

**Special City Council Meeting**  
5:10 p.m., Wednesday, April 11, 2018

A Special Meeting of City Council was convened at 5:10 p.m., Wednesday, April 11, 2018 in Council Chambers of City Hall, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Bell, Buckhannon, Ferencz, Rice, Smith and Ward, Administrator Tucker, Assistant Administrator Fragoso and City Clerk Copeland; a quorum was present to conduct business. Absent from the meeting were Councilmembers Kinghorn and Moye.

1. Mayor Carroll called to order and acknowledged that the press and public were duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

2. **Purpose**

**Approval of a Proclamation Recognizing the Law Enforcement Career and Contributions of the Chief of Police Thomas E. Buckhannon, III**

Mayor Carroll thanked Chief Buckhannon for his thirty-seven (37) years of service to the City where he rose from a patrol officer to the Chief of Police. The Mayor said that the Chief took the IOP Police Department from its first CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) accreditation in 1999, and, in 2017, the City's sixth accreditation and fifth re-accreditation. Chief Buckhannon received personal recognition at the CALEA conference held in Mobile, Alabama; he was given the Ergon Bittner Award for overseeing an accredited Department for over fifteen (15) years. City Administrator then read aloud a proclamation written to honor Chief Buckhannon. (A copy is attached to the historical record of the meeting.)

**MOTION: Councilmember Ferencz moved to adopt the Proclamation as read and Councilmember Buckhannon seconded; the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **Adjournment**

**MOTION: Councilmember Bell moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m.; Councilmember Ward seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland  
City Clerk

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**AGENDA**

1. Call to order and acknowledgement that the press and public were duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.
2. **Approval of a Proclamation Recognizing the Law Enforcement Career and Contributions of the Chief of Police Thomas E. Buckhannon, III.**
3. Adjournment

City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina

A PROCLAMATION

Recognizing the Law Enforcement Career and Contributions of the Chief of Police  
Thomas E. Buckhannon, III.

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Buckhannon, III, retiring Chief of Police of the City of Isle of Palms has served in law enforcement for the past 37 years, and is well respected by fellow law enforcement officers, employees and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Chief Buckhannon's career in law enforcement with the City of Isle of Palms began on November 16, 1980, where he took the oath as Patrol Officer, until his promotion to Sergeant in 1985. In 1989 he was promoted to Lieutenant and then to Deputy Chief, and accepted the position of Chief of Police in September 1995; and

WHEREAS, Chief Buckhannon has dedicated himself to the highest standards of professionalism and excellence as a member of the City of Isle of Palms Police Department; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Chief of Police, the department continued to pursue the most rigorous operational standards, resulting in the Department's becoming a nationally accredited police agency through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement (CALEA) since 2002; and

WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous awards and commendations for his exemplary professional performance, including being awarded the Egon Bittner Award on March 25, 2017, for being in command of an accredited agency for fifteen or more continuous years; and

WHEREAS, on April 12th, members of the Isle of Palms community will join with the Police Department to celebrate the distinguished career of Police Chief Thomas E. Buckhannon, III and on April 13th during his farewell "walk out" ceremony from department headquarters in recognition of his 37 years of honorable service on behalf of the residents of the City; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the City Council of the City of Isle of Palms, on behalf of the citizens we serve, and in recognition of Thomas' exceptional service, distinguished career and commitment to public safety in protection and service to the residents, families, businesses of the City of Isle of Palms as a member of the Isle of Palms Police Department, do hereby congratulate Chief of Police Thomas E. Buckhannon, III on the occasion of his retirement, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. We wish the Chief of Police the very best in his future.

Done on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018, in the City of Isle of Palms.

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Jimmy Carroll, Mayor