

# TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Town Council Work Session

July 12, 2022 – 1:00PM



## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order – Roll Call – Freedom of Information

Mayor Gregg called the July 12, 2022, Town Council Work Session to order at 1:00PM. Councilwomen Finke and Fox, Councilmen Goldstein (Virtual) and Kortvelesy, Town Administrator Cronin, Zoning Administrator Newman, 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 South Carolina Freedom of Information Act had been met.

### 2. Mayor John Gregg

- Reported Beach Incident (dog bite)

Mayor Gregg summarized a dog bite incident that occurred on July 2<sup>nd</sup> before 10:00am, a time when dogs are allowed to be “off lead” under the Town’s ordinance. Mayor Gregg added that Zoning Administrator Newman spoke with the victim who suggested that the hours for dogs off lead on the beach be changed to fall in line with the hours of operation of Club facilities (pools) at the beach.

Mayor Gregg asked that the Environment and Wildlife Committee consider the report and suggestion of the victim and advise Council of any change to the ordinance that it deems appropriate.

- Update Concerning Adoption of 2019 Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mayor Gregg updated Council that the signed version of Resolution 2022-32 formalizing the Town’s adoption of the Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan was forwarded to Charleston County (Floodplain Management) on June 29. On July 11, further updates of the Town’s Action Plan reflecting aspects of improvements to Seabrook Island Road were forwarded to Charleston County.

- Correction Concerning Charleston County Planning Commission Workshop

Mayor Gregg noted that he incorrectly indicated that a July 11 Charleston County Planning Commission Workshop was directed to consideration of a pending rezoning request. In fact, the rezoning request had been withdrawn and the Workshop was directed to consideration of a proposed Planned Development for the property behind Fresh Fields Village. A corrected notice was published via TIDELINES on July 8.

### 3. Town Council Members:

- **Jeri Finke**

- Discussion of ARPA Funds

Councilwoman Finke asked Mayor Gregg and Town Administrator Cronin to give an update on the use of ARPA funds for the Town.

A discussion was had on potential projects for which the Town can use these funds.

- **Patricia Fox**

Councilwoman Fox updated Council on the most recent communications from the Town, the upcoming Community Promotions and Engagement Committee meeting, and reminded all of the Chow Town Food Truck Rodeo on July 13<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall from 5:00PM to 8:00PM.

- **Barry Goldstein**

Councilman Goldstein updated Council on the status of the garage and roadway.

- **Dan Kortvelesy**

Councilman Kortvelesy updated on the Disaster Recovery Council (“DRC”) June exercise report and the next meeting of the DRC on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM.

#### **4. Town Administrator Joe Cronin**

- FY 2023 Budget Calendar

Town Administrator Cronin summarized the upcoming budget season and timeline. Council discussed when the *Council Pre-Budget Workshop* will be in the beginning of August. It was determined that a 2023 budget “kickoff” meeting would be held on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM.

A discussion was had on the budget process.

- DSO Implementation Update

Town Administrator Cronin and Zoning Administrator Newman updated Council on the status of the DSO Implementation and projects that were waiting for the adoption of the new DSO.

- ATAX Advisory Committee Vacancy (Hospitality/Lodging Representative)

Town Administrator Cronin noted that a member of the ATAX Advisory Committee has stepped down and recommended that representative be from the hospitality industry.

- Update on Beach Patrol Contractor

Town Administrator Cronin noted Beach Patrol will have additional candidates for commissioning as Code Enforcement Officers at the next Town Council Meeting.

- Discussion on Temporary Storage Shed

Tom Administrator Cronin summarized a discussion had with the Building & Grounds Manager for the need to have a temporary storage facility vs. keeping the temporary storage units.

A discussion was had on the timeline and process for the garage.

- Discussion on Increased Code Enforcement Officers

A discussion was had with the Zoning Administrator Newman about the increased presence of code enforcement officers and enforcement on the island.

A discussion on the enforcement of trash can violations and coordination with the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA).

A discussion was had to include a monthly report of the perceived code violations (statistics of violation types and result (warning, summons, other)) at the Town Council meetings.

A discussion was had on making this information available to the public and proposed new software with code enforcement tracking capability.

## 5. Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:20PM.

Date: July 13, 2022

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