

Town Council Regular Meeting

August 27, 2024 @ 2:30 PM

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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL & FOIA STATEMENT

Mayor Kleinman called the August 27th, 2024, Town Council Regular Meeting to order at 2:33 PM. Councilmen Hamilton, Kortvelesy, May (virtual), and Weis were present. Staff present were the Town Administrator Joe Cronin, Communications & Events Manager Abby Grooms, Zoning Administrator & Chief Code Enforcement Officer Tyler Newman, and Assistant Town Administrator Katharine Watkins. The Assistant Town Administrator confirmed the requirements of the SC Freedom of Information Act have been satisfied.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Town Council Regular Meeting: July 23, 2024

Mayor Kleinman moved to reconsider item 5A in the previous meeting minutes; Councilman Weis seconded. All voted in favor.

The motion to reconsider item 5A was approved.

Councilman Hamilton moved to approve the previous meeting minutes of July 23; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor.

The previous meeting minutes of July 23rd were approved.

B. Town Council Work Session: August 12, 2024

Councilman Weis moved to approve the previous meeting minutes; Councilman Hamilton seconded. All voted in favor.

The previous meeting minutes of August 12th were approved.

3. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

There are no Public Hearing Items

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Drone Regulations: Jeff Davis, Seabrook Island Photography Club

Mayor Kleinman noted the presentation time was extended to 15 minutes and introduced Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis presented drone regulations and how they are applied to Seabrook Island.

Discussions were had with members of the council and Mr. Davis.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

6. REPORTS OF TOWN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

A. Advisory Committees

- Community Promotion and Engagement Committee: Bruce Kleinman, Chair
 - Reconsideration of the awarding of a Community Promotion Grant to SBI Fun Connection in the amount of \$1,550.00 (*Executive Session Item; Action Item*)

Mayor Kleinman moved to approve the amended application by SBI Fun Connection, and no part of the grant be used for funds outside of the scope of the approved application; Councilman May seconded.

Discussions were had with members of council.

Using the motion, a vote was taken:

Ayes: May, Kleinman

Nays: Hamilton, Weis, Kortvelesy

The motion failed.

Councilman Kortvelesy moved to approve the SBI Fun Connection to \$1,050.00; Councilman Weis seconded.

Discussions were had with members of council.

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

The request by SBI Fun Connection was approved in the amount of \$1050.00.

- Recommendation to approve the awarding of a Community Promotion Grant to the Seabrook Island Veteran Club in the amount of \$1,960.00 (*Action Item*)

Mayor Kleinman summarized the Seabrook Island Veteran Club grant request in the amount of \$1,960.00.

Discussions were had with members of council.

Councilman Weis moved to approve the Seabrook Island Veteran Club grant request in the amount of \$1,960.00; Councilman May seconded. All voted in favor.

The Seabrook Island Veteran Club grant request was approved.

- Environment and Wildlife Committee: Gordon Weis, Chair

Councilman Weis noted there will be a “All About Snakes” meeting on September 10th at 7:00 PM at the Lake House.

Councilman Weis updated members of council on the status of the marsh front management plan.

Discussions were had with members of council.

- Public Safety Committee: Dan Kortvelesy, Chair
 - Appointment of Leslie Baylis to fill the unexpired term of Frank Farfone

Councilman Kortvelesy summarized the August Public Safety Committee meeting for members of council.

Councilman Kortvelesy moved to appoint Leslie Baylis to the Public Safety Committee to fill the unexpired term of Frank Farfone; Councilman Weis seconded. All voted in favor.

Ms. Baylis was appointed to the Public Safety Committee.

B. Special Committees:

- Special Committee on Finance: Raymond Hamilton, Chair

Councilman Hamilton summarized the July 24th Special Committee on Finance Meeting.

C. Board of Zoning Appeals: No report

D. Planning Commission: No report

E. **State Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee**: No report

F. **Utility Commission**: Jim Ferland, Chair

Commissioner Ferland reported the Utility Commission financials and operations of July 2024 and updates on pending projects.

Discussions were had with members of council.

7. REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS

A. **Mayor**

- What's Happenin'
 - Discussion of goings on for the Town of Seabrook Island Government

Mayor Kleinman updated members of council on the status of the encroachment permit with MUSC.

Mayor Kleinman updated members of council on the letter submitted to Charleston County for the Charleston County Climate Action Plan.

Mayor Kleinman summarized the Chow Town Food Truck Rodeo's had this summer and noted the upcoming Holiday Extravaganza will be on December 12th.

Mayor Kleinman addressed the comments relayed to Mayor Kleinman regarding proposed false bonds obtained by the town.

Discussions were had with members of council.

B. **Town Administrator**

- Update regarding EV Chargers at Town Hall

Town Administrator Cronin updated members of council on the status of the EV Chargers at Town Hall.

- Reschedule Budget Workshop

Town Administrator Cronin noted the October 15th budget workshop may be rescheduled due to another conflict.

C. **Assistant Town Administrator**

- Report of Financials for the Month of July 2024

Assistant Town Administrator Watkins presented the July 2024 financials.

Discussions were had with members of council.

D. Zoning Administrator

- Code Enforcement Summary

Zoning Administrator Newman summarized the code enforcement activity since the last town council meeting.

- Beach Patrol Summary

Zoning Administrator Newman summarized the beach patrol activity since the last town council meeting.

Discussions were had with members of council.

E. Communication & Events Manager

No update.

8. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

There are no Ordinances for Second Reading

9. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

There are no Ordinances for First Reading

10. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

There are no Other Action Items

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

There are no Items for Information or Discussion

12. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

A. Discussion of Personnel Matters (Town Clerk)

B. Receipt of Legal Advice (Community Promotion Grant: SBI Fun Connection)

Councilman Weis moved to enter into executive session; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor.

The council entered into executive session at 3:55 PM.

Councilman Kortvelesy moved to enter into open session; Councilman Weis seconded. All voted in favor.

The council entered into open session at 4:27 PM.

Councilman Weis moved to appoint Peter D. Wiggins II as the Town Clerk; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor.

Mr. Wiggins was appointed as Town Clerk.

14. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Kleinman updated members of council on the status of the proposed changes to short-term rentals and tentative timeline. Discussions were had with members of council.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Weis moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM.

Date: August 27, 2024

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