

# TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Town Council – Budget Workshop

October 19, 2022

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## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gregg called the October 19, 2022, Town Council Budget Workshop to order at 1:00PM. Councilwomen Finke and Fox, Councilmen Goldstein and Kortvelesy, Town Administrator Cronin, Zoning Administrator Newman, and Short-Term Rental Compliance Manager Nettles attended. The Town Administrator confirmed that notice of the meeting was properly posted, and the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act had been met.

### BUDGET WORKSHOP

1. Discussion of the City of Folly Beach's Marshfront Management Plan: Aaron Pope, City Administrator and Dr. Nicole Elko, Coastal Consultants

Mayor Gregg introduced City Administrator Pope and Dr. Elko from Coastal Consultants.

City Administrator Pope summarized reasons the City of Folly Beach created a Marshfront Management Plan and introduced Dr. Elko with Coastal Consultants who developed the plan.

Dr. Elko noted the Marshfront Management Plan for the City of Folly Beach and the similar planning by the Town of Kiawah Island are responsive to sea level rise, regulate development, and address mitigation of erosion at marsh front areas.

A discussion was had on the timeline for the creation of the City of Folly Beach Marshfront Management Plan and the plan for the Town of Kiawah Island, indicating that the plans serve as sea level rise adaptation plans.

A discussion was had on funding for projects reflecting planned marsh front management. It was noted that planning necessitated determination of the portion of total area comprising marsh and mapping of marsh areas.

Council clarified who is the regulating authority in the marsh with regards to the State and the Town.

It was noted that the Marshfront Management Plan for the City of Folly Beach is reviewed at 5 year intervals as done for the Comprehensive Plan and Beach Front Management Plan.

A discussion was had on how the Marshfront Management Plan is set up with the Town of Kiawah vs. Folly Beach.

A discussion was had on the authority best suited to regulating the marshes as between the Town and the Property Owners Association

A discussion was had on reasons the Town should create a Marshfront Management Plan.

A discussion was had on the various types of marshes located within the barrier island communities.

A discussion was had on different states and countries that have implemented Marshfront management plans.

A discussion was had on combining a sea level rise adaptation plan with the Marshfront Management Plan in view of the linkage of sea level rise to marsh front management.

A discussion was had on various funding opportunities available after a plan is adopted.

A discussion was had on utilizing information gathered by the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) on sea level rise and flooding to assist development of a marsh front management plan for the Town.

A discussion was had as to the need to go out to bid via an RFQ to move forward with development of a plan for the Town.

A discussion was had on the drainage plan created by SIPOA and working with them when creating these plans.

## **2. Review and Discussion of Draft FY 2023 Budget**

- Discussion of potential MUSC Donation to the new Medical Facility
- Final FY 2023 Budget Wrap-Up

Town Administrator Cronin noted the changes made to the proposed FY 2023 budget from the previous Budget Workshops.

A discussion was had on the funds used for Beach Patrol with regards to State ATAX and Local ATAX.

A discussion was had on including a line item in the budget for a potential contribution to MUSC for the new Medical Facility in the amount of \$100,000.00.

A discussion was had on the process for making a potential contribution to MUSC.

A discussion was had on where the potential funds for a contribution to MUSC would come from.

A discussion was had on budget sources for the potential contribution to MUSC.

A discussion was had on matching citizen contributions to MUSC with provisions as needed.

**ADJOURN**

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:21PM.

Date: October 21, 2022

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