

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
KIAWAH ISLAND MUNICIPAL CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
October 2, 2007, 2:00 PM
Agenda**

- I. Call to Order:**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance:**
- III. FOIA:** Notice of this meeting has been published, and posted, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Kiawah Island.
- IV. Roll Call:**
- V. Approval of Minutes:**
 - A. Town Council Minutes for September 11, 2007
- VI. Citizens Presentation:** Youth Golf Program presented by Sid Williams and Harry McHugh
- VII. Old Business:**
 - A. Update on Kiawah Island Parkway Project
- VIII. New Business:**
 - A. Appointment of Town Clerk
 - B. Employee Insurance Subsidy
 - C. Annual FY06-07 Audit Report
- IX. Correspondence:**
- X. Committee Reports**
- XI. Town Administrator's Report**
- XII. Mayor's Report**
- XIII. Citizens' Comments/Questions**
- XIV. Council Members Comments**
- XV. Executive Session-Legal-Contractual Matters**
- XIV. Adjournment**

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Minutes**

I Call to Order: Mayor Wert called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

II Pledge of Allegiance

III FOIA: Notice of this meeting has been published, and posted, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Kiawah Island.

IV Roll Call

Present: William G. Wert, Mayor
Council: Alan L. Burnaford, Mayor Pro Tem
Don McIver
Charles R. Lipuma
G. Steven Orban

Also Present: Ken Gunnells, Town Treasurer
Tumiko Rucker, Town Administrator
Amber Simmons, Town Clerk
Dennis Rhoad, Town Attorney

V. Approval of Minutes

A. Town Council Meeting: September 4, 2007

Mayor Wert motion to approve the September 4, 2007 minutes; Mr. Burnaford seconded the motion. Mr. Lipuma suggested corrections to page 5 and page 6 of the minutes. With those corrections, the minutes were approved as submitted.

VI. Citizens Presentation:

Youth Golf Program presented by Sid Williams and Harry McHugh

Mr. Williams discussed the success and continued growth of the program and expressed his gratitude to the Town of Kiawah for their support. Mr. McHugh discussed the positive growth of

the program from 12 children four years ago, to 72 children currently. Mr. McHugh stated his gratitude to the Town of Kiawah Island. Mayor Wert presented Mr. Williams and Mr. McHugh a contribution of \$5,000 for the Youth Golf Program from the Town of Kiawah Island.

VII. Old Business:

A. Update on The Kiawah Island Parkway

Mr. Orban said that as of this month two consultants, LPA and Ward Edwards, are still searching for 1.3 acres of land to mitigate for Kiawah Island Parkway in accordance with the Army Corp of Engineer's requirements. Mr. Orban said there is a new possibility of some land not far from Kiawah that may be added in the conservation easement. The consultants have a meeting with the owners of this piece of land on October 8th for further discussion. There is a possibility that the Town may purchase a larger piece of land and convert it to conservation land. He then asked if Mrs. Rucker had anything to add. Mrs. Rucker declined and acknowledged Mr. Orban had covered the subject. Mr. McIver asked about a possibility of getting a bid package together. Mr. Orban stated that LPA is assembling a bid package for final review. Mr. Lipuma asked about the possible 3 1/2 acres from the KRA. Mr. Orban said that since neither he nor Mrs. Rucker have heard back from them he assumes that they have other use for that land. There were no additional comments or questions.

VIII. New Business:

A. Appointment of Town Clerk

Mayor Wert stated that Mrs. Amber Simmons would be resigning her position of Town Clerk on October 9, 2007 in order to prepare for the upcoming birth of her first child. Mayor Wert acknowledged Mrs. Amber Simmons integrity, enthusiasm, and attention to detail and noted she has added much value to the Town and that both her professional and personal contributions will be missed. Mayor Wert then introduced Ms. Catherine Wilson. Ms. Wilson is a graduate of Appalachian State University with a B.S. in Political Science and is an upcoming candidate for her Master in Public Administration at the College of Charleston. Mr. Lipuma had a question to Mrs. Wilson about her Masters education

Mayor Wert motioned to appoint Catherine Wilson as Town Clerk effective on October 10, 2007. The motion was seconded by Mr. Orban. Motion approved unanimously.

B. Employee Insurance Subsidy

Mrs. Tumiko Rucker recommended the Town of Kiawah Island increase the employee health insurance subsidy rate to \$140.00 per month for the employee only coverage. Mr. Don McIver stated that this should actually go to the Ways and Means Committee but do to the hardship of scheduling, asked Mrs. Rucker to bring the request to Council. Mr.

Orban asked why there was an increase. Mrs. Rucker stated that it was due to an increase in insurance costs and trends within the health industry. Mr. Orban asked which of the plans was selected by most employees. Mrs. Rucker stated that most employees have moved away from the MUSC Options plan due to the cost of high premiums but that employees have a diverse subscription of plans. Mr. McIver noted that this increase will have an overall impact of \$4,000 if accepted. Mrs. Rucker stated that the increase had been budgeted for in this year's budget. Mr. Lipuma asked that if an employee selected a family plan, if the employee would be responsible for payment. Mrs. Rucker explained that employees would be responsible for any dependant coverage.

Mayor Wert motioned to approve the suggested rate of \$140.00. Mr. McIver seconded. The Motion was passed unanimously. There were no questions or further conversation.

C. Annual FY06-07 Audit Report

Mayor Wert opened the conversation to the Annual FY 06-07 Audit Report. Mr. McIver stated that the audit information was available online. Mr. McIver also said that this was another good year for the Town due to increased business license revenues and activity on the Island. Starting July 1st, the General Fund has a fund balance of almost \$7 million but the "Orban" Parkway costs will probably cut that in half within the next year. Mayor Wert humorously commented that this work would hopefully be done before it became the "Orban Memorial" Parkway. Mr. McIver took the opportunity to thank Mr. Ken Gunnells for his efforts during the audit and stated that this was the earliest audit finish in at least 3 to 4 years. Mayor Wert said that Mr. Gunnells and Ms. Stacey Truesdale should feel good about their hard work. No further comment.

X. Correspondence- None

XI. Committee Reports

Environmental Committee

Mr. Lipuma said that there were a number of wildlife incidents last month. On September 7th an uncollared juvenile female bobcat was hit by a car. On September 8th a deer fawn was hit and seriously injured by a car near the Vanderhost Plantation, and was euthanized by KICA security. On September 10th on Seabrook Island a large adult female bobcat was hit by a car and killed near Town Hall. On September 19th there was a nuisance alligator report from 548 Skimmer Court- alligator found sunning in the yard. On September 22nd at the Parkway and Sora Rail Rd., a deer was hit and killed by a car; On September 26 on Seabrook Island the NOAA requested assistance with 2 dead dolphins on the eastern tip of the Island. Closer inspection revealed 2 black tip sharks in the 5-6ft range. No action was necessary. The most recent survey stated that there are 54 deer per square mile on the island. This number is up from 48 deer per square mile in 2006. Mayor Wert said that there has been a more recent wildlife incident involving a live alligator that climbed up two flights of steps and was thumping its tail on a front door to a

home. Mayor Wert suggests turning on the light and looking outside before opening your door. Mr. Lipuma stated that a beach aerial photo had been taken and beach elevation surveys completed that show an increase in sand volumes in the renourishment areas. Mr. Lipuma said this Renourishment Report will be available for review at the end of the year. Mr. McIver asked if there had been a problem with the recent high tides in the project area. Mr. Lipuma stated that there were high tides during last month and he had not noticed much impact. Mr. Lipuma said that you can actually see the shoal down at the eastern end moving closer inland and is holding well.

Arts Council

Mr. Lipuma said that the 2007/2008 kickoff event will be held on Thursday, October 4th at 7:30 PM at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church. The Charleston Symphony Orchestra will be performing an evening of light classical music. Mr. Lipuma also noted that Our Lady of Mercy is hosting a free-of-charge Charleston Symphony Orchestra concert on October 28th at 3:00 PM at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church. This event is to promote fundraising for Our Lady of Mercy Outreach Clinic. Mr. Lipuma suggests keeping in tune by looking at the monthly Town Notes, which will feature an updated season. He also commented on the improving looks of the Town Notes and Arts Council Events Flyers and thanked Mrs. Rucker for her creativity and artistic additions.

Public Safety

Mr. Orban had no report.

Financial Issues

Mr. McIver had no report.

Communications Committee-

Mr. Burnaford had no report and has recommended to the Mayor that the Communications Committee be disbanded. Mr. Burnaford has decided that the Communications Committee will no longer meet because the original purpose of the committee, which was to increase the readership, improve look of the Town Notes, and to help with the Town website, has been completed.

XII. Town Administrator's Report

Mrs. Rucker said that she received a phone call from Bellsouth stating that a construction crew had cut 3 large cables on the island. Each of these cables held up to 900 customers. This was a major issue that required replacing all of the cables causing the long-term lack of service. Bellsouth anticipates that by late evening on October 2nd, all service would be restored.

She also stated that the Town is now operating in its second quarter of the fiscal year and is preparing for business license renewal. There are several building projects that are also ongoing at this time: 1) The cleaning of the HVAC system and balancing of that system; 2) Repairs to the front lobby; 3) painting throughout the building.

Mrs. Rucker took the opportunity to thank Amber Simmons for her contributions to the Town during her tenure and wished her much success and happiness as a new mother. She welcomed Catherine Wilson. She also thanked Ken for his efforts during the audit, his training of Stacey Truesdale, and his hard work and dedication to the Town.

XIII. Mayor's Report

Mayor Wert stated there is a flu shot clinic October 30th at the chambers from 10:30 AM to 1:30PM. Mayor Wert also stated that hurricane season is not over until November 1, 2007 so do not get rid of your can goods and stay prepared.

The development agreement negotiations are proceeding in a positive manner and will continue.

XIV Citizens' Comments/Questions

Wendy Kulick 38 Marsh Edge Lane: Commented on the Youth Golf and Tennis program and her involvement with the youth at Mt. Zion. She thanked the Town for its sponsorship for the 3rd and 5th graders from Mt. Zion to come to the Discovery Nature Center. She also stated her wish that the Town could find some way to support the high school physics class which is trying to raise funds to take a field trip to Columbia to attend a conference.

XV Council Members Comments

Mr. Burnaford stated that the screen fencing associated with the construction on the Bohicket Bridge was installed. He also announced the public meeting regarding the roads and a review of the 2000 report will be October 9th at 6:00 PM.

Mr. McIver did not have any comments.

Mr. Orban did not have any comments.

Mr. Lipuma said he wished to see all attendees on Saturday the 6th for the semi-annual litter cleanup.

XVI Executive Session/ Personnel Matters and Legal Matters

Mayor Wert moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters and legal matters at 2:35 PM; motion seconded by Mr. Orban. Motion carried unanimously.

During which no votes or actions were taken.

XVII Adjournment:

Mayor Wert moved to adjourn the Executive Session at 4:28 PM; motion seconded by Mr. Orban. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by _____
Cathy Wilson, Town Clerk

APPROVED: _____
William G. Wert, Mayor

DATE: _____

CC: Mayor Wert
Dennis Rhoad, Esq.
Tumiko Rucker, Town Admin
Council Members
Town Treasurer
Planning Commission