

Special Meeting of City Council
5:00pm, Thursday, September 26, 2019
Council Chambers
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Present: Mayor Carroll, Council members Bell, Buckhannon, Ferencz, Moye, Rice, Smith, and Ward

Absent: Council Member Kinghorn

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Treasurer Suggs

2. Purpose

Presentation and discussion of the proposals received for the Isle of Palms Marina Restaurant:

A. Jay Clarke, Barrier Islands, LLC

Mr. Clarke did not give a presentation but asked to be considered for an extension on the lease of Morgan Creek Grill. He said he could be reached for any questions at www.morgancreekgrill.com

B. Dave & Chrissy Lorenz and Jon and Bridget Bushnell

Mr. Lorenz and Mr. Bushnell presented an overview of a smaller-sized restaurant they would like to open on the space occupied by Morgan Creek Grill. It was described as “modern, coast, airy, updated, open floor plan” with a seafood-driven menu at a variety of price points. They shared conceptual drawings of the interior and exterior as well as possible menu ideas.

C. Lowe, Ravenel Commercial Properties, and IOP Marina

Mr. Brian Berrigan, manager of the IOP Marina, spoke to his “intimate knowledge” of the marina space. He encouraged Council and citizens to send him comments and suggestions at brian@iopmarina.com. Mr. Dan Batista then spoke about the level of financial investment needed at the marina, adding this is an investment his company is willing to make. He referred to a new concept for a restaurant but did not provide details of that part of the project. He also spoke about providing discounts to residents to eat at the restaurant, free boat launching facilities for residents, and investing in a public pier for residents. They are requesting a 99-year lease.

Mayor Carroll thanked those who made presentations and the residents who attended the meeting. He said this is a big decision the Council needs to consider.

3. **Executive Session**

Mayor Carroll asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for “discussion and negotiations incident to the proposed contractual arrangements related to the marina restaurant lease.”

MOTION: Council Member Bell made a motion to go into Executive Session in accordance Section 30-4-70 (a) (2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements related to the marina restaurant lease, and Council Member Moye seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Members moved into Executive Session at 5:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk