



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
4:00pm, Thursday, July 9, 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 Popson, Streetman, Moye, Ward, Buckhannon, Bell, Pounds, and Smith (joined during Executive Session), and Mayor Carroll

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, City Attorney Copeland

2. Purpose – Discussion and consideration of marina restaurant lease proposal from the IOP Families Group

John Bushnell and Dave Lorenz of the IOP Families Group gave a presentation to the City Council that is available to watch on the recording of this meeting. They shared details of the planning process to date and the challenges they face moving forward. Their plan is to renovate the building and reduce its footprint. They also intend to improve the layout and quality of the outdoor seating area while increasing its seating capacity. They admitted financing a restaurant during the pandemic is challenging.

Mr. Bushnell and Mr. Lorenz shared their working timeline that they believe will lead to an opening of the outdoor area in late Spring 2021 and the indoor seating opened by July 4, 2021.

Conversations continue with the Marina Manager to finalize employee parking. The IOP Families Group would like for the City to consider sharing the costs of repaving two areas of the parking lot. They would also like to see considerations for golf cart and bike parking areas near the restaurant. They shared concept photos of the interior and exterior and spoke of their intent to provide a reasonably priced menu to attract repeat customers.

Council members spoke positively of the presentation and asked some clarifying questions. Administrator Fragoso said the dock rehabilitation project should run concurrently with the building renovation.

3. Executive Session

MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to enter into Executive Session in accordance with §30-4-70(a)(2) for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements related to the marina restaurant lease. Council Member Pounds seconded the motion.

City Council entered into Executive Session at 4:40pm.

City Council returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:45pm. Mayor Carroll reported no decisions were made.

MOTION: Mayor Carroll made a motion to authorize City staff to discuss with the IOP Families Group what was discussed in Executive Session. Council Member Popson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Adjournment

Council Member Buckhannon made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk