

TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Town Council – Special Called Meeting

October 14, 2021 – Virtual



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The October 14, 2021, Special Called Council Meeting was conducted via Zoom, and was simultaneously made available to the public via YouTube live stream and by conference call, all in keeping with practices adopted to address the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Mayor Gregg, Councilwomen Finke and Fox, Councilman Goldstein, Town Administrator Cronin, and Town Clerk Watkins participated in the meeting. Mayor Gregg called the meeting to order. The Town Clerk confirmed that notice of the meeting was properly posted, and the requirements of the SC Freedom of Information Act had been met.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Exterior Painting & Maintenance Contract:** Request to award a contract to Mariner Construction LLC for exterior painting and maintenance services

Town Administrator Cronin summarized for Council all three successful bids that the Town received and recommended to award the contract to lowest bidder Mariner Construction Inc.

Councilwoman Finke moved to enter into a contract with Mariner Construction Inc. for the exterior painting and maintenance on Town Hall; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor.

The contract for exterior painting and maintenance of Town Hall was awarded to Mariner Construction Inc.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

1. **Discussion of Amendments to Business License Ordinance**

Town Administrator Cronin summarized various options the Town has for the standardization of the business license ordinance.

Council discussed the various options presented, how they compare to other jurisdictions in the area, inside vs outside rates, and potential changes to the ordinance in the future.

Council clarified the declining rate schedule.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

1. Review of Fund Balances

Town Administrator Cronin summarized the fund balances for the upcoming year compared to last fiscal year, and the changes made.

Council clarified the various franchise fees and how the amount of the franchise fee is set.

Council discussed the Accommodations Tax (ATAX) Revenues and the process to set up a local ATAX for Seabrook Island.

2. Review and Discussion of Draft FY 2022 Budget

- Draft General Fund Budget

Town Administrator Cronin summarized the general fund revenues and some of expenditures by line item for Council.

Council discussed the cost-of-living increase for employees. Council decided to continue discussion on the general fund expenditures at the next budget workshop on Thursday October 21.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:02PM.

Date: October 15, 2021

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Town Clerk/Treasurer