



EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
10:00am, Thursday, August 13, 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, Popson, and Smith, and Mayor Carroll

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

2. Discussion and consideration of proposed amendments to Emergency Ordinance 2020–11, which extends the state of emergency, establishes limits on parking on the island, limits live entertainment after 9:00pm, and limits occupancy in bars and restaurants to fifty percent (50%) and other emergency measures proposed for the safety and public health of the City of Isle of Palms.

Council members decided to address each section of the ordinance individually.

MOTION: Council Member Moye made a motion to extend the normal operating procedures of City Council meetings for 61 days. Council Member Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Smith made a motion to extend the authorization to purchase, use, and distribute containers that do not comply with the City’s plastic ban during the state of emergency to October 1, 2020, with a grace period extending to November 1, 2020 allowing businesses to use up their current supply. Council Member Pounds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Smith pointed out that any business may request a hardship waiver from City Council if compliance is not feasible, as outlined in the original ordinance.

MOTION: Council Member Bell made a motion to extend the social distancing requirement on the beach for 61 days. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to extend Emergency Ordinance 2020-10 requiring face coverings in retail and foodservice establishments for 61 days. Council Member Bell seconded the motion.

Council Member Ward asked about a requirement for handwashing and sanitizing. Mayor Carroll offered a friendly amendment of also requiring handwashing and sanitizing in retail

establishments in addition to the face mask requirement. Council Member Ward seconded the motion.

Chief Cornett said the face mask ordinance is difficult to enforce, but some people have been given verbal warnings.

After further discussion of the handwashing requirement, Council Member Ward withdrew his motion requiring handwashing and sanitizing.

VOTE: The original motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Bell made a motion extend the Safety Standards and Guidelines required of short-term rentals on the island. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to allow restaurants to have outdoor seating directly outside the space of their establishment. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to open parking on the oceanside of Palm Boulevard, continue restricting parking on the landside of Palm Boulevard, open parking to 100% capacity in the municipal lots, and open parking on the finger streets of 3rd-9th. Council Member Buckhannon seconded the motion.

Council Member Streetman noted the deep ruts on Palm Boulevard at 37th-39th avenues and suggested limiting parking there. He also asked if parking could be limited to one side of the finger streets.

Administrator Fragoso said they have not received confirmation from SCDOT as to when they will address that area on Palm Boulevard, but City staff has been addressing it all summer. She suggested not limiting parking in that area so that all areas can be fixed when the time comes.

Council members further discussed extending the exception allowing contractors to park along Palm Boulevard from 42nd to 57th avenues.

Council Member Smith offered a friendly amendment to allow for parking along the landside of Palm Boulevard from 42nd to 57th avenues. Council Member Ward and Council Member Buckhannon approved the friendly amendment.

Council members discussed the opening of the municipal lots to full capacity. Council Member Buckhannon noted that employees and patrons of local businesses are having difficulty finding places to park. Council members Moye and Pounds expressed concern about opening the lots to full capacity and creating an environment dense with people

MOTION: Council Member Moye made a motion to amend the motion to keep the parking capacity of the municipal lots at 50%. Council Member Bell seconded the motion.

After further discussion, Council members agreed to vote on each of these areas separately. Council Member Ward withdrew his original motion.

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to allow parking on the oceanside of Palm Boulevard from 21st-40th avenues. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to prohibit parking on the finger streets of 3rd-9th avenues. Council Member Bell seconded the motion.

MOTION: Council Member Buckhannon made a motion to amend to allow for parking along one side of the finger streets of 3rd-9th avenues. Council Member Ward seconded the motion. The side of the street on which parking will be permitted is to be determined by the Police and Fire Departments.

VOTE: A vote on the amended motion was taken as follows:

Ayes: Ward, Buckhannon, Popson, Smith, Moye, Streetman, Carroll
Nays: Pounds, Bell

The motion passed 7-2.

MOTION: Council Member Smith made a motion to permit parking on the landside of Palm Boulevard from 42nd-57th avenues. Council Member Popson seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Popson, Smith, Buckhannon, Ward, Carroll
Nays: Popson, Bell, Streetman, Moye

The motion failed due to the lack of a supermajority approval required for emergency ordinances.

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to restrict parking along Hartnett Boulevard from 27th and 29th avenues for residential recreation department use only. Council Member Buckhannon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Buckhannon made a motion to open parking to 100% capacity in the municipal lots. Council Member Ward seconded the motion.

Council Member Buckhannon noted the number one complaint from local business owners is lack of parking for their patrons. Council Member Smith noted that opening these lots to full capacity does not increase the density of parking that much since some of the spaces in the small lot are taken by the trailers.

Mayor Carroll offered a friendly amendment to stop the paid parking at the parking meters at 6pm. Council Member Buckhannon seconded the motion. Council Member Moye stated that should be a separate issue to vote on. Mayor Carroll and Council Member Buckhannon withdrew the friendly amendment.

VOTE: A vote was taken on the original motion as follows:

Ayes: Ward, Buckhannon, Smith, Popson, Streetman, Carroll
Nays: Moye, Bell, Pounds

The motion passed 6-3.

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to amend the hours of payment enforcement at all metered parking spaces from 8am to 6pm through October 31, 2020. Council Member Pounds seconded the motion.

Administrator Fragoso said it may take up to a week to adjust the kiosks to reflect this change.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Bell made a motion to restrict parking along the landside of Palm Boulevard from 42nd to 57th avenues except for properly identified construction workers, contractors, and members of the Turtle Team. Council Member Pounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Pounds, Bell, Streetman, Moye

Nays: Popson, Smith, Buckhannon, Ward, Carroll.

The motion failed.

MOTION: Council Member Moye made a motion to extend the City Administrator's authority to cancel and revoke special events permits for an additional 61 days. Council Member Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Buckhannon made a motion to allow outdoor music until 10:00pm. Council Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Moye made a motion to extend the State of Emergency, the City Administrator's authority to develop and enact any additional plans in order to ensure the continuity of the delivery of government services in light of the COVID-19 outbreak, and maintain 50% occupancy capacity of businesses for another 61 days. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Moye made a motion to extend Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 an additional 61 days. Council Member Pounds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator Fragoso said the amended emergency ordinance will go into effect Sunday, August 16, 2020.

3. **Adjournment**

Council Member Buckhannon made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Smith seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:26am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk