



Town of *Kiawah Island*

Mayor

Craig E. Weaver

Council Members

Maryanne Connelly

Daniel Prickett

Klaus Said

Chris Widuch

Town Administrator

Stephanie Monroe Tillerson

TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING Via Live Streaming September 1, 2020; 2:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order:**
- II. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - A. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of August 4, 2020 [Tab 1]
- III. **Mayor's Update:**
- IV. **Old Business:**
 - A. To Consider Approval of **Ordinance 2020-08** - An Ordinance to Amend Article 2, General Government and Administration, Chapter 2, Municipal Council, Section 2-201, and Article 3, Elections, Chapter 1, Election of Mayor and Council, Sections 3-102 and 3-103 to Adopt Four-Year Terms of Office and Staggered Terms for Council – **Second and Final Reading** [Tab 2]
- V. **New Business:**
 - A. To Consider Approval of **Ordinance 2020-10** - An Ordinance for the Town of Kiawah Island, South Carolina the Purposes for Which are to Amend Article 14 -General Regulations, Chapter 1 – Flood Damage Prevention, Section 14-114 – Basis for Establishing the Areas of Special Flood Hazard, Section 14-115 - Definitions and Section 14-173 – **First Reading** [Tab 3]
 - B. To Consider Approval of **Ordinance 2020-11** - An Ordinance to Amend Article 15 - General Offenses, Chapter 2 - Offenses Against Public Peace, Section 15-212 -Littering – **First Reading** [Tab 4]
 - C. To Consider Approval of the HR&A Kiawah Island Housing Market Study [Tab 5]
- VI. **Town Administrator's Report:**
- VII. **Council Member:**
 - a. Committee Updates
 - b. General Comments
- VIII. **Additional Documents (information only):**
 - A. Arts and Cultural Events Council Annual Report [Tab 6]
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- IX. **Adjournment:**



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TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda Item

**TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Via Live Streaming
August 4, 2020; 2:00 PM**

Minutes

I. Call to Order: Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 2:00 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
Jim Jordan, Town Biologist
Andrea Kozloski, CARTA Deputy Director of Operations & Support
Petra Reynolds, Town Clerk

II. Approval of Minutes:

A. Minutes of the Special Call Town Council Meeting of June 29, 2020

Councilmember Prickett made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2020 Special Call Town Council Meeting. Councilmember Connelly seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

B. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of July 7, 2020

Councilmember Said made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020 Town Council Meeting. Councilmember Prickett seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Mayor's Update:

Mayor Weaver gave an update on several items; he commented that the island was very fortunate to have avoided any impact from the current storm event. He noted that there was no damage to the island from wind or any beach erosion from storm surge. Information from the monitoring equipment showed a max wind of only 37 miles per hour and just short of eight feet on the highest tide.

Mayor Weaver stated preparations made by Town staff as well as the other island entities in the days prior to the storm are the same no matter the type of storm. It is a coordinated effort. He thanked staff members, Ms. Tillerson and Ms. Braswell, for their continuous work in planning, creating communications, Mr. Gottshalk, for making last-minute preparations, and Mr. Spicher's post-storm assessment team.

Mayor gave an update on the discussion at the last Council meeting; he indicated in an effort to discourage the use of the rodenticides that are harmful to the island's bobcat population, the Town, working with the Conservancy, has taken on a campaign to build voluntary community-wide support for the elimination of the use on the island. He explained the campaign focuses on

educating property owners, as well as the island's major entities, businesses, and pest control companies on the concerns and asks for their voluntary pledge not to use the rodenticides.

Mayor Weaver stated that a response was expected in the coming days to the formal request made to the State Regulatory Agency for a one-year moratorium on the use of the chemicals. He thanked Mr. Steven Cole with Clemson University for his assistance along with the letter written by Senator Campsen on behalf of Kiawah supporting the moratorium.

Mayor Weaver stated that following the Sea Level Rise (SLR) discussion and adopting the adaptive management approach, the process of bringing together the focus groups has begun. Mr. Hernandez and Ms. Pumphrey are leading the larger supportive group on the initial effort to gather resident issues and concerns on SLR with the creation of a community-wide survey with Council having the opportunity to review the results by the November meeting.

Mayor Weaver indicated the Property Value Study being conducted by HR&A is ongoing and will hopefully be completed for presentation to the Council in the coming months.

Mayor Weaver expressed his appreciation to all the residents that volunteer their services to the Town. He noted a special thanks to the members of the Turtle Patrol who have had an extremely challenging season this year but, regardless, are always on the beach doing a tremendous job.

IV. Scheduled Citizen Comment – Chad Goerner

Mr. Goerner was scheduled to comment but was unable to attend the call.

V. Old Business:

A. To Consider Approval of Ordinance 2020-07 - An Ordinance to Amend Article 14, General Offenses, Chapter 8, Short-Term Rental Permit and Regulations – Second and Final Reading

Mayor Weaver stated Ordinance 2020-07 was discussed and approved on first reading at the July Town Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Widuch made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2020-07 to amend the Short-Term Rental Ordinance 2019-08. Councilmember Connelly seconded the motion.

With no changes, comments, or discussion since the first reading, the motion was unanimously passed.

VI. New Business:

A. To Consider Approval of Resolution 2020-03 – Beach Management Plan

Mr. Jordan gave an overview of the Beach Management Act, which requires that all beachfront ocean communities prepare a local comprehensive management plan that must include a minimum of ten specific elements. He stated the plan, which is approved by the municipality, is submitted to DHEC-OCRM for review and state approval every ten years and must be reviewed every five years.

Mr. Jordan indicated that the Town's current plan was approved by DHEC-OCRM in 2012 and is still within the required ten year update period, so a majority of the changes presented updates existing information. The proposed update specifies a site plan review process as the mechanism by which the Town approves beach projects and a mapping of all structures along the beachfront based on the 2018 setback line.

Mr. Jordan stated the size of the plan is cumbersome to manage, so work is being done on developing a condensed version that details the Town's beach management policy and approach.

Councilmember Said made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-03- Beach Management Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Prickett and was unanimously passed.

B. To Consider Approval of the Amendment of *Emergency Ordinance 2020-03*

Mayor Weaver stated the amendment of the emergency ordinance is intended to extend the requirements of the previous ordinance that placed restrictions on grocery store occupancy and family member limitations along with incorporating the recent orders from the Governor making the voluntary guidelines on in-store dining mandatory.

Mr. Wilson stated that the amendment of Emergency Ordinance 2020-03 includes the adoption of all Emergency Orders, including a reference to the Governor's recent Executive Order placing a number of mandatory restrictions on restaurants. He also noted the current amendments include language that will substitute criminal fines in place of civil fines and extend the expiration date to August 27, 2020. Additionally, the emergency ordinance will be amended to reduce the penalties from \$500.00 to \$100.00 and include the number, 2020-50, in reference to the Governor's recent Executive Order.

Councilmember Said made a motion to the amendment of Emergency Order 2020-03, as presented in Emergency Order 2020-03.1. Councilmember Connelly seconded the motion.

Councilmember Prickett made a motion to amend the motion to include proposed changes in the language to designate Governor McMaster's Executive Order as No. 2020-50 accurately and to reduce the penalties from \$500.00 to \$100.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Said as unanimously passed.

Following further discussion, the motion to approve the amended Emergency Order 2020-03.1 was unanimously passed.

C. To Consider Approval of the CARTA (*Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority*) Proposed 2021 Fiscal Year Budget

Mayor Weaver stated that as a member and participant on the CARTA board, the Town, along with the other participating municipalities are asked to consider and approve the annual budget.

Ms. Tillerson indicated the CARTA Board approved the proposed budget for the 2021 Fiscal Year as presented to the Directors at the June CARTA meeting. Ms. Kozloski pointed out the additional expenditures incurred due to COVID19 requirements.

Councilmember Connelly made a motion to approve the CARTA proposed 2021 Fiscal Year Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Said and was unanimously passed.

D. To Consider Approval of the Emergency Services Contract Amendment with Phillips and Jordan

Mayor Weaver stated the contract amendment with Phillips and Jordan was discussed and reviewed by the Ways and Means Committee and recommend to Town Council for approval. Mr. Gottshalk indicated the amendment is the first one-year extension to the existing five-year "as needed" contract. The contract is primarily for post-disaster debris removal along with secondary resources that include temporary shelter, climate-controlled bunks, marine vessels, and a temporary bridge if the need arises.

Councilmember Prickett made a motion to approve the Emergency Services Contract Amendment with Phillips and Jordan. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Connelly and was unanimously approved.

E. Discussion of State Accommodations Tax Promotion Funds

Mayor Weaver stated the discussion would introduce to members a concept as it relates to the use of State Accommodation Tax funds received by the Town for promoting tourism activities on the island and also to obtain feedback and direction from Councilmembers.

Mayor Pro Tem Widuch indicated that one of the Town's larger budget items is currently disbursed from State Accommodations Tax (SATAX) revenues. State law requires that 30% of SATAX revenues go to a nonprofit entity focused on promoting tourism to the area, and historically, the Town has paid those funds to the Charleston Visitors Bureau (CVB). He noted the entire 30% does not have to go to the CVB, so the question was raised if an organization within the Town could better utilize a portion of the funds. The organization would be set up with a board of directors, and a diverse membership would be responsible for the expenditure of the funds to more directly drive promotion to the island.

Ms. Braswell reviewed the Folly Beach restructuring model in which a Visitor Promotion Committee was established to serve as the nonprofit 501(c)(3). The 30% SATAX funding was channeled through the committee, and a board was established to oversee the committee and fund distribution. With the committee having control over marketing strategies and placement, the decision was made that spending would be divided into three parts. One third going to the CVB for the promotion of the Charleston Metro Area, one third allocated for Ad placement with CVB marketing services providing more control on advertisement and demographics placement, and one third for use to promote themselves providing control based on the committee's input.

Ms. Braswell indicated that while still exploratory, the structuring of a committee and board made a great deal of sense and was similar to the structure of the Town's Arts Council and Board. She observed it would be beneficial to comprise any future committee or group with individuals from island entities with marketing, communications, and public relations experience to develop a scope, evaluate different avenues to promote the island, and to ensure consistent branding for the community. She also noted a benefit in having a more targeted messaging for Kiawah as a community versus a beach community in the greater Charleston area.

Mayor Weaver pointed out the amount of money both the Resort and Kiawah Partners spend on the marketing of the Kiawah brand. He noted that while in the future, the Resort will continue its marketing efforts, the amount of money that is spent by the Partners will subside. This opportunity allows the community to begin using the dollars generated to sell the Kiawah brand and to promote the lifestyle of Kiawah Island.

Councilmember engaged in an in-depth discussion of the restructuring concept, including if there are justification and benefit in taking the next step and if Councilmembers would want to explore a more specific outline.

Councilmembers agreed to support the use of staff time over the next months to take the next step to assemble the information on what would be involved in implementing the restructuring concept. Mayor Weaver stressed that in no way was it the Town's intent to consider stopping or eliminating a considerable portion of the current contribution to the CVB but the beginning of creating an alternative for some portion of those funds.

F. To Consider Approval of *Ordinance 2020-08* - An Ordinance to Amend Town Council Term Limit from 2-year term to 4-year term

Mayor Weaver stated that currently on Kiawah, the terms for both Mayor and Councilmembers are two years. Two-year terms are not consistent within other municipalities who have staggered four-year terms in which every two years, two councilmembers or the Mayor and two councilmembers come up for re-election. He indicated that in the past, there had been discussion on if the current terms were the most effective approach when trying to achieve stability and consistency in thought and direction with the potential of having all the councilmembers change every two years.

Councilmember Prickett stated that the issue surrounding identifying qualified candidates to serve as Mayor, Councilmembers, and Committee Members were identified as one of the long-term risks the Town faces. He indicated that a small percentage of the Town's population are residents and eligible for election to Council. He pointed out that with two-year terms, there is the potential of Mayor and Council turning over disrupting continuity and that a strategy or solution to an issue may take longer than two years to execute or implement.

Councilmember Prickett endorsed moving to staggered four-year terms to begin addressing the issue strategically. He also proposed exploring the option of the Mayor serving a two-year term to provide an election every two years where the Mayor and two Councilmember are being elected.

Councilmembers discussed the recommendation to consider and potentially approve the ordinance on first reading, recognizing that changes could be made before the required second reading. The time would allow the opportunity to receive feedback and to evaluate any impact on the upcoming election. Also discussed was the legality of the Mayor having a different term, and the options available in setting up the election to transition to staggered terms.

Councilmember Prickett made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2020-08 to Amend Town Council Term Limit from a 2-year term to a 4-year term. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Connelly and was unanimously passed.

VII. Town Administrator's Report:

Mr. Gottschalk gave an update on the Parkway project by stating that work on the permanent pavement markings has begun along with the handwork or installation of turn arrows, diagonals, and the word "stop" at every intersection on the bike path along the Parkway. He indicated that the installation of the pavement markings signifies the project is near completion except for a couple of areas that still need some final touches.

Ms. Tillerson gave an update on the Parkway Landscaping project by stating that the contract with the landscaper, Artigues, had been received and sent to the attorney for review. Based on the schedule work, they are projected to start the week of September 28th, ending by December 23rd. She noted that while Artigues was waiting for the completion of the repaving, work was going on in the background where their greenery supplier began work on growing the plants required in the landscape plan.

Ms. Tillerson stated that the Town is working with Haulover Creek, the Resort's parent company, to obtain right-of-way behind the new bike path. In the MOU (Memorandum Of Understanding), there is an agreement that if the Town desired, it could get right-of-way.. The recommendation is for a 20-foot easement that, without ownership, will allow the Town the right to landscape, or to relocate the bike path or do utility in the future. Work is now being done on the survey with the completed deed coming to Council for approval.

VIII. Council Member:

- a. Committee Updates
- b. General Comments

Councilmember Connelly indicated bicycle safety as a very challenging issue on Kiawah. To raise awareness of safe riding practices, more striping and stop signs are being added to all the intersections on the bike path between Beachwalker Drive and Freshfields. Additionally, the Sheriff's Department is instituting a bike patrol. The trial program will involve training of two of the existing deputies and is being done due to the increased bike traffic and a general disregard for safe bike behavior. The patrol will allow greater visibility of the deputies.

Mayor Pro Tem Widuch provided an update on the work being by HR&A over the past five months. He indicated that virtual meetings have been taking place in two-week intervals with a core group consisting of representatives from the Community Association, Kiawah Partners, the Resort, and Town staff. Each of the entities was instrumental in HR&A collecting a voluminous amount of data to analyze and translate into recommendations and action items. A meeting with the core group is planned in approximately two weeks in which HR&A will share their preliminary findings on the Kiawah Housing Market. Following any feedback from the core group, Town Council will hold a special call meeting on August 25th to hear a presentation of the study from HR&A along with the possibility of having a virtual Town Hall meeting for presentation to the public for their feedback. The final report would be presented at the September 1st Town Council meeting for consideration and adoption.

Councilmember Prickett thanked the Town for the use of Municipal Center and staff to provide a venue for the Kiawah Arts Guild event. The Guild's third summer art show was well attended by locals residents along with many that were visitors to the island, allowing the artists successful art sales.

IX. Executive Session:

None

X. Adjournment:

Councilmember Prickett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Connelly and carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Petra S. Reynolds, Town Clerk

Approved by,

Craig E. Weaver, Mayor

Date



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TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda Item

THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND

ORDINANCE 2020-08

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 2, GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 2, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, SECTION 2-201, AND ARTICLE 3, ELECTIONS, CHAPTER 1, ELECTION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL, SECTIONS 3-102 AND 3-103 TO ADOPT FOUR-YEAR TERMS OF OFFICE AND STAGGERED TERMS FOR COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Town of Kiawah Island Municipal Code currently contains Article 2, General Government and Administration, Chapter 2, Municipal Council, Section 2-201, and Article 3, Elections, Chapter 1, Election of Mayor and Council, Sections 3-102 and 3-103, currently setting the terms of office of the mayor and members of council for two years, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that changing the two-year terms for mayor and members of council to four-year terms and staggering those terms is in the interests of the Town and will promote continuity in the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to amend Sections 2-201, 3-102, and 3-103 to adopt staggered four-year terms of office for the mayor and members of council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND IT IS ORDAINED BY THE AUTHORITY OF SAID COUNCIL.

Section 1 **Purpose**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Article 2, General Government and Administration, Chapter 2, Municipal Council, and Article 3, Elections, Chapter 1, Election of Mayor and Council, by amending Sections 2-201, 3-102, and 3-103 to adopt a four-year term of office for the mayor and council members and to stagger terms for council members.

Section 2 **Ordinance Amendments**

Section 2-201 amended as follows:

The municipal council of the town shall be composed of a mayor and four councilmembers who shall be qualified electors and shall be elected at large for four-year terms of office. General elections for municipal council shall be held every two years to fill those offices available at the time. Elections for council members shall be staggered so that two council members shall be elected in each general election. A majority of the council shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting council business.

Section 3-102 amended as follows:

The municipal council of the town shall be composed of a mayor and four councilmembers who shall be qualified electors and shall be elected at large for staggered four-year terms of office.

Section 3-103 amended as follows:

The mayor and members of council shall be elected to four-year terms of office.

Section 3 **Implementation**

In order to implement this Ordinance and staggered terms, the next election to be held on December 1, 2020 will elect a mayor for a term of four years, two council members for terms of four years, and two council members for terms of two years. The two council member candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to four-year terms, and the two council member candidates receiving the next lowest number of votes (3 and 4) shall be elected to two-year terms.

Section 3 **Severability**

If any part of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional, it shall be construed to have been the legislative intent to pass said Ordinance without such unconstitutional provision, and the remainder of said Ordinance shall be deemed to be valid as if such portion had not been included. If said Ordinance, or any provisions thereof, is held to be inapplicable to any person, group of persons, property, kind property, circumstances or set of circumstances, such holding shall not affect the circumstances or set of circumstances, such holding shall not affect the applicability thereof to any other persons, property or circumstances

Section 4 **Effective Date and Duration**

This Ordinance shall be effective upon its enactment by Town Council for the Town of Kiawah Island.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND ON THIS 1st DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020.

Craig Weaver, Mayor

Petra S. Reynolds, Town Clerk

1st Reading: August 4, 2020

2nd Reading: September 1, 2020



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TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda Item



Request for Town Council Action

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Bruce D. Spicher/Floodplain Manager

SUBJECT: [please add the ordinance title] Ordinance 2020-10

DATE: September 1, 2020

BACKGROUND:

The effective date for the enforcement of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) shall be January 29, 2021. Our current Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance is required to be amended to reflect required changes to comply with the new FIRM's, and to ensure our ordinance remains an enforceable document based on the latest edition of the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Ordinance 2020-10 to amend:

Article 14, Chapter 1, Sec. 14-114 - Basis for establishing the areas of special flood hazard - to change the effective date to reflect a date of January 29, 2021

Article 14. Chapter 1, Section 14-115 – Definitions - to add a new definition to define the new flood delineation line designated on the new FIRM.

Article 14, Chapter 1, Section 14-173 - Special Standards – to change the language to include correction of typographical error and add new LiMWA language, thereby creating a document that defines the design and building requirements for properties that reside in this new property designation group.

TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND

ORDINANCE 2020-10

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH ARE TO AMEND ARTICLE 14 -GENERAL REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 1 – FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION, SECTION 14-114 – BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING THE AREAS OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD, SECTION 14-115 - DEFINITIONS AND SECTION 14-173

WHEREAS, the Town is to adopt the Flood Insurance Rate Maps with an effective date of January 29, 2021. Which once adopted will supersede the current Flood Insurance Rate Map effective date of November 17, 2004 and;

WHEREAS, the town is a member of the National Flood Insurance Program and;

WHEREAS, the town is an active member of the Community Rating Service Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, AND IT HEREBY IS, RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1 **Purpose**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to Amend Article 14, Chapter 1, Section 14-114, 14-115 and Section 14- 173.

SECTION 2 **Ordinance Amendments** (additions in red type):

Article 14, Chapter 1, Sec. 14-114 - Basis for establishing the areas of special flood hazard shall be amended as follows:

The areas of special flood hazard identified by the federal emergency management agency in its flood insurance rate map (FIRM), dated November 17, 2004, with accompanying maps and other supporting data that are adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this chapter.

The areas of special flood hazard identified by the federal emergency management agency in its flood insurance rate map (FIRM), dated **January 29, 2021**, with accompanying maps and other supporting data that are adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this chapter.

Article 14. Chapter 1, Section 14-115 - Definitions shall add new definition to define the new flood delineation line designated on the new FIRM. The new definition shall read as follows:

Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LiMWA) zones, are those zones identified on currently adopted Flood Insurance Rate Maps as having the potential to be affected by wave action in excess of 1.5 feet, and therefore be at a significant risk during a 1-percent-annual-chance flood event. As such are required to be designed and built in

accordance with current “V” zone requirements. This area designation is also referred to as a “Coastal A Zone”.

Article 14, Chapter 1, Section 14-173 - Special Standards shall be amended as follows:

Special standards for construction in coastal high hazard areas located within the special flood hazard areas identified by the map and report referred to in section 14-114 are areas known as coastal high hazard areas (V-zones) and or **Limited Moderate Wave Action Zones, also known as Coastal A Zones**. These coastal high hazard areas have special flood hazards associated with high velocity waters from tidal surge and hurricane wave wash and therefore the following special construction standards shall apply in the coastal high hazard areas as determined by the floodplain manager and the building official.

- (1) All buildings in a coastal high hazard area shall meet the following provisions:
 - a. All buildings shall be located landward of the reach of the mean high tide.
 - b. All buildings shall be elevated so that the lowest supporting horizontal member (excluding pilings or columns) is located no lower than one foot above base flood elevation level, with all space below the lowest supporting member open so as not to impede the flow of water. Open lattice work or decorative screening may be permitted for aesthetic purposes only and must be designed to wash away in the event of abnormal wave action. Certification of the elevation of the bottom of the lowest supporting member must be verified and recorded.
 - c. All buildings or structures shall be securely anchored on pilings or columns.
 - d. All pile and column foundations and structures attached thereto shall be anchored to resist flotation, collapse and lateral movement due to the effect of wind and water loads acting on all building components. Water loading values shall equal or exceed base flood. Wind loading values shall be in accordance with the International Building Code Section 1609 and shall correlate to the risk factor specified for the building construction type to be construed.
 - e. A registered professional engineer shall certify that the design, specifications and plans for construction are in compliance with the provisions of this chapter related to construction in coastal high hazard areas.
 - f. There shall be no fill used as structural support. Non-compacted fill may be used around the perimeter of a building for landscaping/aesthetic purposes provided the fill will wash out from storm surge prior to generating excessive loading forces, ramping effects or wave deflection. The building official shall approve design plans for landscaping/aesthetic fill only after the applicant has provided an analysis by an engineer which demonstrates that the following factors have been fully considered:
 1. Particle composition of fill material does not have a lending for excessive natural compaction;
 2. Volume and distribution of fill will not cause wave defection to adjacent properties; and

3. Slope of fill will not cause wave run-up or ramping.
- g. There shall be no alternation of sand dunes which would increase potential flood damage.
- h. Breakaway walls shall be allowed below the base flood elevation to enclose the perimeter foot print of the structure and to provide no more than 300 square feet of storage. A breakaway wall is a wall that is not part of the structural support building, intended through design and construction to collapse under specific lateral (wind and water) loading conditions without causing collapse, displacement, or other structural damage to the elevated portion of the building or supporting foundation system. All CMU walls designed to break-away shall be free of rebar reinforcement. To ensure breakaway walls withstand forces from wind and everyday use, yet collapse under storm conditions, current NFIP and FEMA regulations require that a breakaway wall shall have a safe design loading of not less than ten pounds per square foot (psf) and no more than 20 pounds per square foot (psf). Designation of this limit should be based on such factors as material, cross-section and spacing of pilings or columns upon which the structure sits the elevation above the ground and other assumed loadings on the structure. Breakaway walls shall not have any devices or equipment attached to them. Any type of enclosure that does not meet this design criterion is prohibited. "V" zone, and or **Limited Moderate Wave Action zones, and or Coastal A zone**, certification documentation; that includes amount of scouring, elevation of the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member, elevation of the lowest adjacent grade, base flood elevation, embedment depth of pilings or foundations, shall be completed by the design engineer or architect and his/her seal placed on the document.
- i. Lattice work or decorative screening shall be allowed below the base flood elevation provided they are not part of the structural support of the building and are designed so as to break away under high tides or wave action without damage to the structural integrity of the building and provided that:
1. No solid wall shall be allowed;
 2. Material is lattice or mesh screening only; and
 3. Only class 4 and 5 materials shall be used below base flood elevation.
- j. Such enclosed space (lattice or screening) shall not be designed to be used for human habitation but may be designed to be used only for the parking of vehicles, building access, or limited storage of maintenance equipment used on the premises.
- k. Prior to construction, plans for lattice work or screening must be approved by the building official.
- l. Any alteration, repair, reconstruction or improvement to a structure shall not enclose the space below the lowest floor except with lattice work or decorative screening.

SECTION 3 **Severability**

If any part of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional, it shall be construed to have been the legislative intent to pass said Ordinance without such unconstitutional provision, and the remainder of said Ordinance shall be deemed to be valid as if such portion had not been included. If said Ordinance, or any provisions thereof, is held to be inapplicable to any person, group of persons, property, kind of property, circumstances or set of circumstances, such holding shall not affect the applicability thereof to any other persons, property or circumstances.

SECTION 4 **Effective Date and Duration**

This Ordinance shall be effective upon January 29, 2021 and with the approval of the second reading.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND ON THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER 2020.

Craig Weaver, Mayor

Petra S. Reynolds, Town Clerk

First Reading Approval _____

Second Reading Approval _____



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TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda Item

THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND

ORDINANCE 2020-11

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 15, GENERAL OFFENSES, CHAPTER 2, OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE, SECTION 15-212, LITTERING

WHEREAS, the Town of Kiawah Island Municipal Code currently contains Article 15, General Offenses, Chapter 2, Offenses Against Public Peace, Section 15-212, Littering;

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that it is appropriate to amend Section 15-212 to address issues related to the prosecution of littering charges under this Section and to clarify who can be held responsible for violations of the Section; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to amend Section 15-212 to address these issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND IT IS ORDAINED BY THE AUTHORITY OF SAID COUNCIL.

Section 1 **Purpose**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Article 15, General Offenses, Chapter 2, Offenses Against Public Peace, Section 15-212 Littering to address issues related to the prosecution of littering charges under this Section and to clarify who can be held responsible for violations of the Section.

Section 2 **Ordinance Amendments**

Section 15-212 amended as follows (additions in red type):

(a) No person may ~~place or cause or allow to be placed or disposed of in any manner any dump, throw, drop, deposit, discard, or otherwise dispose of~~ litter or other solid waste upon any public or private property ~~except in an authorized receptacle provided expressly for the purposes of retaining such litter or waste matter.~~ Persons placing litter or waste matter in an authorized receptacle shall do so in such a manner as to prevent the litter or waste matter from being carried or deposited by the elements outside of the receptacle.

(b) No person may ~~place or cause to be placed dump, throw, deposit, discard, or otherwise dispose of~~ litter, other solid waste or yard debris in any lagoon, stream, or other waterway, except during the maintenance of bodies of water by authorized personnel.

(c) No person may ~~place or cause to be placed~~ any litter or other solid waste, including recyclable material, at any waste collection site within the Town except in an authorized receptacle provided expressly for the purposes of retaining such litter or waste matter. Persons placing litter or waste matter in an authorized receptacle shall do so in such a manner as to prevent the litter or waste matter from being carried or deposited by the elements outside of the receptacle.

(d) “Litter” means any organic or inorganic waste material, rubbish, refuse, garbage, recyclable material, trash, hulls, peelings, debris, grass, weeds, ashes, sand, gravel, slag, brickbats, metal, plastic, and glass containers, broken glass, dead animals or intentionally or unintentionally discarded materials of every kind and description.

(e) Whenever any litter or other solid waste which is placed or caused to be placed in violation of this ordinance is discovered to contain any article or articles, including but not limited to letters, bills, publications or other writing, which display the name of the person thereon in such a manner as to indicate that the article belongs or belonged to such person, it shall be a rebuttable presumption that such person has violated this ordinance.

(f) Any person may be held in violation of this ordinance if they direct, advise, or cause a third party place litter or waste matter in violation of this ordinance.

Section 3 **Severability**

If any part of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional, it shall be construed to have been the legislative intent to pass said Ordinance without such unconstitutional provision, and the remainder of said Ordinance shall be deemed to be valid as if such portion had not been included. If said Ordinance, or any provisions thereof, is held to be inapplicable to any person, group of persons, property, kind property, circumstances or set of circumstances, such holding shall not affect the circumstances or set of circumstances, such holding shall not affect the applicability thereof to any other persons, property or circumstances

Section 4 **Effective Date and Duration**

This Ordinance shall be effective upon its enactment by Town Council for the Town of Kiawah Island.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

Craig Weaver, Mayor

Petra S. Reynolds, Town Clerk

1st Reading:

2nd Reading:



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Kiawah Island Housing Market Study

Final Report

August 2020



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Yuriy Bekker, CSO

2019-2020

Annual Report



Carles & Sofia

Members

Gary Rice, Chair
 David Wohl, Vice Chair
 Bill Blizard
 Becky Hilstad
 Joan Collar
 Jodi Rush
 Judy Chitwood
 Richard Ames
 Van McCollum

Letter from the Council

As mandated by our charter, the Arts and Cultural Events Council of the Town of Kiawah Island is pleased to provide this Annual Report regarding our events and accomplishments for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Our charter tasks us to “strive to ensure that Kiawah is recognized as an arts and culturally minded community” and “work to enhance community, visitor and tourist appreciation of arts and cultural events within the Town and environs.” To those ends, during the 2019-2020 season, the Arts Council scheduled 22 musical performances, six piano bars, four art films, a ballet, and a dance band, and was able to get through most of this schedule before our season was cut short in March by the COVID-19 pandemic. The musical performances included bluegrass, blues, chamber music, symphony, choral, jazz, and rock and roll. Approximately 1,191 people obtained tickets to these events, many of which were sold out.

In addition to the glorious classical performances from chamber groups and the Charleston Symphony Orchestra throughout the year, we held a number of special events. In October, the Columbia City Ballet’s captured the spirit of Halloween with its original ballet, Dracula, which charmed a sellout crowd at East Beach. We also celebrated Valentine’s Day at Turtle Point with a special dinner at Tomasso, followed by operatic love songs sung by Sandra DeAthos and Harold Meers. Our recent success with progressive bluegrass continued with Grammy-winning Travelin’ McCourys, who brought down the house at East Beach in January. We were also fortunate to have a series of tremendous jazz concerts. It is truly remarkable that performances of this caliber, mostly for free or at a nominal price, are available just a few minutes from our homes. The value of these events is even more apparent at a time when stages have been darkened across the country by the pandemic.

We are grateful to all those that make this possible: to Mayor Craig Weaver, the Town Council, and Town Administrator Stephanie Tillerson, for the financial and administrative support provided by the Town; to the Kiawah Island Resort, Holy



Carmen Bradford

Spirit Catholic Church, Church of Our Savior, Seabrook Island, and the Sandcastle, for providing us with venues; and to our extraordinary staff, Town Communication Manager Stephanie Braswell Edgerton and Communications Specialist Keely Laughlin, for all that they do to make these events successful.

The Work of the Arts Council

The Arts Council was organized in 2005 and in that year put on ten events with a budget of \$25,000 provided by the Town of Kiawah. Last year, the Arts Council scheduled 34 events and had a budget of \$322,014 of which \$118,000 came from the Town, \$22,014 came from ticket sales, and \$182,000 was funded by local accommodation taxes.

The Arts Council has nine volunteer members. The members are responsible for planning events and running them. Although a few performers, such as the Charleston Symphony Orchestra, return every year, for the most part the Council finds a new set of performers for each season. Members research potential performers, negotiate the terms of performances and prepare a proposal for consideration by the Council as a whole during its winter planning meetings. Throughout this process, the Council is mindful of our patrons' preferences, as expressed in comments received, the popularity of various types of events, and the formal survey that the Arts Council conducts periodically (most recently in 2017). The Council is also mindful of the venues available and their suitability for different types of events.

When an event occurs, the event coordinator (normally the member who proposed the event) is responsible for coordinating all aspects of the performance with the artists, the venue, the administrative staff, and fellow members. This includes such matters as deciding on the number of tickets to be sold and seating arrangements in the venue, preparing a program, arranging for delivery and tuning of a piano, green room set up, and recruiting other members of the Council to take tickets, hand out programs and otherwise assist at the event.

Stephanie Braswell Edgerton and Keely Laughlin do all the administrative work associated with the Council. They manage our budget, work with members to prepare event programs, design and communicate all publicity relating to the events, manage ticket sales, prepare all the materials for our regular meetings and planning sessions, and much more. The Arts Council could not function without them, and would not be successful were they not so skilled at so many things.

Organizational Improvements



David Holt, Josh Goforth
& Zeb Holt

In 2018 Mayor Craig Weaver asked that the Arts Council address sustainability issues that he had identified with respect to our governance structure, our members, and our venues. A Sustainability Committee was formed to address those issues.

As discussed in last year's annual report, one outcome of the Sustainability Committee's review was to revise the governance structure so that a member of the Town Council no longer chairs the Arts Council. The amount of work involved in chairing the Arts Council was considered too burdensome for Town Council members who have many other responsibilities. Instead, the Arts Council now has a chair and vice-chair elected from its volunteer members. The Arts Council receives oversight from the Town through quarterly meetings with an Arts Council Board, which includes a member of the Town Council (currently Dan Prickett), the chair and vice-chair of the Arts Council, the Town Administrator, and the Town Communications Manager.

Another sustainability issue that was identified was the burden on the volunteer members and on Town staff associated with putting on so many events. During the 2019-2020 season, the Arts Council took two steps to reduce this burden. First, we outsourced the lighting function, which formerly required the volunteer members to haul lighting equipment to the concerts, put it up, take it down and store it afterward. This work is now done by an outside vendor. Second, we made a number of changes to the ticketing process. By putting all ticket sales online, we were able to reduce staff time spent dealing with ticket requests and also ensure that advance ticket access would be available to non-resident

Kiawah property owners who, under the prior system, were sometimes unable to go to Town Hall to pick up advance tickets that are available to residents for certain events. We also introduced electronic scanning of tickets. This gives us greater control over the ticketing process and requires fewer members to staff a performance. Over the course of the 2019-2020 season we have been able to work the kinks out of both of these new systems and believe that they have not only reduced the burden on members and staff but have provided a better experience for our patrons.



Travelin' McCourys

One of the most time-consuming tasks for Arts Council members is that of researching potential events, negotiating with performers, and preparing a proposal. Staff is also involved in calculating the costs associated with proposals, such as venue fees, lighting, sound, backlines, and risers. While bringing new artists to Kiawah and having them enthusiastically received is one of the most rewarding aspects of being a member of the Arts Council, having proposals developed individually and then reviewed together at the end of the process results in considerable duplication of effort and (because in a typical year only about half of the proposals are approved) a great deal of wasted effort. The Arts Council is now implementing a new process where proposals will be developed by members divided into working groups by genre. In



Stephane Wrembel

addition to being more efficient, it is hoped that this approach will allocate work more evenly among the members, provide more mentorship opportunities, and make it easier to achieve balance and diversity at the end of the process.

In addition to proposals initiated by members, the Arts Council receives applications from outside arts organizations to put on events that are funded by the Cultural Events Fund. For next year we have streamlined the Cultural Events application process and synchronized the process with the development of Arts Council proposals so that members will know what Cultural Events applications have been filed as they consider their own proposals. Both Arts Council proposals and Cultural Events applications can then be considered together in January when we plan our new season.



Harold Meers
Stories of Love

The COVID-19 Pandemic

In mid-March, just as we had completed our planning for the 2020-2021 season and were heading into the home stretch of our 2019-2020 season, the COVID-19 pandemic made it unsafe to continue to hold events. The decision to cancel our remaining events and the subsequent decision to cancel the first half of the 2020-2021 season reflected not only general concerns about the degree of community spread of the virus, but also a recognition that most of our audience is in the age group that is most at risk. In addition, the collection of local accommodation taxes, which fund Cultural Events, were significantly reduced by the



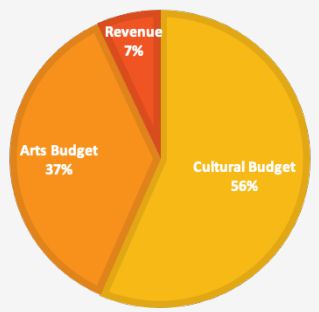
Sandra DeAthos
Stories of Love

pandemic.

It is our current intention to resume concerts in January 2021. However, we will do so only if we are confident that holding events will be safe for our patrons, performers, members, and staff. We, along with many other arts organizations, are working hard to develop protocols for holding events safely. These include everything from handling tickets, audience spacing, special procedures for entering and leaving venues, cleaning of venues, and the use of masks and sanitizers. The required procedures—especially limiting audience size—may mean that some of our planned events will not be economically viable. We are following closely what other arts organizations are doing as well as guidance issued by various government agencies and health organizations. We hope that by January, we will have settled on a set of protocols that will enable us to put on events safely and within our budget and staff limitations. We are anxious to get back to work.

Budget

■ Cultural Budget ■ Arts Budget ■ Revenue



2005/2006 SEASON - 1ST SEASON

10 Events | \$25,000 Budget
Provided by the Town

2019/2020 SEASON

34 Events* | \$300,000 Budget
Provided by the Town

**34 events were scheduled for 2019-2020, however due to COVID-19 only 25 were held*

Cultural Event Fund
\$182,000

The CEF is funded by local accomodations taxes and as such Cultural Events are intended to drive more tourism.

Arts Event Fund
\$118,000

Arts events are funded by the Town's general fund and can be spent on events that would be enjoyed by our patrons but not necessarily drive tourism to the island.

Revenue
\$22,014

For the first time, the Arts Council charged a nominal fee (\$10) for events not held at the churches, excluding events where the producer retains ticket revenue.

Thank You

In closing, we want to again thank the Town, our members, our staff, and our venues for making the Arts Council possible. As Mayor Weaver has decided not to run for another term, we would like to particularly thank him for his support for the Arts Council over the past four years. The actions he initiated in 2018 to improve the sustainability of the Arts Council have resulted in a better experience for our patrons and have put the Council in a position to continue to succeed in the years to come.



Georgia Guitar Quartet

Our Partners





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TOWN OF
Kiawah Island®



JULY 2020 - JUNE 2021

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

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WHO ARE WE

ABOUT US



Jack Kotz

Town Mission

To protect and preserve the residential character of the community and the Island's unique natural environment while supporting the economic vitality of the resort and other commercial enterprise.

Elected Officials

Craig Weaver, Mayor
Chris Widuch, Mayor Pro Tem/Council
Maryanne Connelly, Council Member
Dan Prickett, Council Member
Klaus Said, Council Member

Other Officials

Stephanie Tillerson, Town Administrator
Dorota Szubert, Town Treasurer

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Statistics

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3657
Households

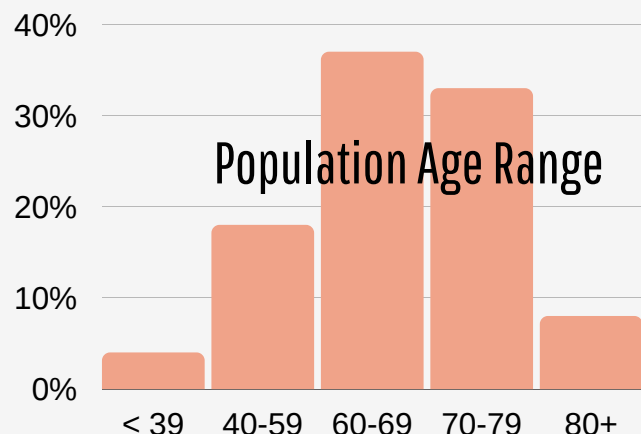


\$1.2 M Average Home Price Single-family 2019

\$825K Average Lot Sales Price



2065 Registered Voters
(full-time residents)



KIAWAH ISLAND

HOME OF



Ten miles of wide, pristine, unspoiled, oceanfront beach

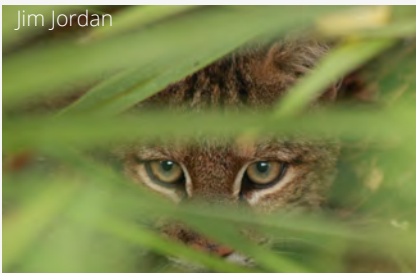


Five Star, Five Diamond Sanctuary Hotel at the Kiawah Island Golf Resort



The Ocean Course host of the 1991 Ryder Cup, 1997, 2003 World Cups, 2001 UBS Warburg Cup, 2007 Senior PGA Championship, 2012 PGA Championship and site of the 2021 PGA Championship

Jim Jordan



The longest-running bobcat GPS Study in the world. Kiawah's historically healthy bobcat population has been sharply declining. More at www.savekiawahbobcats.com



A vital nesting ground for loggerhead turtles with over 300 turtle nests on average per year and one of the largest volunteer turtle patrol programs in the U.S.



Bob Hill

One of the few select areas in the world where dolphins strand feed.



Bob Hill

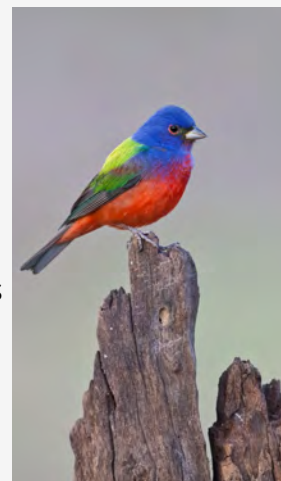
Approximately 700 white-tailed deer



A critical staging area for Red Knots during spring migration as they undertake an incredible journey from South America to the Arctic traveling over 9,000 miles.



A healthy population of American alligators which can be seen in all of the 150 brackish and freshwater ponds interspersed throughout the island. Never feed, harass, or approach alligators.



A healthy population of Painted Buntings, one of the most beautiful songbirds in North America. Kiawah's coastal maritime forest provides critical breeding habitat for these birds.

TOWN SERVICES

TOWN COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

Establishment of Town policies

MUNICIPAL COURT

Jurisdiction to try all cases arising due to the violation of Town ordinances and has powers and authority in criminal cases made under state law and conferred upon magistrates.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Island-wide law enforcement provided by Charleston County Sheriffs Office, Beach Patrol, Code Enforcement, Emergency Response, Disaster Planning and Recovery.

PUBLIC WORKS

Island beautification and maintenance of Beachwalker Drive, Kiawah Island Parkway from the roundabout at Betsy Kerrison Parkway to the front gate and the Municipal Center.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Island-wide garbage, recycling, yard debris, brown trash and household hazardous waste collection and disposal.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Zoning permits, subdivision of land, re-zonings, planned developments, variance requests, special exception requests, site plan review, zoning & land development regulations, and appeals of administrative decisions.

BUILDING SERVICES & BUSINESS LICENSES

Responsible for accountable business practices through licensing and building permit and inspection process for all commercial and residential projects within the Town. It has an express goal of maintaining a safe building environment for our residents through quality plan review and inspections.



ENVIRONMENTAL

Beach management, wildlife population monitoring and research, habitat management, nuisance/injured wildlife response, Turtle Patrol education and outreach efforts.

COMMUNICATIONS

Public information in normal and emergency operations is provided through various mediums, including the Town website, quarterly newsletter (Town Notes), bi-weekly e-blasts, social media, and specialty publications.

TOURISM PROMOTION

Allocation of tourism funds, collaboration with island entities to promote tourism activities, and hosts a Charleston Visitors Bureau office.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Charitable Contributions, Arts & Cultural Events.

Total Revenue Summary

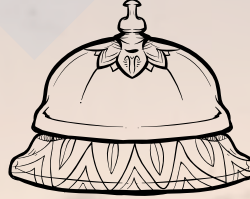
45%



Charges for Services

Business Licenses
Building Permits
Solid Waste Fees

40%



Accommodation & Hospitality Taxes

11%



Franchise Fees

4%



Other

Court Fines
Investments Income
Misc.



Property Tax (No Town of Kiawah Island Property Tax)

Property taxes paid to
Charleston County do
not include any taxes for
the Town.

\$7.8 Million

Restricted and
Unrestricted Funds

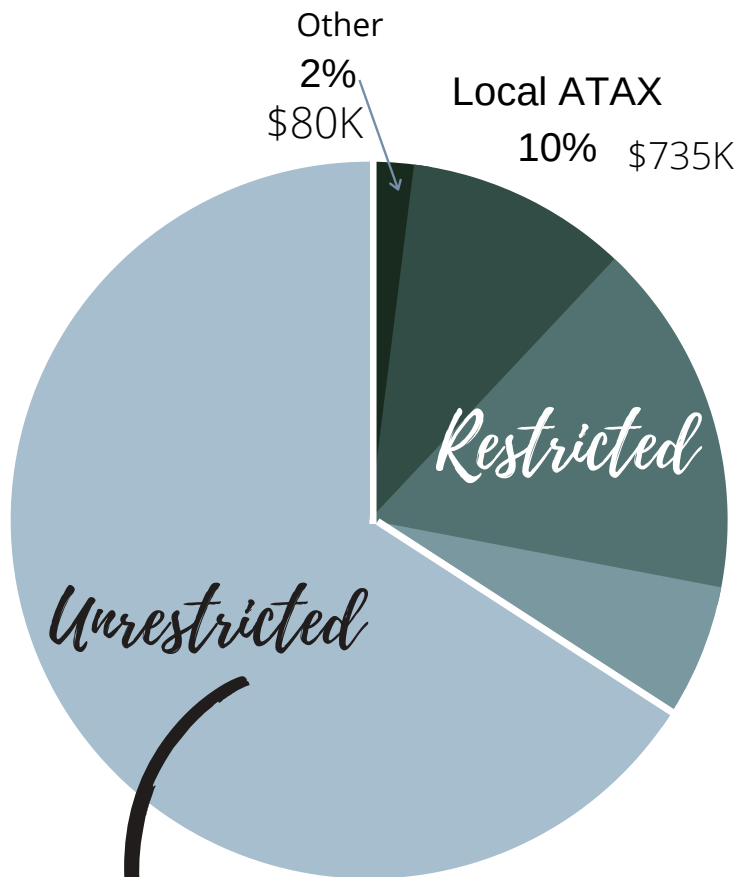
Where the
revenue
comes
from



Total Revenues Budgeted

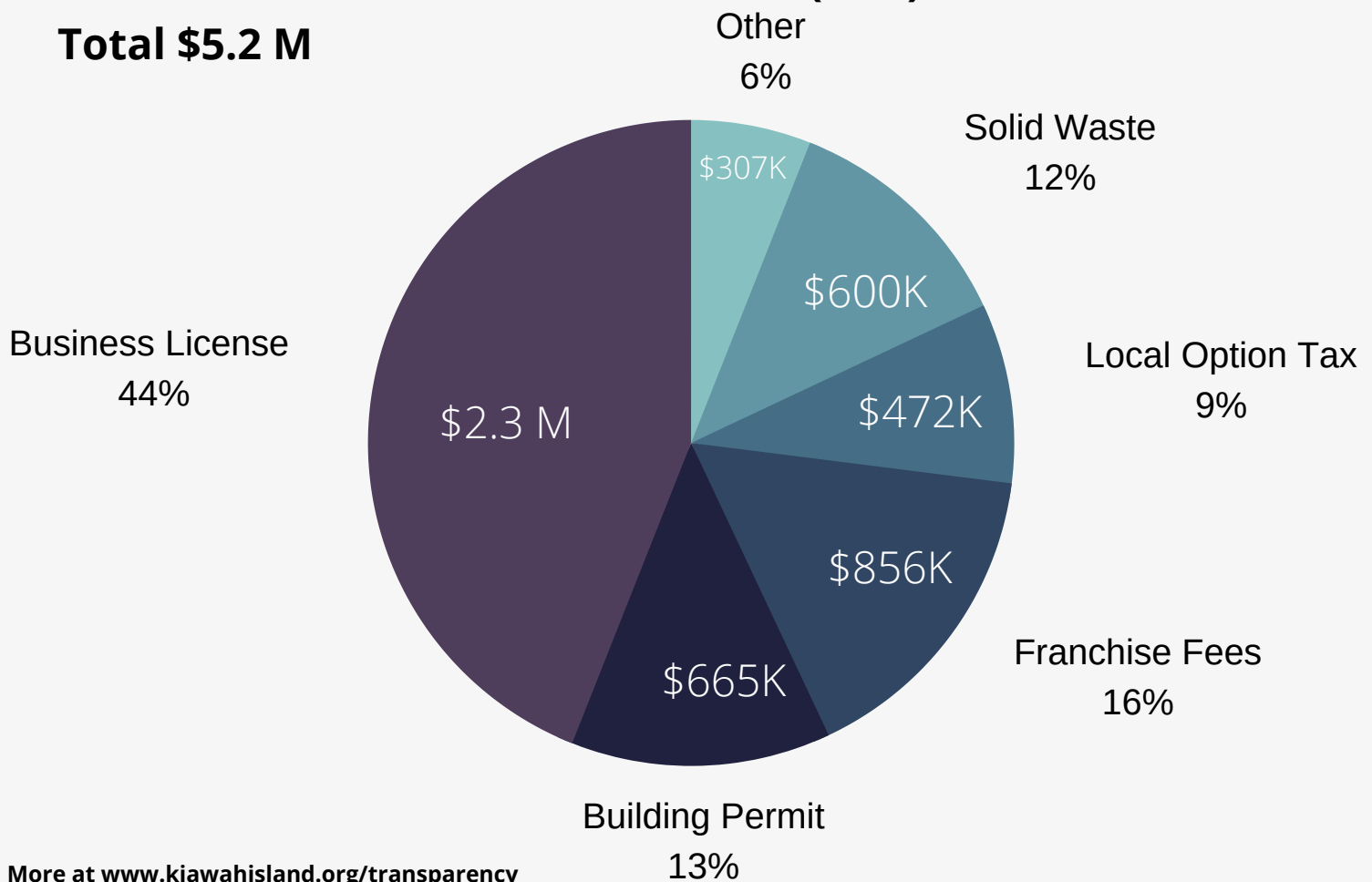
Total \$7.8 Million

**Restricted Fund
Revenues (34%)
Total \$2.6 M**



**General Fund
66%
\$5.2M**

**Unrestricted General Fund Revenues (66%)
Total \$5.2 M**



Revenue Sources Detailed

\$0 Property Tax - Property Taxes paid to Charleston County do not include any taxes from the Town

Unrestricted Funds

Sources not required to be used for specific purposes. Listed below:



Business Licenses

Fees charged to businesses to be able to operate within the limits of the Town.



Building Permits

Fees charged to contractors for all construction projects, whether done by a licensed contractor or property owner.



Solid Waste Collection

Fees for collection and disposal of residential garbage, recycling, and yard debris.



Franchise Fees

Fees for the rights of specific companies to provide services within the Town, such as electricity, cable, and beach chair rentals.



Local Option Tax

A uniform 1% tax on the taxable sale. The state collects this tax and distributes a percent to municipalities in the county.

Other



- **Beverage Tax:** The state levies this tax for alcohol beverage permits sold to businesses, of which a portion is distributed to the municipality.



- **Fines and Forfeitures:** The Town keeps a small percentage of fees collected through Municipal Court for tickets issued within the Town limits. The majority of these fees go to the state.



- **Aid to Subdivision:** State aid to local governments from several tax sources annually.

Restricted Funds

Sources that can only be used for specific purposes. Listed below:



State Accommodation Tax (SATAX)

A tax tourists pay from the rental charges for accommodations when staying on the island. Revenues from this tax must be spent on tourism-related expenditures except for the first \$25K plus 5% of the remaining total revenues which are allocated to the Town's general fund and not restricted. The allocation of SATAX funds is recommended by the Town's SATAX Committee and approved by Town Council. The major areas where the money is allocated include enhanced police protection, Beach Patrol, and promotion of community events.



Local Accommodation Fund

SC state law allows the Town to levy 1% municipal local accommodation tax. These fees are remitted to the Town by Charleston County monthly. Revenues must be spent exclusively for things such as tourism, cultural events, and beach access roads providing access to tourist destinations.



County Accommodation

Charleston County levies 2% accommodation tax of which a portion is distributed to municipalities where they were earned. The Town receives approximately 25% of the fees collected, contingent on the use of the money on capital projects or services that promote tourism.



Hospitality Tax

A tax paid by patrons of restaurants, grocery stores and any other establishments that sell and prepare food and beverages. The 1% tax is remitted to the Town by these businesses monthly.



\$0 Property Tax - Property taxes paid to Charleston County do not include any taxes for the Town.

Total Expenditures Summary

\$7.8 Million

Restricted and
Unrestricted Funds

How the
budget
dollars are
distributed



26%

Administration &
Community
Development Services



20%

Pubic Works/
Infrastructure/
Municipal Center



14%

Public Safety



13%

Solid Waste



11%

Tourism



6%

Wildlife
Research



5%

Beach
Management



3%

Arts Council



2%

Charities

2020 - 2021 Expenditures

\$7.8 million

Below is how general & restricted funds are budgeted to be spent.

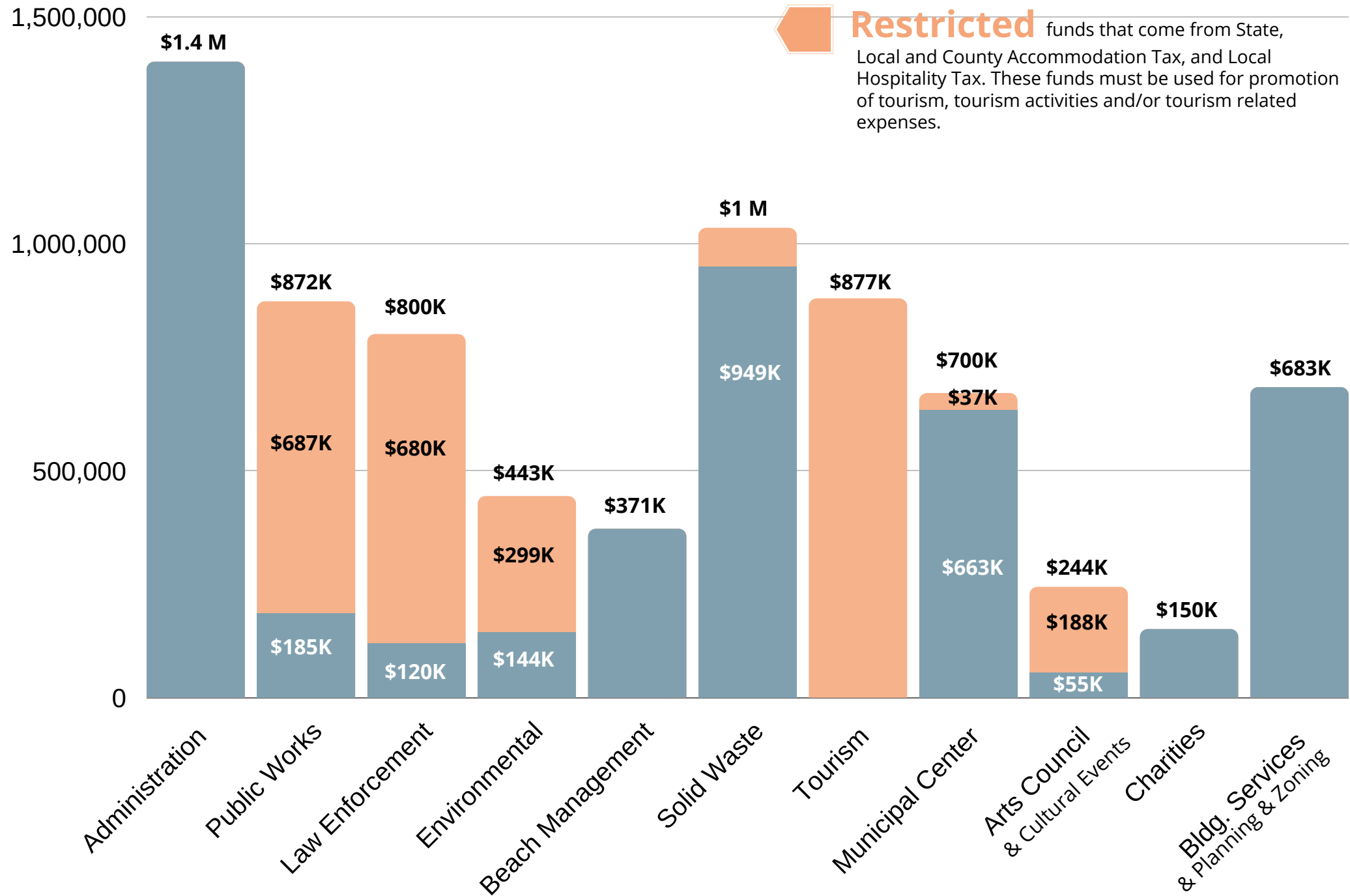


Unrestricted - General Fund

The general fund or unrestricted fund is the Town's primary operating fund. This fund comes from revenue from business license, permit fees, franchise fees, etc.



Restricted funds that come from State, Local and County Accommodation Tax, and Local Hospitality Tax. These funds must be used for promotion of tourism, tourism activities and/or tourism related expenses.



Expenditures Detailed

13% Solid Waste

The Town provides various collection types for its residents and continues to provide curbside service free of charge. Expenditures also include garbage collection on the beach, Kestrel Court Trash and Recycling Center, and the Beachwalker Drive site.

11% Tourism

Distribution of State Accommodation Tax funds back into the community for the advertising and promotion of tourism-related activities and expenditures.

Funds for this fiscal year were allocated to:

- Freshfields Village events marketing/advertising
- Kiawah Island Golf Resort events promotion
- 2021 PGA Championship
- Beach Patrol coverage
- Charleston County Sheriff's Deputy coverage (a portion of)
- Charleston Visitors Bureau

11% Public Works

Maintaining Beachwalker Drive, Kiawah Island Parkway from the roundabout at Betsy Kerrison Parkway to the front gate and the Municipal Center. Includes repaving and landscape design services for the KI Parkway.

10% Law Enforcement

Dedicated law enforcement services contracted with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office that entails enhanced coverage and four permanently assigned deputies for Kiawah.

2% Charitable Contributions

The Town supports a variety of charitable organizations through its Charitable Contribution Fund. The Town allocates an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

3% Arts and Cultural

The Town strives to enhance the community and provide residents and visitors accessibility of performing arts events within the Town. The 2019-2020 annual report is available at www.kiawahisland.org/events



5% Beach Management

Beach Monitoring

Annual beach sand volume survey, report, and recommendations (Coastal Science and Engineering). Mitigation for previous beach restoration projects.

Beach Patrol

Contracted with Barrier Island Ocean Rescue for the provision of ocean rescue, life safety, first aid services, and code enforcement on the beach.

6% Environmental

Bobcat GPS Research Project

Analyzes the habitat needs of bobcats and assists in management and conservation. Longest, continuous GPS study on bobcats in the world.

Bird Banding Projects

Studies on productivity, survivorship, and movements of many bird species that are indicators of the health of the island's ecosystem.

Alligator Behavior and Safety Studies

Studies to understand the behavior and movements of alligators to increase awareness and safety across the island. Cooperative projects with KICA, Clemson University, SCDNR, and the Nemours Wildlife Foundation.

Wildlife Surveys and Monitoring

Variety of wildlife surveys to estimate population size and abundance of many wildlife species to look at population trends over time to better understand how our native wildlife species are adapting to changes on Kiawah.

Environmental Programs

Funding for educational programs to enhance awareness of Kiawah's wildlife and reduce negative interactions with wildlife. Programs include the Dolphin Education Project (NOAA NMFS, LMMN), Outdoor Wildlife Lessons in Science (KIGR), Grow Native, Kiawah Conservancy education and outreach programs, Shorebird Stewardship program, and more.