

Town of Kiawah Island
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Via Teleconference
June 1, 2020; 4:30 PM

Special Call Meeting

MINUTES

I. Call to Order: Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 4:38 pm.

Present at the meeting: Craig Weaver, *Mayor*
Chris Widuch, *Mayor Pro Tem*
Dan Prickett, *Councilmember*
Klaus Said, *Councilmember*

Absent: Maryanne Connelly, *Councilmember*

Also Present: Stephanie Tillerson, *Town Administrator*
Joe Wilson, *Town Attorney*
Stephanie Braswell Edgerton, *Town Communications Manager*
Petra Reynolds, *Town Clerk*

II. New Business:

A. To Consider Adopting the Charleston County State of Emergency Declaration

Mayor Weaver stated he would be recommending and asking for Council feedback on putting in place a curfew from 9:00 pm on June 1, ending at 6:00 am on June 2. He explained that in response to the recent events, Charleston County had issued curfews for the past two evenings, which included Kiawah, as part of the County. In anticipation of a curfew for the evening of Monday, June 1, 2020, Mayor Weaver discussed with Jenny Honeycutt, Kiawah's County Council Representative, the need for the Town to be included in this curfew. With the absence of significant public safety issues, he conveyed his preference for Kiawah not to be included or be given additional latitude on the curfew hours.

Mayor Weaver indicated that at a Charleston County Council meeting earlier today County Council voted to establish a curfew for the unincorporated area from 6:00 pm on June 1, ending at 6:00 am on June 2. The City of Charleston, North Charleston, and Mt. Pleasant have issued the same curfew, leaving other municipalities with the option of issuing a curfew. He reviewed options taken by other local municipalities noting that Seabrook Island did (or do?) not intend to put a curfew place.

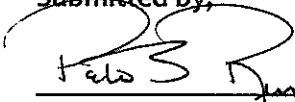
Mayor Weaver indicated that it was his intention for Kiawah not to have a curfew. Still, after speaking to Freshfields, who have a peaceful protest going on, they are very supportive of a curfew being put in place but beginning at 9:00 pm. The later curfew would allow businesses in Freshfields to serve their patrons, and after closure, would be covered and protected by the curfew. Mayor Weaver pointed out that most of the other island restaurant operations close by 9:00 pm with the proposed curfew having a minimal impact on businesses and residents. He suggested imposing the 9:00 pm curfew making sure to communicate that outside of Kiawah the 6:00 pm is in place.

Councilmembers discussed curfew expectations and areas encompassed, communication to residents, and a continued deputy presence at Freshfields from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Councilmembers agreed to adopt the Charleston County State of Emergency Declaration and the implementation of a curfew from 9:00 pm on June 1, 2020, ending at 6:00 am on June 2, 2020.

III. Adjournment:

Mayor Weaver adjourned to meeting at 5:02 pm.

Submitted by,



Petra S. Reynolds, Town Clerk

Approved by,



Craig E. Weaver, Mayor

7.9.2020
Date