

TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Town Council – Work Session
February 14, 2023

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Call to Order – Roll Call – Freedom of Information

Mayor Gregg called the February 14, 2023, Town Council Work Session to order at 1:00PM. Councilwomen Finke and Fox, Councilmen Goldstein and Kortvelesy, Town Administrator Cronin, and Town Clerk 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.

Mayor John Gregg

- Update from Discussion with MUSC (Donation Matching)

Mayor Gregg summarized a meeting had on February 1st with Councilwoman Fox and representatives of MUSC concerning the Town's inquiry about the potential for MUSC support for the Town matching donations of residents for the proposed medical facility.

A discussion was had on the backup included in the agenda packet which appears that Council has committee to the donation of funds rather than as a place holder.

- Update on the Town's Request for Public Assistance (Hurricane Ian)

Mayor Gregg noted that as of 2 February, the status of the Town's Request for Public Assistance in response to Hurricane Ian was shown as "obligated", meaning that FEMA's review of the Towns Request has resulted in approval for grant funding. FEMA's share is 75% of the approved amount and the State of South Carolina's share is 25% of the approved amount. The State is responsible for preparing a so-called Funding Agreement which is required before any funds can be dispersed. We are awaiting availability of the Funding Agreement from the State.

Town Council Members:

- **Jeri Finke**

None.

- **Patricia Fox**

Councilwoman Fox summarized the communications from the Town and noted the Community Promotions Grants are available in which the first round of reviews will be held at the Community Promotions and Engagement Committee Meeting on March 16th.

Councilwoman Fox reminded residents of the upcoming spring shred event on Friday April 14th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM.

- **Barry Goldstein**

- Discussion of proposed budget for the Town Hall Annex and Garage

Councilman Goldstein summarized the preliminary cost estimate from the architect for the proposed Town Hall Annex and Garage.

Town Administrator Cronin summarized where funds for this project could be allocated from in the Town's budget.

Council clarified how the other designated funds would be affected with the proposed allocations, when the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds need to be utilized by, and how the Town would be able to use Accommodations Tax (ATAX) funds for this proposed project.

A discussion was had on the cost estimate breakdown from the architect by line item and potential soft costs that are not included in the estimate.

- **Dan Kortvelesy**

Councilman Kortvelesy noted the upcoming Public Safety Committee meeting will be on February 21st and the March 21st meeting will be used as the Disaster Recovery Council.

Town Administrator Joe Cronin

- Action Items for February 28th Town Council Meeting

- 2023 Beach Patrol Contract (Island Beach Services)

Town Administrator Cronin summarized the proposed renewal contract with Island Beach Services for 2023.

- 2023 Dolphin Education Program Contract (Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network)

Town Administrator Cronin summarized the proposed renewal contract with Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network (LMMN) for the Dolphin Education Program for 2023, and updates to the contract from prior years agreements.

Council clarified how LMMN would contact for issues with boats in the inlet with relation to the dolphins and when they report beach violations specifically if they get harassed.

- Emergency Preparedness Services Contract (eGroup)

Town Administrator Cronin noted the emergency preparedness services contract has expired and retroactively approving the contract for 2022 and approving a contact for 2023.

- Items for Information

- Update on Meeting with SCEMD and Charleston County EMD

Town Administrator Cronin summarized the meeting with SCEMD and Charleston County EMD for the proposed changes to the emergency evacuation zones.

- Status Report on Strategic Priorities for 2022-23

Town Administrator Cronin updated Council on the status of the Strategic Priorities for 2022-2023.

Discussions were had on each individual strategic priority.

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:55PM.

Date: February 27, 2023

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Town Clerk/Treasurer