

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING

Kiawah Island Municipal Center
Council Chambers
September 25, 2018; 2:00 pm

Minutes

I. **Call to Order: Mr. Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.**

II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Present at the meeting: John R. Wilson, Chairman
Craig Weaver, Mayor
Diana Mezzanotte
Chris Widuch
Jack Koach

Also Present: Stephanie Monroe Tillerson, Town Administrator
Dorota Szubert, Town Treasurer
Petra Reynolds, Town Clerk

III. **Approval of Minutes:**

A. Ways & Means Committee Meeting of August 28, 2018

Mayor Weaver made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2018 Ways and Means Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Widuch and the minutes were unanimously passed.

IV. **Citizens' Comments: (Agenda Items only)**

Marilyn Green Larach – 1082 Terrapin Court

Ms. Green read from the following statement:

Carolina Waste is on the agenda today, so I hope you won't find me out of order by wishing to address two issues regarding Carolina Waste before your deliberations.

My name is Marilyn Green Larach. I live at 1082 Terrapin Court, Kiawah Island. I am the vice-president of the Kiawah Island Cottage Owners Association (KICOA). The Greenslake and Sparrow Pond cottages, some of the oldest developments on Kiawah Island, comprise KICOA. While I am a citizen of Kiawah Island, I speak today on behalf of the KICOA board.

The first issue is to request that the Town Council (TC) allow KICOA cottage owners who are non-renters to select the one-day a week curbside service that comes at no cost to the owner because the Town subsidizes it for homeowners. May I remind you that prior to July 1, 2018, the rate for backdoor service including twice weekly garbage pickup during the summer season for each cottage was \$114/year. Since July 1, 2018, the Town increased rates by \$146 to \$260/year for non-renters. This represents a 228% rate increase. Since July 1, 2018, the rate for cottage owners who rent has increased by \$271 to \$385.00/year. This represents a 338% rate increase. The KICOA board hopes that the Town will see fit to grant us the request to give non-renter KICOA homeowners the same option that other Kiawah homeowners have.

The second issue is one Ms. Szubert, TOKI's treasurer raised last week on September 20 during discussion of the first issue with Ms. Coxe, KICOA's regime manager. Ms. Szubert stated that Carolina Waste has a company policy that they don't service customers unless trash and recycling containers are on flat surfaces. The KICOA board is quite surprised to hear of this policy because

Carolina Waste has been servicing the Greenslake cottages with their raised trash enclosures for multiple years. This is the first that the KICOA board has heard of this policy.

The KICOA board wishes to point out that there is no common property in Greenslake on which to place dumpsters. Greenslake properties are tiny and there is little space to build new trash enclosures that would be on the ground. It would destroy what little greenery surrounds these homes and/or eliminate much of the small driveways that they have. We believe that it is unacceptable for the Town of Kiawah Island to require Greenslake cottage owners to build new, expensive, space-occupying trash enclosures on the ground in front of their cottages. There must be an alternate solution to a problem that was not acknowledged at the time Carolina Waste bid for the Town of Kiawah Island's solid waste business.

Ms. Tillerson indicted that a number of Ms. Larach's concerns would be discussed by Mrs. Szubert during the Treasurer's Report.

**V. Old Business:
None**

VI. New Business:

A. To Consider Recommendation to Town Council to Approve the Proposal from Kimley-Horn for the Beachwalker Drive Improvements.

Mr. Wilson stated the proposal for the Beachwalker Drive improvements had been debated by the Public Works Committee (PWC) for several months now. Two RFPs have been released with several proposals submitted to the Town and PWC for the analysis. These have been reviewed and has been heavily debated. For the project to be completed by May of next year a decision on a contractor had to be made. Miss Tillerson made the decision to gather the members of the PWC who were available, Mr. Sager and Mr. Connor, to again review the proposals and agreed that Kimley Horn, who in addition to being the least expensive, was also completely adequate to do the analysis. The PWC has not specifically made the recommendation, but the members reviewing the proposal along with staff have agreed on the recommendation. Mr. Wilson stated there is some disagreement between the members of the PWC with one member wanting to submit a new RFP and some members not certain that Kimley-Horn is the best choice. He felt it was a situation where the perfect is getting in the way of the good, and the staff is advocating the Ways and Means Committee recommend the proposal from Kimley-Horn.

Mr. Widuch made the motion to recommend to Town Council the approval of the proposal from Kinley form for the beach walk or drive improvements. Mrs. Mezzanotte seconded the motion.

Mr. Widuch stated that there are adequate concerns about Beachwalker Drive and have discussed the problems numerous time in the Public Safety committee. He noted that it is a public safety concern and they are now policeman station at Beachwalker Drive every weekend to protect passengers and pedestrians going into the park.

Mayor Weaver asked for clarification on the process going forward. Mr. Wilson explained that one Kimley-Horn had finished their analysis and design working with the partners and with DHEC/OCRM if necessary the completed design package will be released for construction bids. Those bids will be evaluated and a company selected of construction. Ms. Tillerson added that if the project is to come to be completed by May 2019 the approval of the selection analysis contractor had to be completed to move the project forward.

Following the discussion, the motion to was unanimously approved.

B. To Consider Recommendation to Town Council to Approve the Carolina Waste Contract Amendment for Two (2) Compactors Installed at Kestral Court.

Mr. Lameo presented Council with a photograph of the overflowing boxes and trash on the ground at the Kestral Court site. He noted the Town has in operation two overflow trash and recycling centers located one on Beachwalker Drive and the other one, behind the old Town Hall and one on Kestral Court.

Presently at the Kestral Court site, there are two (2) 8yd trash, one (1) 8yd cardboard and one (1) 30yd recycling container for public use. All containers are serviced on multiple weekly collection days. At least twice per week, these containers are full or overflowing even with the numerous collection days. There is a continuous problem that when full, patrons leave their trash and/or boxes on the ground outside of the containers. This material is unsightly and hazardous as wildlife is attracted to the food source from household trash and a public safety issue. To keep the area clean, the Town pays approximately \$9,000 per year to Mr. Glover clean the areas around the containers on both sites.

Mr. Lameo stated that in an effort to solve the going overflow issue the Town has added addition pickup days, placed an additional can a the Kestral Court site and also added camera surveillance with tickets having been issued for the improper dumping of trash over the years with little results.

Mr. Lameo stated that working with Carolina Waste Services, the staff has researched alternative ways to keep this area clean and operational. We are limited as of property so additional containers cannot be used to increase volume collection. The use of compactors for both the trash and cardboard boxes will present a means of collecting larger volumes of material by reducing the ability to place whole boxes into a container thus filling them at a faster rate. Carolina Waste Service has agreed to install two units to take the place of the present containers at Kestral Court. They have agreed to cover the cost of set up including stairs and a deck that will allow easy access for public use.

Current charges for dumpsters	Total yearly	\$ 6,278.64	
Proposed charges for compactors:	Total yearly	\$14,520.00	
Cost difference from contract service		\$ 8,241.36	
Weekly cleaning services	Total yearly		\$ 9,960.00

Mr. Koach a motion to recommend to Town Council to Approve the Carolina Waste Contract Amendment for Two (2) Compactors Installed at Kestral Court. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mezzanotte

**VII. Chairman's Report:
None**

VIII. Treasurer's Report:

Mrs. Szubert stated that the audit reports and financial statement draft are completed and will be reviewed by the Audit Committee before presentation to Town Council at the October meeting.

Mrs. Szubert stated that after solid waste billing was sent out there was a lot of feedback from HOA owners on why they don't have a choice of services. The Town requires that all rental require to subscribe to twice-a-week backdoor service, but there was a question on who required the non-rental residents to subscribe, the HOA or the Town. Miss Schubert state that

meetings were held with representatives from the management companies, Poston and company along with Ravenel and Associates. Miss Shubert stated that as a Town there is no requirement for non-rental residents to subscribe to twice a week backdoor service and left it up to the HOA or boards to come back to the Town with a recommendation if their resident should be given the opportunity to choose services.

Mrs. Szubert noted that some of the Boards or HOA have already made their decisions, Inlet Cove, Riverview and Beach Townhouses have made the decisions to require twice-a-week backdoor service and letters are being prepared to be sent out by the end of the week. She noted that a decision from Marsh Cottages had not come yet and the Town is still working with Greens Lake Cottages due to an additional liability issue with Carolina Waste where the trash cans have to be brought down steps from porches. She indicated that a meeting would be held with the property manager to review if there are any options available to resolve the issue.

IX. Citizen Comments:

Marilyn Green Larach – 1082 Terrapin Court

Ms. Larach commented on another issue with Carolina Waste in Sparrow Pond where all the trash cans start on ground level. When emptied they stack the trash cans in the front of enclosures designed to hide the can so they can more easily see from the street if they need to be emptied. This then requires the renters to unstack and move them for them to be used causing more problems.

Ms. Larach again stated that the KICOA board is against moving the trash enclosures at the expense of space and the homeowners of Greenslake.

X. Committee Member's Comments:

None

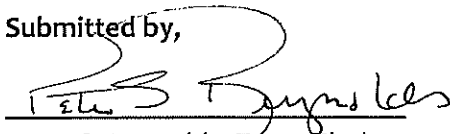
XI. Executive Session:

None

XII. Adjournment:

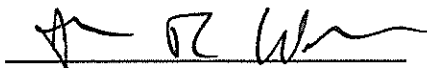
Mr. Koach made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mezzanotte and was unanimously approved.

Submitted by,



Petra S. Reynolds, Town Clerk

Approved by,



John R Wilson, Chairman

12/7/18

Date