

# TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Town Council – Work Session  
November 8, 2022



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## MINUTES

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

Mayor Gregg called the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Town Council Work Session to order at 1:00PM. Councilwomen Finke and Fox (virtual), Councilmen Goldstein and Kortvelesy, Town Administrator Cronin (virtual), 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 of Outreach to MUSC

As a follow-up to Council's expression of support for having representatives of Medical University of South Carolina ("MUSC") make a presentation to Council in support of MUSC's request for a donation by the Town, I am able to confirm that a presentation will be made at the December Work Session and is scheduled to begin at 2:00 pm. It is expected that Dr. Patrick Cawley, MUSC CEO and others will make the presentation.

- Update of Request for Public Assistance (FEMA (Hurricane Ian))

On Monday, October 24, a Request for Public Assistance was submitted for the Town to Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") in respect of costs incurred in consequence of Hurricane IAN. The Town's submission initiated review by FEMA under the direction of a Program Delivery Manager ("PDMG") who has scheduled a so-called "Scoping Meeting" for November 14. The "Scoping Meeting" will be the first opportunity for presentation by the Town of documentation for costs incurred.

- Update of Availability for Public Comment of BCDCOG Draft Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

At the October 31 meeting of the Berkeley, Dorchester, Charleston Council of Governments ("BCDCOG"), the draft BCDGOG Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy was presented, and notice was given of the availability of the most recent update for public review at:

<https://bcdcog.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/BCDCOG-CEDS-Plan-2023-2028-WATERMARKED.pdf>

- Notice of Storm Preparations by St. Johns Fire District (SJFD)

Chief Ryan Kunitzer notified the Town this morning of SJFD's monitoring of and preparations for Tropical Storm NICOLE. The morning forecast for November 8 projects impacts from NICOLE in South Carolina in the morning of Friday, November 11. Town Hall will be closed Friday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. Residents are encouraged to monitor reporting of forecasts for this storm and to make preparations for potential impacts as appropriate.

**Town Council Members:**

○ **Jeri Finke**

Councilwoman Finke noted at the upcoming Environment and Wildlife Committee Meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>, representatives from Coastal Science Engineering will be present to assist the committee with questions regarding the update to the beach ordinance.

○ **Patricia Fox**

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

○ **Barry Goldstein**

Summarized PWC meeting November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

○ **Dan Kortvelesy**

Packet received from last meeting from Public Safety Committee to put together some programs for the public. If any items should be addressed, please let him know.

**Town Administrator Joe Cronin**

○ Action Items for November 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting

- Ordinance 2022-07: An ordinance to adopt a budget for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023.

Town Administrator Cronin summarized Ordinance 2022-07 for the Town of Seabrook Island FY 2023 budget beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023.

- Town Administrator Cronin added there may be an ordinance to make an update to the Berkeley Electric Cooperative Franchise Fees which is still under legal review with the Town Attorney.
- Town Administrator Cronin updated Council on the status of filling the Administrative Assistant position.

**Adjourn**

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:18PM.

Date: November 8, 2022

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Town Clerk/Treasurer