

Town of Kiawah Island
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Live Streamed
May 14, 2020; 4:00 PM

Special Call Meeting

MINUTES

I. Call to Order: Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Present at the meeting: Craig Weaver, Mayor
Chris Widuch, Mayor Pro Tem
Maryanne Connelly, Councilmember
Dan Prickett, Councilmember
Klaus Said, 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 Approval of Resolution 2020-02 – Guidelines for the Re-opening and Operation of Short-term Rentals

Mayor Weaver stated with the current focus on getting the economy going; businesses are moving towards re-opening with owners taking on the responsibility of making start-up decisions. In many cases, businesses will be operating under guidelines that are already in place.

The Town took the same position regarding the re-opening of Short-Term-Rentals. With many Kiawah property owners renting out their properties, there were a concern some property management methods did not have the resources or clarity to put in place the kind of sanitation and cleaning protocols required. Having no guidelines provided by the state or elsewhere, Mayor Pro Tem Widuch and Ms. Tillerson, working with MUSC (Medical College of South Carolina) and input from the major rental companies, created a draft of guidelines for Short-Term Rentals. While general, they try to highlight to rental owners and property managers areas of focus and preferred or suggested practices. The guidelines are based on the recommended CDC/DHEC/MUSC guidelines for the cleaning and sanitation of rental properties during this Covid-19 pandemic. They provide an overview and direction, primarily focusing on the proper cleaning of the rentals, transparency, and informing renters of their responsibilities during their stay.

Resolution 2020-02 – Guidelines for the Re-opening and Operation of Short-term Rentals

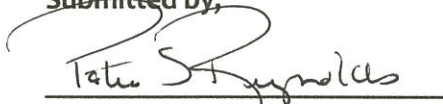
These special guidelines for short-term rentals licensed for operation by the Town of Kiawah Island are provided to promote the safe operation of short-term rentals by ensuring that rental owners take measures to prevent exposure of their renters and workers to the Covid-19 virus, and by making available information to renters so they may make informed judgments about the safety of the rental property.

Rental owners are responsible for the safe operation of their rental properties. As long as the Covid-19 virus remains an active risk to the community, to your renters and your employees, consider your ability carefully, and that of any property manager or services providers you employ, to follow these guidelines.

III. Adjournment:

Mayor Weaver adjourned to meeting at 4:52 pm.

Submitted by,



Petra S. Reynolds, Town Clerk

Approved by,



Craig E. Weaver, Mayor

6.3.2020
Date