



EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
2:30, Wednesday, July 15, 2020
Virtual Meeting via Zoom call due to COVID-19 Pandemic
broadcasted live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Present: Council members Streetman, Moye, Ward, Buckhannon, Bell, Pounds, and Smith, and Mayor Carroll

Absent: Council Member Popson

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Attorney Copeland, various department heads

Others: Dr. Edward O'Bryan, MUSC

2. Purpose - Consideration of Emergency Ordinance 2020–11, An ordinance to prohibit coolers, chairs and umbrellas on the beach, prohibit live entertainment and amplified music after 9:00 p.m., limit to 50% indoor occupancy at restaurants and bars and other emergency measures proposed for the safety and public health of the City of Isle of Palms

Mayor Carroll reported that over 320 comments were received prior to the meeting. He said he attended a meeting of area mayors on Monday and then another meeting Tuesday with the mayors of local beaches to discuss steps to be taken to control the spread of the virus.

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-11, and Council Member Streetman seconded the motion.

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to amend Ordinance 2020-11 by striking the wording in Ordinance 2020-11 prohibiting beach chairs, coolers, and shade devices, and prohibit parking on the landside of Palm Boulevard, the finger streets of 3rd-9th avenues, and to reduce parking availability in the municipal lots by 50% effective Friday, July 17, 2020 and lasting 30 days. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion.

Prior to voting on the amendment, Council members received an update on the virus in the South Carolina and the Greater Charleston Area from Dr. Edward O'Bryan of MUSC. Dr. O'Bryan said limiting group size is a good idea but said outdoor transmission of the virus is not as high as it is indoors. Council Member Smith expressed concern that limiting access to the beach will push people to indoor activities. Council Member Bell said limiting parking on Palm Boulevard will allow the police to better enforce social distancing in other areas. Dr. O'Bryan agreed that

avoiding crowds is a good idea but being outdoors is not as big of a risk factor. He suggested figuring out how to keep group sizes to 10 or less.

Chief Cornett said that traffic on Palm Boulevard will likely back up as people will look for spots where they normally park. He said additional BSOs on the beach may or may not be possible until he observes what beach visitors do. Council Member Bell said something aggressive with regards to parking needs to be done to get a handle on parking and daytrippers.

Chief Cornett also said that social distancing is not an issue from 21st-41st Avenues like some may think.

Council Member Pounds suggested using electric signage, the Beach Reach phone app, and social media to make people aware of the parking restrictions.

VOTE: A vote was taken on the amendment as follows:

Ayes: Streetman, Bell, Pounds, Buckhannon, Moye, Ward, Carroll

Nays: Smith

The motion passed 7-1.

MOTION: Council Member Buckhannon made a motion to amend Ordinance 2020-11 by making parking along Hartnett Boulevard between 27th and 29th avenues and the Recreation Center resident parking only for the next 30 days. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Bell made a motion to amend Ordinance 2020-11 by eliminating parking along both sides of Palm Boulevard for the next 30 days with 24/7 enforcement, while allowing for properly decaled residents to park in that area.

Council Member Smith expressed concern about the unwelcoming nature of the parking restrictions especially when being outdoors is encouraged by medical professionals. Council Member Ward noted the restrictions are only for 30 days.

VOTE: A vote was taken on the amendment as follows:

Ayes: Streetman, Bell, Pounds, Moye, Ward, Carroll

Nays: Smith, Buckhannon

The motion passed 6-2.

MOTION: Council Member Bell made a motion to amend Ordinance 2020-11 by allowing for properly licensed businesses to park where work is being conducted as long as proper signage is displayed in the vehicle. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council members briefly discussed whether further restrictions on restaurants and bars would be necessary at this time.

MOTION: Mayor Carroll made a motion to amend Ordinance 2020-11 by requiring the City to provide parking signage for members of the Turtle Team. Council Member Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE: A vote was taken on Ordinance 2020-11 as amended as follows:

Ayes: Ward, Pounds, Smith, Streetman, Bell, Moye, Carroll

Nays: Buckhannon

The motion passed 7-1.

3. Adjournment

Council Member Buckhannon made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk