



Special City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 5, 2021
City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina
1207 Palm Boulevard

Virtual Meeting Due to COVID-19 Pandemic
The public may join the virtual meeting by clicking here:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>

Public Comment:
Citizens may provide public comment here:
<https://www.iop.net/public-comment-form>

Agenda

1. **Introduction of the meeting** - Call the special meeting to order and acknowledge that the press and the public were duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.
2. **Purpose**

- a. Announcement of Appointments to Standing Committees for 2021

Public Safety	Public Works	Recreation	Personnel	Real Property
Jimmy Ward	Rusty Streetman	Susan Hill Smith	John Moye	Kevin Popson
Phillip Pounds	Susan Hill Smith	Ryan Buckhannon	Ryan Buckhannon	Rusty Streetman
Randy Bell	Jimmy Ward	Phillip Pounds	Randy Bell	John Moye

- b. Announcement of Appointment to CARTA Board of Directors - Jimmy Ward
- c. Announcement of Appointment to Charleston Visitors Bureau - John Moye
- d. Announcement of Appointment to the Charleston, Berkeley,

Dorchester Council of Governments - Phillip Pounds

e. Announcement of Appointments to Boards and Commissions:

Planning Commission (2-year Terms) Terms expire 12/31/2022	Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee (3-year Terms) Terms expire 12/31/2023	Board of Zoning Appeals (3-year Terms) Terms expire 12/31/2023
David Cohen	Ray Burns	Brian Abel
Steven Corney	Julise Spell	
Sandy Stone	Douglas Truslow	

f. Announcement of Appointment of City Attorney – Jim Hinchey

g. Consideration of Emergency Ordinance 2020-01 - Emergency Ordinance to Extend and Alter the COVID-19 Response Protocol

3. Executive session – If needed

4. Adjournment

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 20210-01

WHEREAS, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus previously unidentified in humans and which can spread from person to person;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the “CDC”) has warned of the high public health threat posed by COVID-19 globally and in the United States;

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency in the United States for COVID-19 under Section 391 of the Public Health Service Act;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency, which began on March 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, also on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of South Carolina (the “State”) issued Executive Order 2020-08, declaring a State of Emergency based on a determination that the COVID-19 poses an actual or imminent public health emergency for the State;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Mayor of Isle of Palms issued a Proclamation declaring a State of Emergency for the City of Isle of Palms;

WHEREAS, no vaccine or drug is currently available to cure or combat COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is imperative to reduce social transmission in all areas of the City, including the beach;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State has subsequently declared a continued State of Emergency in Executive Orders 2020-15 (March 28), 2020-23 (April 12), 2020-29 (April 27), 2020-35 (May 12), 2020-38 (May 27), and 2020-40 (June 11); 2020-48 (July 26); 2020-56 (August 25); 2020-62 (September 24); 2020-67 (October 24); 2020-72 (November 23); 2020-75 (December 8);

WHEREAS, the City of Isle of Palms Council adopted Emergency Ordinance 2020-10 on June 26, 2020 requiring the use of face coverings in certain circumstances on the Island effective July 1, 2020 and was subsequently extended by Emergency Ordinance 2020-13 and Emergency Ordinance 2020-14;

WHEREAS, the State is experiencing a dramatic increase in the number of identified new COVID-19 cases, and as of ~~November-January 3, 6, 2021~~, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (“DHEC”) is reporting that there have been 182,872,296,093 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 4,005,042 confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the State;

Final Reading

WHEREAS, if COVID-19 cases continue to increase in the State and in the City of Isle of Palms, the demand for medical, pharmaceutical, personal, and general cleaning supplies may overwhelm sources of supply; the private and public sector work force may be negatively impacted by absenteeism; and the demand for medical facilities may exceed locally available resources;

WHEREAS, health authorities, including the CDC, the Surgeon General of the United States, and DHEC have recommended the use of face coverings as a means of preventing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, S.C. Code § 5-7-250(d) provides that “[t]o meet public emergencies affecting life, health, safety or the property of the people, council may adopt emergency ordinances ... by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of council present. An emergency ordinance is effective immediately upon its enactment without regard to any reading, public hearing, publication requirements, or public notice requirements. Emergency ordinances shall expire automatically as of the sixty-first day following the date of enactment;”

WHEREAS, Sections 5-7-30 (the “Home Rule Statute”) and 5-7-250 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as well as the Governor’s Orders, all empower Council to enact emergency ordinances affecting life, health, or safety; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, the City of Isle of Palms deems it proper and necessary during this state of emergency to allow City Council and any appointed Board or Commission to meet by telephone or other means of electronic communication provided compliance with the provisions of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act; and,

WHEREAS, this Ordinance has been approved by at least two-thirds of the Councilmembers present at the meeting in which it was considered;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City of Isle of Palms Council as follows:

1. Council and the Mayor formally declare a State of Emergency due to a resurgence in known cases of COVID-19 within the City and surrounding areas.
2. The City of Isle of Palms temporarily suspends the normal operating procedures of City Council meetings and hereby allows for the Mayor and Councilmembers to remotely participate in voting and operational procedures by telephone or other means of electronic communication provided that the provisions of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act are complied with.
- ~~3. Local businesses on the island are authorized to purchase, use and distribute containers that do not comply with the City's plastic ban until October 31, 2020, however, with a grace period to use all remaining stock until November 1, 2020.~~
- ~~4.3.~~ The City Administrator is authorized to develop and enact any additional plans in order to ensure continuity in the delivery of government services in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.
- ~~5.~~ The City Administrator is authorized to cancel and revoke any special events permits issued prior to the date of this ordinance for events taking place through the duration of this emergency ordinance.
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- ~~6.~~ All residents and non-residents shall comply with social distancing mandates of the Governor’s Executive Order. Any person on the beach will be required to maintain social distancing.
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- ~~7-6.~~ Emergency Ordinance 2020-10, an ordinance requiring individuals to wear face coverings in retail and foodservice establishments is extended and shall remain in place through the duration of this emergency ordinance.

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~~9.8.~~ During the duration of this emergency order, businesses, including but not limited to event spaces, restaurants and bars, shall not allow live entertainment, including but not limited to bands, DJ's, karaoke, bingo, trivia, contests, or other crowd drawing activity after 11:00pm. This is recognized as a temporary alteration of the City's existing noise ordinance, Section 9-2-5.

~~9.~~ Restaurants and businesses must comply with Governor McMaster's Emergency Orders and must comply with and adhere to applicable sanitation guidelines promulgated by the CDC, DHEC, or any other state or federal public health officials, as well as relevant industry guidance. ~~During the duration of this emergency order, businesses, including but not limited to event spaces, restaurants and bars shall operate at fifty percent (50%) occupancy. Council empowers the City Fire Marshall to inspect and issue a citation pursuant to the City's Code of Ordinances, the Emergency Ordinance or any State Executive Order.~~

~~10.~~ Restaurants are authorized to offer outside dining on site in addition to take out orders, as long as they are following the guidelines developed by the South Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association.

~~11.~~ Beach parking will be prohibited on the landside of Palm Boulevard between 21st and 40th Avenue, on one side of 3rd through 9th Avenues, as determined by Police and Fire Department staff; and parking on Hartnett Boulevard, between 27th and 29th Avenues, will remain limited to recreational department use only.

~~12.~~ All metered parking will be enforced from 8:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. until December 12, 2020.

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Section 2. Penalties. Any violation of any rule or regulation issued and set forth herein shall be punishable as provided in Title 9, Chapter 2, Section 3: Disorderly Conduct of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Isle of Palms, including Section 7-1-15 allowing for suspension or revocation of business license and as a violation of S.C. Code Section 16-7-10 (Illegal acts during state of emergency, or c) any other penalties provided by State law, including penalties granted pursuant to Executive Orders issued by the South Carolina Governor. In addition, the Governor has authorized cities to seek an injunction, mandamus, or other appropriate legal action in the courts of the State. In addition, any violation of any rule or regulation issued and set forth herein as it relates to parking shall be punishable pursuant to Title 8, Chapter 2: Stopping, Standing and Parking of Vehicles.

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Final Reading

Section 6. Effective Date and Time. This emergency Ordinance shall take effect ~~on at 12:00 a.m., on October 13, 2020 upon the signing of this Emergency Ordinance.~~

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS, ON THE ~~22nd~~
~~5TH~~ DAY OF ~~SEPTEMBER~~JANUARY, 2021~~0~~.

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Jimmy Carroll, Mayor

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