

# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Kiawah Island Municipal Center

Council Chambers

July 6, 2021; 2:00 pm

## Minutes

I. **Call to Order:** *Mayor Labriola called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.*

II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

III. **Roll Call:**

**Present at the meeting:** John D. Labriola, *Mayor*  
Maryanne Connelly, *Councilmember*  
Dr. Scott Parker, *Councilmember*  
John Moffitt, *Councilmember*

**Present by Phone:** Dan Prickett, *Mayor Pro Tem*

**Also Present:** Stephanie Tillerson, *Town Administrator*  
Joe Wilson, *Town Attorney*  
Petra Reynolds, *Town Clerk*  
Stephanie Braswell, *Communications Manager*  
Brian Gottshalk, *Public Works Manager*

IV. **Approval of Minutes:**

A. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of June 1, 2021

*Councilmember Connelly made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2021 Town Council Meeting. Councilmember Moffitt seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.*

V. **Mayor's Update:**

Mayor Labriola stated that on Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm, a public meeting will be held at the Municipal Center. Representatives of Kimley-Horn will be making a presentation on the Beachwalker Drive/Parkway Intersection Study. He encouraged everyone to attend, noting it was an extremely important and complicated subject, and that more ideas and suggestions would be welcome.

Mayor Labriola commented on the MUSC (Medical University of South Carolina) Emergency Facility project to be constructed on Seabrook Island Drive. He stated it was a wonderful project and would provide huge benefits to the citizens of Kiawah, Seabrook, and Johns Island. He also stated he had the opportunity to see the virtual presentation and would try to obtain a copy to send out.

Mayor Labriola commented on the property adjacent to the Municipal Center, purchased by a developer on which he planned a miniature golf course. The requested rezoning was denied by County Staff and also denied by the County Planning Commission. The understanding is that the project will be presented to County Council on August 31<sup>st</sup>. The survey completed by the Town showed that 90 percent of respondents were not supportive of the rezoning. Council, in turn, sent a letter to the County Planning Commission and would also send one to County Council in August. With varying opinions relative to why the rezoning should not occur, safety is first and foremost

when considering the traffic on Betsy Kerrison Parkway now and the increase of traffic in the future.

**VI. Citizens' Comments (Agenda Items Only):**  
None

**VII. Old Business:**  
None

**VIII. New Business:**

**A. To Consider Approval of Ordinance 2021-09 - An Ordinance to Rescind Previous Ordinance 2020-13 Setting Salaries for the Mayor and Council Members of the Town of Kiawah Island – First Reading**

Mayor Labriola stated the previous Council proposed and approved in December of 2020, Ordinance 2020-13 to provide compensation for the Mayor and Council. It was the thought of the previous Council to recognize, stabilize and encourage people from the community to become members of the Town's Council.

Mayor Labriola stated the present Council was advised that two conditions existed that were not known by the previous Council. The first was the IRS determination that Municipal Offices must be considered employees. The second, being considered an employee, PEBA (Public Employee Benefit Authority), which governs all municipal employees' fringe benefits, requires that all employees must be offered fringe benefits. The two conditions are not consistent with the intent of the previous Council, and Ordinance 2021-09 will rescind Ordinance 2020-13.

***Councilmember Parker made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 20201-09 to rescind the previous Ordinance 2020-13, setting salaries for the Mayor and Council Members of the Town of Kiawah Island. Councilmember Moffitt seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.***

**B. To Consider Approval of the Contract Amendment with All South Consulting Engineers**

Mayor Labriola stated that the contract amendments with All South Consulting Engineers and Jan-Pro Cleaning Systems were discussed at the prior Ways and Means Committee meeting.

***Councilmember Parker made a motion to approve the contract amendment with All South Consulting Engineers. Councilmember Connelly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.***

**C. To Consider Approval of the Contract Amendment with Jan-Pro Cleaning Systems**

***Councilmember Connelly made a motion to approve the contract amendment with All South Consulting Engineers. Councilmember Parker seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.***

**D. To Consider Approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment**

Mayor Labriola stated the appointment of Ms. Lynn O'Leary to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) comes as a recommendation from Mr. Frank Cassidy, Chairman of the BZA. Ms. O'Leary would complete the term of Ms. Kulick, which expires in 2023.

***Councilmember Connelly made a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Lynn O'Leary to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilmember Parker seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.***

**IX. Town Administrator's Report:**

Ms. Braswell reported that the Kiawah Island app presented at the previous Council meeting was ready to go. However, there was a slight delay because Apple had to verify the organization (Town) as an official government entity and the additional steps require to push the app live. She indicated it might be an additional week before the final version gets pushed and the announcement is made to the public.

Ms. Tillerson reported that the Town received updates on Tropical Storm Else from the South Carolina Emergency Management Division or the County Emergency Management Division. The next call will be at 3:00 pm, and any new information will be communicated via eBlast. At this time, there is no expectation of receiving any major impact from the storm but do anticipate heavy rain that may cause some flooding and strong winds as the storm comes through our area.

**X. Council Member:**

- a. Committee Updates
- b. General Comments

Councilmember Parker asked if it would be appropriate to have MUSC make a presentation to Town Council and the community on the Emergency Department project. Ms. Tillerson indicated that she had previously made that request but would reach out to them again for a possible presentation at the August or September Town Council meeting. In a discussion of the presentations that had already taken place, Mayor Labriola indicated the cost of the MUSC project would be between 25 and 30 million dollars, with a target of approximately 50% funded through philanthropy. He remarked on what a remarkable service would be available to the community and encouraged the public to learn more about the project.

**XI. Citizens' Comments:**

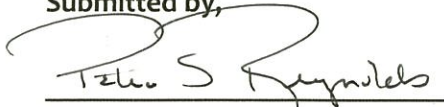
**Charles Lipuma – 201 Horned Grebe Court**

Mr. Lipuma indicated that he had also been to one of the presentations and thought it was well done. He indicated that he received an invitation by email and agreed that that the information on the project should be made available to more people.

**XII. Adjournment:**

***Councilmember Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:39 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Connelly and was unanimously passed.***

Submitted by,



Petra S. Reynolds, Town Clerk

Approved by,



John D. Labriola, Mayor

Date