

TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Town Council Meeting
September 26, 2023

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order – Roll Call – Freedom of Information – Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gregg called the September 26, 2023, Town Council Regular Meeting to order at 2:30PM. Councilwoman Finke, Councilmen Goldstein and Kortvelesy, Town Administrator Joe Cronin, Zoning Administrator Newman, Communications & Events Manager Robin Ochoa, and, Administrator Newman, and Assistant Town Administrator Katharine Watkins participated in the meeting. The Assistant Town Administrator confirmed the requirements of the SC Freedom of Information Act have been satisfied.

2. Approval of Minutes:

- Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes – August 22, 2023
- Town Council Work Session Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2023

Councilwoman Finke moved to approve the previous meeting minutes of August 22; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor.

The previous meeting minutes of August 22 were approved.

Councilwoman Finke moved to approve the previous meeting minutes of September 12; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor.

The previous meeting minutes of September 12 were approved.

Note: in the minutes of September 12th there is an error. Ord. 2023-08 and 2023-09 were up for first reading, not for second reading.

3. Presentations:

None.

4. Public Hearing Items:

- Ord. 2023-08: An ordinance amending the zoning map of the Town of Seabrook Island so as to change the zoning designation for Charleston County Tax Map Number 149-06-00-016, containing approximately 0.27+/- acres at 2125 Royal Pine Dr, from the Moderate Single Family (R-SF2) District to the Conservation (CP) District.

No comments were made, the public comment period closed at 2:33PM.

- Ord. 2023-09: An ordinance amending the zoning map of the Town of Seabrook Island so as to change the zoning designation for Charleston County Tax Map Number 147-06-00-062, containing approximately 0.27+/- acres at 2156 Royal Pine Dr, from the Moderate Single Family (R-SF2) District to the Conservation (CP) District.

No comments were made, the public comment period closed at 2:35PM.

- Ord. 2023-10: An ordinance relating to the recovery of collection costs as part of delinquent debts collected pursuant to the setoff debt collection act.

No comments were made, the public comment period closed at 2:35PM.

5. Citizens Comments:

Assistant Town Administrator Watkins noted there were no comments submitted prior to the Town Council meeting.

No citizens made comments during this period.

6. Reports of Town Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- **Advisory Committees**

- Community Promotions and Engagement Committee

Mayor Gregg noted the Community Promotions and Engagement Committee did not meet in September and the next meeting will be held on October 19th.

Mayor Gregg summarized the most recent Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) long range planning meeting.

- Environment and Wildlife Committee

Councilwoman Finke summarized the September 14th Environment and Wildlife Committee meeting and noted the upcoming meeting will be held on October 12th.

- Public Safety Committee

Councilman Kortvelesy summarized the September 19th Public Safety Committee meeting.

- Public Works Committee

Councilman Goldstein updated the council on the Seabrook Island Road designs and the proposed Town Hall Annex and Garage project.

Discussions were had on the projects with the council and with members of the audience.

- **Special Committees**

None.

- **Ad Hoc Committees**

Councilwoman Finke updated the council on the status of the proposed changes to the short-term rental ordinance and nuisance ordinance.

Discussions were had on the proposed ordinances with the council and with members of the audience.

- **Board of Zoning Appeals**

None.

- **Planning Commission**

None.

- **State Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee**

None.

- **Utility Commission**

Commissioner Smith-Jones summarized the meeting of September 20th and the financials and operations for the month of August.

Commissioner Smith-Jones noted the upcoming meeting for October 18th will be at 8:30am rather than 9:30am.

7. Reports Town Officers:

- **Mayor**

- Comment Concerning Mayor's Recommended Budget memorandum

Mayor Gregg summarized the mayor's recommended budget.

- Update from meeting with Representatives of SIPOA and Club

Mayor Gregg summarized a meeting had with representatives of SIPOA and the Club.

- Update for Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mayor Gregg updated the council on the status of the Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

- Reminder of October meeting of Community Promotions and Engagement Committee

Mayor Gregg noted the next Community Promotions and Engagement Committee will be held on October 12th.

- Reminder of October meeting of SIPOA Long Range Planning Committee

Mayor Gregg noted the upcoming SIPOA Long Range Planning Committee will be held on October 10th.

- **Town Administrator**

- Front Door Update

Town Administrator Cronin noted the front door replacement at Town Hall has been completed.

- FY 2024 Budget Update

Town Administrator Cronin updated the council on the status of the FY 2024 budget.

Town Administrator Cronin noted the upcoming budget workshops will be held on October 13th, October 20th, and October 26th at 1:00PM.

- Beach Patrol Update / Off-Peak Leash Rules Effective October 1st

Town Administrator Cronin updated the council of the beach patrol activity from April 1st through August 31st.

Town Administrator Cronin noted the beach patrol services will end on September 30th and when the off-peak season rules will begin.

Discussions were had with members of the council.

- Update on Draft Nuisance Ordinance

Town Administrator Cronin updated the council on the status of the proposed nuisance ordinance.

- **Assistant Town Administrator**

- Report of Financials for the Month of August 2023

Assistant Town Administrator Watkins noted they did not receive the August Financials and will report on them during the September meeting.

Clarifications were made to members of the audience regarding the July 2023 financial report.

- **Town Attorney**

None.

- **Zoning Administrator**

- Code Enforcement Summary

Zoning Administrator Newman summarized the code enforcement summary since the previous Town Council meeting.

- **Communications & Events Manager**

Communications & Events Manager Ochoa summarized the summer events and the most recent Chow Town food truck rodeos.

Communications & Events Manager Ochoa updated the council on some of the long-term projects and potential new events going on next year.

Discussions were had with members of the council.

8. Ordinances for Second Reading:

- Ord. 2023-10: An ordinance relating to the recovery of collection costs as part of delinquent debts collected pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act

Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Ord. 2023-10; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor.

Ord. 2023-10 passed second reading and was adopted.

9. Ordinances for First Reading:

- Ord. 2023-08: An ordinance amending the zoning map of the Town of Seabrook Island so as to change the zoning designation for Charleston County Tax Map Number 149-06-00-016, containing approximately 0.27+/- acres at 2125 Royal Pine Dr, from the Moderate Single Family (R-SF2) District to the Conservation (CP) District.

Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Ord. 2023-08; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded.

Town Administrator Cronin summarized Ord. 2023-08.

Discussions were had with members of the council.

Using the original motion, a vote was taken. All voted in favor.

Ord. 2023-08 passed first reading.

- Ord. 2023-09: An ordinance amending the zoning map of the Town of Seabrook Island so as to change the zoning designation for Charleston County Tax Map Number 147-06-00-062, containing approximately 0.27+/- acres at 2156 Royal Pine Dr, from the Moderate Single Family (R-SF2) District to the Conservation (CP) District.

Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Ord. 2023-09; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor.

Ord. 2023-09 passed first reading.

- Ord. 2023-11: An ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of a not to exceed \$5,500,000 General Obligation Bond, Series 2023, or such other appropriate series designation, of the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina or one or more notes issued in anticipation thereof to pay the costs of repairs, replacements and debris removal arising from a major or catastrophic storm event of natural disaster and the cost of issuance of such bond or notes; fixing the form and details of the bond; authorizing the Mayor and Town Administrator, or either of them acting alone, to prescribe certain details relating to the bond; providing for the payment of the bond and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto

Mayor Gregg summarized Ord. 2023-11 for members of council.

Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Ord. 2023-11; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor.

Ord. 2023-11 passed first reading.

10. Other Action Items

- Res. 2023-29: A resolution to authorize the Municipal Association of South Carolina to act as a claimant agency for the collection of debt on behalf of the Town of Seabrook Island in accordance with the Setoff Debt Collection Act

Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Res. 2023-29; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor.

Res. 2023-29 was approved.

- Res. 2023-30: A resolution of the Town of Seabrook Island adopting the amended 2023-24 Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation and Program for Public Information Plan

Mayor Gregg moved to approve Res. 2023-30; Councilwoman Finke seconded. All voted in favor.

Res. 2023-30 was approved.

- An agreement with the Municipal Association of South Carolina to Act as Claimant Agency in accordance with the Setoff Debt Collection Act

Councilwoman Finke moved to approve an agreement with the Municipal Association of South Carolina to Act as Claimant Agency in accordance with the Setoff Debt Collection Act; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor.

The agreement with the Municipal Association of South Carolina to Act as Claimant Agency in accordance with the Setoff Debt Collection Act was approved.

11. Items for Information or Discussion:

None.

12. Citizen Comments:

None.

13. Executive Session:

- **Discussion of Personnel Matter (S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70 (a)(1))**

Councilwoman Finke moved to adjourn into executive session; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor.

The council adjourned into executive session at 3:50PM.

All voted in favor of coming out of executive session at 4:29PM.

Councilwoman Finke moved to increase the municipal judge O'Neill salary to \$650.00 per month; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor.

Judge O'Neill's monthly salary was increased to \$650.00 per month.

14. Council Comments

15. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:30PM.

Date: September 26, 2023

Prepared by: *Katharine E. Watkins*
Assistant Town Administrator

Note: These minutes are not verbatim minutes. To listen to the meeting, please use the following link:
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