



South Strand Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Council members present: Mike Hagg, Ryan Swaim, Steve Attias, Reid Barnes, Troy Crider, Kyle Hawley, Eric Hunt, Al Kipple, Maribeth Lamuraglia, Terri Larkin, Ryan MacDonald, Samantha Slapnik

Council members absent: Sean Bond, Kim Causey-Gomez, Beck Coggeshall, Woody DuRant, Al Jordan, Lauren Joseph, Kim McCutchen, Jackie Neal

Chamber staff present: Shannon Furtick, Cindy Gettig

Hagg and Swaim called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

I. Welcome & Introductions

Council members and staff introduced themselves.

II. Committee Packet Overview

Council reviewed their packets which included information about the chamber, the business development division, south strand council mission, council contacts, the Board of Directors list and Robert's Rules of Order.

Furtick informed the council the chamber has 2,700 member investors, with the mission to promote the business community and work to make the community a better place to work and play. The bottom line for us is to "Promote, protect, and improve." Everything the chamber does should fall into one of those areas.

III. Discussion on 2019 Meeting Topics and Speakers

The top topics for the year will be focused on a transportation update specifically for the south strand area, an active shooter education forum, and details on infrastructure especially on the retail buildings.

IV. Beach Renourishment Update

The Council will be hosting a Beach Renourishment Update on April 17 from 8:30-10 a.m. at Horry Georgetown Technical College Grand Strand Location. The guest speaker will be Wes Wilson with the US Army Corps of Engineers.

V. 2019 Meeting Dates

August 14 - Guest Speaker from topics discussed by the council
3:30-5 p.m. - Location – TBA

October 23 - Economic Development & Infrastructure Forum
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - The Asher Theatre

December 10 - Holiday Mixer
5-7 p.m. - Damon's Oceanfront Grill

VI. Grand Strand Legislative Reception

The reception will be Wednesday, February 27 from 6-9 p.m. at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. All chamber member investors are invited to attend. There will be a bus available day of the event to take attendees to Columbia and back to the chamber.

VII. Annual Meeting

The chamber's Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 9 at the Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort. The chamber is requesting nominations for the seven business and individual categories by February 28. The winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting along with the chamber 2018 accomplishments and plans for the 2019 year. There will be celebration for the Volunteer of the Year and Ambassador of the Year on Thursday, May 9 at the Myrtle Beach Train Depot.

VIII. Other Business

BMW Supplier Diversity Conference Information Meeting will be taking place in the chamber's boardroom on Wednesday, February 6 from 9-11 a.m. Learn all you need to prepare for the BMW Supplier Diversity Conference during this session and why you should do business with BMW and their suppliers.

Grand Strand Young Professionals are hosting their annual Shuckin' on the Strand Oyster Roast on Saturday, February 16 from 12-4 p.m. at The Hot Fish Club benefiting Substitute for Santa. Tickets are \$30 per adult and \$10 for children.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.