

SPECIAL CALL TOWN COUNCIL
Municipal Center Council Chambers
February 21, 2024, 9:00 am

Minutes

I. Call to Order: *Mayor Labriola called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.*

II. Roll Call:

Present at the Meeting: John D. Labriola, *Mayor*
Brad Belt, *Council Member*
Madeleine Kaye, *Council Member*

Present via Zoom: Michael Heidingsfelder, *Mayor Pro Tem*
Russell Berner, *Council Member*
Joe Wilson, *Town Attorney*

Also Present: Stephanie Tillerson, *Town Administrator*
Ross Appel, *Attorney*
Mac McQuillin, *Attorney, HSB*

III. Citizens' Comments (Agenda Items Only):

None

IV. New Business:

A. To Consider Approval of the Barrier Island Ocean Rescue Contract Amendment for STR Code Enforcement Services

Mayor Labriola stated that there were a number of questions not on the extension but related to the contract itself, and a great deal of information was shared back and forth to answer them.

Mayor Pro Tem Heidingsfelder made a motion to approve the Barrier Island Ocean Rescue one-year contract extension for STR Code Enforcement Services. Council Member Berner seconded the motion.

Council Member Belt stated that he appreciated all the follow-up from Barrier Island Ocean Rescue on the questions raised.

Following the comments, the motion was unanimously approved.

B. To Consider Approval of the Engagement and Appointment of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd as the Next Town Attorney

Mayor Labriola stated that the approval of the engagement was a recommendation by the Ways and Means Committee.

Council Member Kaye made a motion to approve the engagement of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd as the Next Town Attorney. Council Member Belt seconded the motion.

Council Member Belt stated that being approved was the Ways and Means Committee's recommendation to approve Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd's engagement subject to a standard

engagement letter the firm will provide to the Town. Revisions to the Town Attorney contract will follow that.

Council Member Belt made a motion to approve the engagement of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd as the Next Town Attorney. Council Member Berner seconded the motion.

Council Member Berner stated that HSB (Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd) is a very impressive firm with extensive experience, having a large staff including attorneys experienced in Municipal, Environmental, and Real Estate law. He also noted that the attorney interview was quite impressive and could easily take on any future adversaries; therefore, the selection of this firm was simple.

Following the discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Council Member Kaye made a motion to go into the Executive Session to Discuss Section 16(f) of the ARDA (2013 Amended and Restated Development Agreement) and Captain Sam's Spit. Mayor Pro Tem Heidingsfelder seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

V. Executive Session:

- A.** Executive Session Pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 30-4-70(a)(2) to Discuss Section 16(f) of the ARDA (2013 Amended and Restated Development Agreement) and Captain Sam's Spit.

Mayor Pro Tem Heidingsfelder made a motion to come out of the Executive Session. Council Member Belt seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Labriola stated that during the Executive Session, there was a very long discussion with Counsel; no decisions were made or actions were taken. Town Council will reconvene on Monday, February 26th at 8:00 am to continue evaluation of a number of issues.

VI. New Business:

- A.** Town Council may Consider the Approval of an Action on the 2013 Amended and Restated Development Agreement and Captain Sam's Spit. **No action was taken.**

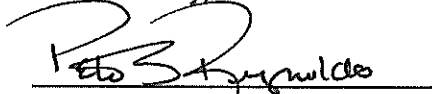
VII. Council Member Comments: None

VIII. Citizens' Comments: None


IX. Adjournment:

Mayor Labriola adjourned the meeting at 11:25 am.

Submitted by,


Petra S. Reynolds, Town Clerk

Approved by,


John D. Labriola, Mayor

3.14.2024

Date