



**Recreation Committee Meeting**  
**8:00am, Monday, February 2, 2021**  
**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, Pounds, and Smith

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Asst. Administrator Hanna, Director Page, Director Kerr, Chief Cornett, City Attorney Hinchey

**2. Approval of the previous meeting's minutes – January 4, 2021**

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

**3. Citizens' Comments – none**

**4. Departmental Reports – Director Page**

Director Page said registration for Spring adult sports as well as youth baseball has begun. Youth basketball ended the season well without any problems. Fitness classes remain popular as they are available in person and via Zoom. Staff is working on developing special interest classes and the potential to offer classes via Live Streaming.

Twenty-five socially distanced Keenagers participated in last month's gathering. The Front Beach Fest will be replaced by a drive-in movie (Sonic The Hedgehog) in the municipal parking lot on March 7. The Yard Sale will take place on April 17 with a reduced number of vendors. There will be no Easter Egg Hunt this year, but the Recreation and Public Safety Departments will be offering front yard visits by the Easter Bunny. Staff is also working on pairing Music in the Park with a movie on the recreation field to allow for social distancing.

**5. Old Business**

**MOTION: Council Member Pounds made a motion to reorder the agenda such that the discussion of Ordinance 2020-16 would be the first item discussed under Old Business. Council Member Buckhannon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**A. Discussion and consideration of proposed changes to Ordinance 2020-16 to allow surfing instruction on the beach under limited conditions**

Committee members discussed the need for City Council review of surfing instructors prior to allowing them to teach on the beach. Council Member Smith noted that the City of Folly Beach approves all their instructors at one meeting. Council Member Pounds noted this requirement could be changed after the first year of the program.

Administrator Fragoso asked Committee members to consider restricting the time of day in which lessons could occur to the morning hours since the afternoons are more populated with beachgoers. Council Member Buckhannon noted the success of a surf lesson depends on tidal and weather conditions. Chief Cornett said enforcement of specific start and stop times for lessons would be easier to enforce than lesson time limits. Director Kerr said that enforceability would always be a weakness since the intent is to keep the surfing instruction as invisible as possible.

**MOTION: Council Member Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to §30-4-70(a)(2) to receive legal advice. Council Member Buckhannon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

The Recreation Committee entered Executive Session at 8:27am.

The Recreation Committee returned from Executive Session at approximately 9:03am. Council Member Smith said that no decisions were made. She said she would like the ordinance to state the City Council has the right to restrict the number of surf instructor providers on the beach. She instructed staff to come up with a proper and efficient means to administer the guidelines in the ordinance.

**MOTION: Council Member Pounds made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented and to include the changes as discussed in Executive Session. Council Member Buckhannon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

B. **Discussion of outlook for classes and activities in the Spring** – covered in the departmental report

C. **Discussion of adjustments and impact related to COVID-19 on recreation programming**

Director Page said she has reached out to Delta Pharmacy on the island to let them know the Recreation Center could serve as a vaccination location if needed.

6. **New Business**

A. **Discussion of potential partnership opportunities for recreation activities such as kayaking and paddle boarding**

Council Member Smith would like to explore more opportunities for the City to encourage kayaking and paddle boarding. She suggested reaching out to the Exchange Club about the possible use of their dock.

**B. Discussion of implementation of Coastal Environmental Science education class**

Director Page has spoken to DNR, the Audubon Society, and the Clemson Extension about environmental education classes. However, COVID has stunted the travel and instruction offered by these institutions. Council Member Smith suggested reaching out to the SC Aquarium and Coastal Expeditions to see if they would be interested in offering such instruction for adults.

**C. Discussion of FY22 10-year Capital Plan for the Recreation Department**

Administrator Fragoso reviewed the items that appear in 10-year Capital Plan in FY22 for the Recreation Department.

**7. Miscellaneous Business**

The next meeting of the Recreation Committee will be on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 8am.

**8. Adjournment**

Council Member Buckhannon made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Pounds seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane  
City Clerk