

RECREATION COMMITTEE
5:00pm, Monday, October 7, 2019
City Hall Council Chambers
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

MINUTES

1. **Call to order**

Present: Council Member Smith (chair), Council members Buckhannon and Moye

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Director Page

2. **Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

Council Member Buckhannon made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2019 meeting, and Council Member Moye seconded the motion. The minutes passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Buckhannon made a motion to change the order of items on the agenda so the discussion of the pool at the Recreation Center was held first. Council Member Moye seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **New Business**

A. **Discussion about a pool at the Recreation Center**

Susan Stabine, President of the Wild Dunes Swim Team, spoke about the history of the swim team, its current size, and its need for growth. She stated the bulk of the team's membership is residents of the Isle of Palms. She spoke about the need for a team facility that could host swim team practices as well as meets with local teams. She noted that Wild Dunes is as accommodating as it can be with their practices, but she knows they receive negative feedback from their guests about not being able to use the pool. Ms. Stabine reported they are close to signing a contract with the pool at Oyster Point as a place to host their meets. She believes the Isle of Palms community would benefit from a community pool as a gathering space and believes many families would utilize it.

Administrator Fragoso said it will be necessary to get updated costs for a pool, noting that membership would not cover the expenses of running such a facility. She said the City would need a referendum to move forward with the project, and if approved, would then require a bond to pay for it. Council Member Moye would like to solicit feedback from the community about their preferences and needs with regards to a community pool. Administrator Fragoso stated focus groups and surveys could be done to ascertain those needs and wants. She also suggested a timeline for moving towards a referendum at the November 2020 election.

4. **Citizen's Comments – none**

5. **Departmental Report – Director Page**

Director Page reviewed starting and upcoming classes at the Recreation Center. She also reviewed those classes that did not make registration goals this time around and hopes to try some of them again later in the fall. She indicated that some of the lack of registration could have been due to Hurricane Dorian. She then reviewed upcoming special events starting with Halloween activities all the way through to the first quarter of 2020.

6. **Old Business**

A. **Update on surfing lessons franchise RFP for summer 2020**

Administrator Fragoso reported that only one proposal was received and recommends putting the RFP out again and allow for more response time.

7. **New Business – continued**

B. **Discussion of activities to celebrate Arbor Day**

Administrator Fragoso stated that Arbor Day in South Carolina is celebrated on December 6 this year. Council Member Smith would like the City to draw more attention to the need for planting trees. Several ideas were discussed, but due to the closeness of the date, it was decided the focus this year would be a targeted education campaign on planting trees and more focused activities could be planned for 2020.

8. **Miscellaneous Business**

The next meeting of the Recreation Committee will be on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 5:00pm in Council Chambers.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk