



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:00pm, Tuesday, December 8, 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 Buckhannon, Bell, Smith, Popson, Streetman, and Pounds, and Ward, Mayor Carroll

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Asst. Administrator Hanna, Attorney Hinchey, Chief Cornett

Also present: Chris Jordan and Chairman Jay Leigh of the Water & Sewer Commission

2. Purpose

A. Consideration of a Proclamation Recognizing the Career and Contributions of Fire Chief Ann Marie Graham and Thanking Her for Thirty-Five Years of Service to the City of Isle of Palms, Congratulating Her on Her Retirement and Wishing Her Well in This New Chapter of Her Life.

Mayor Carroll read a proclamation recognizing the career and contributions of Fire Chief Ann Marie Graham.

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to approve, and Council Member Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Consideration of nominations and appointments to Standing Committees for 2021

Mayor Carroll made the following committee membership nominations for 2021:

Public Safety Committee: Council members Ward, Pounds, and Bell

Public Works Committee: Council members Streetman, Smith, and Ward

Recreation Committee: Council members Smith, Buckhannon, and Pounds

Personnel Committee: Council members Moye, Buckhannon, and Bell

Real Property Committee: Council members Popson, Streetman, and Moye

MOTION: Council Member Bell made a motion to approve, and Council Member Pounds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council members will vote for Mayor Pro Tem and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Ways & Means Committee in January.

C. Consideration of nominations and appointments to CARTA Board of Directors

Mayor Carroll nominated Council Member Ward to the CARTA Board of Directors.

MOTION: Council Member Bell made a motion to approve, and Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Consideration of nominations and appointments to Charleston Visitors Bureau

Mayor Carroll nominated Council Member Smith to the Charleston Visitors Bureau.

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to nominate Council Member Moye to the Charleston Visitors Bureau. Council Member Bell seconded the motion.

Council Member Smith said she supports the nomination of Council Member Moye to the Charleston Visitors Bureau.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

E. Consideration of nominations and appointment to the Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester Council of Governments

Mayor Carroll nominated Council Member Pounds to COG.

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to approve, and Council Member Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Consideration of appointments to Boards and Commissions as recommended by the Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee made the following recommendations for appointments:

David Cohen, Steven Corney, and Alexander (Sandy) Stone to the Planning Commission; Ray Burns, Julise Spell, and Douglas Truslow to the ATAX Board; and Brian Abel to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve the appointments of David Cohen, Steven Corney, and Sandy Stone to the Planning Commission. Council Member Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Moye made a motion to approve the appointments of Ray Burns, Julise Spell, and Douglas Truslow to the ATAX Board. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Moye made a motion to approve the appointment of Brian Abel to BOZA, and Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Moye noted the vast expertise of all the candidates that applied for openings on the boards and commissions. He thanked all who applied.

G. Consideration of appointments to City Attorney – James J. Hinchey

Mayor Carroll nominated James Hinchey as the City Attorney.

MOTION: Council Member Bell made a motion to approve, and Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Consideration of Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-10 – An amendment to the City’s Zoning Ordinance to allow sewer pump stations in the SR-1 single-residential district

MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve, and Council Member Pounds seconded the motion.

Council Member Bell and Mayor Carroll expressed concern about allowing sewer lift stations in residential areas. Director Kerr said it will be up to BOZA to determine the impact the lift stations have in the proposed areas.

Council Member Smith said she believes this ordinance will allow the Water & Sewer Commission to be more flexible in expanding sewer “by having a more blanket approach to the zoning rather than on” a case-by-case basis. Mayor Carroll noted that there are pump stations near the larger homes on Ocean Boulevard and they have not been affected by their presence.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

I. Consideration of Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-15 – An ordinance to adopt the most recent Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), create standards for new AO flood zones, and update existing language as required by SCDNR

MOTION: Council Member Moye made a motion to approve, and Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

J. Consideration of award of a contract in the amount of \$21,500 to Evergreen Solutions for a wage and compensation study

MOTION: Mayor Carroll made a motion to approve, and Council Member Pounds seconded the motion.

Council Member Moye noted this recommendation has been fully vetted by City staff who had done a fair amount of research. Administrator Fragoso said she believes Evergreen Solutions to have a good handle on the concerns of this area as they have already done similar studies in surrounding cities and counties.

Administrator Fragoso said that City Council’s involvement in the process will hopefully mitigate the concerns about implementation. She expressed confidence that data provided by Evergreen Solutions could be validated. She added, “Focusing on an implementation plan and prioritization of that implementation plan will be key.”

Both Council Member Moye and Administrator Fragoso noted that the City is likely to be closely aligned with wages and salaries as indicated by the lack of an employee retention issue among the staff. Council Member Streetman expressed the need to take the recommendations from this plan and weave it into the Strategic Planning Process.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

4. Executive Session

MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(2) to receive legal advice regarding the settlement proposal from Morgan Creek Grille and to receive a legal update regarding the eviction proceedings against Tidal Wave Watersports. The motion passed unanimously.

City Council moved into Executive Session at 6:46pm.

City Council returned from Executive Session at 7:38pm. Mayor Carroll said no decisions were made.

MOTION: Council Member Moye made a motion to advise City legal counsel to proceed with negotiations and accept the settlement as proposed with regards to Morgan Creek Grill. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Adjournment

Council Member Buckhannon made a motion to adjourn and Council Member Moye seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk