

TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Town Council – Work Session

December 6, 2022

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Call to Order – Roll Call – Freedom of Information

Mayor Gregg called the December 6th, 2022, Town Council Work Session to order at 1:00PM. Councilwoman Finke, Councilmen Goldstein and Kortvelesy, Town Administrator Cronin and Town Clerk Watkins participated in the meeting. Councilwoman Fox is absent. The Town Clerk confirmed that notice of the meeting was properly posted, and the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act had been met.

Guest Presentation: Representatives from MUSC for the anticipated Medical Facility on Seabrook Island Road.

Representatives from MUSC were as follows: Dr. Patrick Cawley (CEO), Sunday Tuk, and Brian Panique (representatives MUSC development).

Dr. Cawley presented on the anticipated MUSC Medical Facility on Seabrook Island Road specifically why this is needed for our area, what services the facility will provide, design of the facility, and current timeline.

A discussion was had on the proposed timeline for construction on the facility.

A discussion was had on the impact of a contribution from the Town of Seabrook Island to make the facility go.

A discussion was had on the commitment made from the Town of Kiawah and how that contribution spurred additional contributions from the community.

Mayor John Gregg (mirror mayor notes)

- Appointment to Town Boards and Commissions
 - Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee (7 seats, 2-year terms)
 - Board of Zoning Appeals (1 seat, 5-year term)
 - Planning Commission (3 seats, 2-year terms)

Mayor Gregg noted the current openings on some of the Town's Boards and Commissions at the beginning of next year, specifically: all members of the Town's ATAX Advisory Committee; one member of the Board of Zoning Appeals; and three members of the Planning Commission.

Mayor Gregg summarized the applications received and noted which candidates he will nominate for these vacant positions.

Mayor Gregg confirmed with Town Clerk Watkins that all candidate applications were sent to all members of Council for review.

Council clarified if residency was required to be on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee and the state statutory requirements.

A discussion was had on use of the volunteer form and clarified ways to attract applicants for the Town's Boards or Commissions.

A discussion was had on the process of appointing the applicants to the various boards and commissions to fill the upcoming vacancies and where to find all applications for those who have applied within the past two years.

- Update for FEMA

Mayor Gregg noted that on November 14, the Town submitted a so-called Certification of Small Projects to expedite review of the Town's Request for Public Assistance in consequence of costs incurred as a result of Hurricane IAN. The Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") status of the Town's request reflects that the request is Pending Final FEMA Review.

- Update to Inquiry of Power outages

Mayor Gregg summarized the inquiries of residents concerning recurring power outages on the island. Mayor Gregg noted that all inquiries were forwarded to the Town's contact at Berkeley Electric Cooperative ("BEC") and that he shared the response received with inquiring residents. Mayor Gregg added that he expects a follow-up with our contact at BEC after the first of the year for an update of progress on BEC's investigations.

Town Council Members:

- **Jeri Finke**

Councilwoman Finke noted the regularly scheduled Environment & Wildlife Committee will be postponed either to another time in December or having a second meeting in January.

Councilwoman Finke thanked Seabrook Island Utility Commission for their article in the Seabrooker.

Councilwoman Finke inquired as to whether beach trash cans will be back on the beach, and, if they can be, when residents can anticipate them being put back out.

- **Patricia Fox**

None.

- **Barry Goldstein**

Councilman Goldstein summarized the preliminary designs for the Town Hall Annex and Town Hall Garage from both ESP Associates and Mike Karamus.

A discussion was had on the proposed designs for the Town Hall Annex and garage.

A discussion was had on if the proposed garage design to prepare for potentially using all electric equipment.

A discussion was had on how the bid process will be if it will be divided into individual projects or one bid package for all updates.

A discussion was had on the design of the potential park behind Town Hall.

A discussion was had on the status of the road project with regards to MUSC and Sea Fields.

A discussion was had on where the funding will be coming from.

A discussion was had on moving the entrance to Town Hall to be opposite Landfall Way.

A discussion was had on whether the Town needs approval from the source of the Town Hall property to build the garage.

Council clarified when the installation of the charging stations from Berkely Electric Cooperative would be and where they will be located with the proposed design.

○ **Dan Kortvelesy**

Councilman Kortvelesy noted the upcoming Public Safety Committee Meeting will be on December 20th.

Town Administrator Joe Cronin

○ Action Items for December 13th Meeting

• Ordinances for Second Reading:

- 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 the budget ordinance to include the updated budget document for month end from November, as it will be up for Public Hearing and Second Reading at the December Town Council Meeting.

• MyGov Permit System Update

Town Administrator Cronin updated Council on the status of MyGov.

• AirMedCare Renewal for 2023

Town Administrator Cronin summarized the AirMedCare renewal for 2023 based on previous discussions at the Town Council Budget Work Sessions.

- 2023 Meeting Dates & Holiday Schedule

Town Administrator Cronin summarized the upcoming standing meeting and holiday dates for 2023.

- Introduction of new Administrative Assistant Beth Rinehimer

Town Administrator Cronin introduced Beth Rinehimer as the new Administrative Assistant.

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 PM.

Date: December 12th, 2022

Prepared by: *Katharine E. Watkins*
Town Clerk/Treasurer