

TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Town Council – Work Session

January 10, 2023

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MINUTES

Call to Order – Roll Call – Freedom of Information

Mayor Gregg called the January 10, 2023, Town Council Work Session to order at 1:00PM. Councilwomen Finke and Fox, Councilman Kortvelesy, Town Administrator Cronin, and Town Clerk Watkins participated in the meeting. Councilman Goldstein was absent. The Town Clerk confirmed that notice of the meeting was properly posted, and the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act had been met.

Mayor John Gregg

- Anonymous Public Comment Disposition

Mayor Gregg noted that at the end of the year, the Town received a paper document directed to the Mayor and containing anonymous comments reciting allegations of activities at a local business. The allegations were vague and unsubstantiated. An image of the receipt date stamped document was subsequently posted on NEXTDOOR. Mayor Gregg reminded everyone that false statements harmful to the reputation of a business are not appropriate for publication by the Town. In this instance, the circumstances would not allow the Town to assess the truthfulness of the statements made. Hence, the Town will not further disseminate the comments.

- Request for Legal Advice (Seabrook Island Utility Commission Appointments)

Mayor Greg noted that as a follow-up to comments made in connection with the most recent appointment to the Seabrook Island Utility Commission, he requested that the Town Attorney meet with Council to discuss members concerns with the challenges of the current regime for election of Commissioners for six years terms.

- MUSC Presentation Follow-up

Mayor Gregg noted that he received a follow-up from MUSC in respect of the presentation made to Council concerning the proposed new facility within the Town and wished to know whether any members of Council have any lingering questions for MUSC that were not addressed by the presentation made at the end of last year.

A discussion was had on a matching fund campaign (Town matching of individual donations) and the desire to have MUSC work out a program for a matching fund within the community.

A discussion was had on the determination of where the donated funds would be allocated to this project.

Council inquired and discussed the announcements from MUSC for this project going through the Town of Kiawah Island rather than the Town of Seabrook Island.

Town Council Members:

○ **Jeri Finke**

Councilwoman Finke noted the Environment and Wildlife Committee will meet on January 12th and will try to have another meeting in January as there was no December meeting.

○ **Patricia Fox**

Councilwoman Fox summarized the communications report from December 13th through January 10th.

○ **Barry Goldstein**

None.

○ **Dan Kortvelesy**

Councilman Kortvelesy summarized the previous Public Safety Committee meeting of December 20th.

Town Administrator Joe Cronin

○ Update on the Town Hall Garage

Town Administrator Cronin updated Council on the status of the proposed Town Garage Facility.

A discussion was had on the status of the Berkeley Electric Cooperative charging stations and how this will be impacted by construction of the proposed Town Hall Garage.

○ Franchise Agreement Update (Berkeley Electric Cooperative & Dominion Energy)

Town Administrator Cronin updated Council on the status of the updated Franchise Agreement with Berkeley Electric Cooperative and Dominion Energy.

○ AirMedCare Membership Update

Town Administrator Cronin noted the Town renewed the AirMedCare Membership (Municipal Site License) Island wide and summarized how this membership benefits the Town's residents.

Town Administrator Cronin added the Town is working with a representative of AirMedCare to have a presentation for residents who would like more information on what AirMedCare is, as they consider purchasing available nationwide service.

○ FY 2023 Beach Patrol Contract

Town Administrator Cronin updated Council on the preferred option for the Town's updated contract with Beach Patrol.

A discussion was had on the Public Safety Committee's recommendation for the updated Beach Patrol contract for FY2023.

- Communication & Events Manager Update

Town Administrator Cronin updated Council on the status of the Communications & Events Manager position.

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:31 PM.

Date: January 13th, 2023

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Town Clerk/Treasurer