were had with members of the audience.

- **Special Committees**

None.

- **Ad Hoc Committees**

Councilwoman Finke updated the council on the status of the proposed short-term rental changes.

- **Board of Zoning Appeals**

None.

- **Planning Commission**

None.

- **State Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee**

None.

- **Utility Commission**

Commissioner Smith-Jones summarized the meeting of August 16th and the financials and operations for the month of July.

Discussions were had with members of the audience.

7. Reports Town Officers:

- **Mayor**

- Update from Informal Meeting with Representatives of SIPOA and Club

Mayor Gregg updated the council of a meeting had with representatives of the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) and the Seabrook Island Club (SIC).

- Update for Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee

Mayor Gregg updated the council on the status of the Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

- **Town Administrator**

- Construction Update for Seafields Senior Living Facility (Kiawah Island)

Town Administrator Cronin updated the council on the status of the Seafields Senior Living Facility on Kiawah Island.

Town Administrator Cronin updated the council on the status of MUSC in relation to potentially relocating the site for their facility.

Discussions were had with members of council and of the audience.

- Update on Andell West Rezoning Request (Charleston County)

Town Administrator Cronin updated the council on the status of Andell West in Charleston County.

Discussions were had with members of the audience.

- **Assistant Town Administrator**

- Report of Financials for the Month of July 2023

Assistant Town Administrator Watkins noted the financials were not submitted and will report on these financials when we have received them.

- **Town Attorney**

None.

- **Zoning Administrator**

- Code Enforcement Summary

Zoning Administrator Newman summarized the code enforcement summary since the previous Council meeting.

- **Communications & Events Manager**

None.

8. Ordinances for Second Reading:

None.

9. Ordinances for First Reading:

- Ord. 2023-06: An ordinance annexing Charleston County Tax Map Number 204-00-00-010 containing approximately 17.75 +/- acres at 4484 Betsy Kerrison Parkway.
- Ord. 2023-07: An ordinance adopting a Mixed-Use Concept Plan and Development Conditions for the Andell Mixed Use project.

Councilwoman Finke moved to postponed Ord. 2023-06 and 2023-07 indefinitely; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded.

Discussions were had with members of the council and members of the audience.

Town Administrator Cronin stated the following: "If there is another application at any point in the future it will be a new application and will require new ordinances."

Using the original motion, a vote was taken; all voted in favor.

Ord. 2023-06 and 2023-07 were postponed indefinitely.

- Ord. 2023-10: An ordinance relating to the recovery of collection costs as part of delinquent debts collected pursuant to the setoff debt collection act.

Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Ord. 2023-10; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor.

Ord. 2023-10 passed first reading.

10. Other Action Items

- Vehicle on Beach Request for the Seabrook Island Natural History Group (SINHG) on Monday September 25th and Wednesday October 11th

Councilwoman Finke moved to approve the vehicle on the beach request; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor.

The request for the Seabrook Island Natural History Group (SINHG) on Monday September 25th and Wednesday October 11th was approved.

- Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment: Appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals for the vacant term ending 2025.

Councilwoman Finke nominated Chuck Cross to the Board of Zoning Appeals; Councilman Goldstein seconded. All voted in favor.

Chuck Cross was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals to fulfill the unexpired term.

Correction note: the unexpired term of John Fox expires in December 2025 not December 2024 as stated in the meeting.

A discussion was had when the applications for the proposed applicants were received, and the Asst. Town Administrator Watkins and Town Administrator clarified the process for volunteers.

11. Items for Information or Discussion:

None.

12. Citizen Comments:

Rich Thomas, 4463 Betsy Kerrison Pkwy, commented on items brought up during the meeting related to development in the area.

13. Council Comments

None.

14. Adjournment

Councilwoman Finke moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Goldstein seconded. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 4:23PM.

Date: August 22nd, 2023

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