



## **Public Safety Committee**

10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 4, 2021  
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

### **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:**

All citizens who wish to speak during the meeting must email their first and last name, address and topic to [rhanna@iop.net](mailto:rhanna@iop.net) no later than **3:00 p.m. the business day before the meeting**. Citizens who sign up to speak will receive an email with instructions to join the meeting via Zoom. All verbal comments will have a time limit of three (3) minutes. Speakers must turn on their video and make sure that their actual name shows up as their Zoom identifier, and mute themselves after their comments.

Citizens may also provide written public comment here:

<https://www.iop.net/public-comment-form>

## **AGENDA**

1. **Call to order** and acknowledgment that the press and the public have been duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.
2. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes**
  - a. Special Public Safety Committee Meeting – January 25, 2021
  - b. Special Public Safety Committee Meeting – January 25, 2021
  - c. Special Public Safety Committee Meeting – January 29, 2021
  - d. Special Public Safety Committee Meeting – January 29, 2021
  - e. Regular Meeting February 4, 2021
3. **Citizens' Comments**
4. **Old Business**

Update of Front Beach loading zones and parking
5. **New Business**
  - a. Discussion and consideration of July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks show
  - b. Discussion of FY22 Operating Budget for Police and Fire Departments
  - a. Discussion of angled parking on the non-ocean side of Palm Boulevard between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - c. Discussion of parking "4 feet off" pavement rule along Palm Boulevard between 41<sup>st</sup> and 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue
6. **Highlights of Departmental Reports**
  - a. Fire Department – Battalion Chief/Training Officer Hathaway
  - b. Police Department – Chief Cornett
7. **Miscellaneous Business**

Next meeting date: 3:00 p.m., Thursday, April 1, 2021
8. **Adjournment**



**Special Public Safety Committee Meeting**  
**11:30am, Monday, January 25, 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 Bell, Pounds, Ward

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso

**2. Purpose**

Council Member Bell explained the purpose of the meeting was to discuss employment and personnel matters related to the interviews for the position of Chief of Fire.

**3. Executive Session**

**MOTION: Council Member Bell made a motion to move into Executive Session in accordance with §30-4-70(a)(1) to interview discuss employment and personnel matters related to the search of a new Chief of Fire. Council Member Pounds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

The Public Safety Committees moved into Executive Session at approximately 11:31am.

The Public Safety Committee returned from Executive Session at approximately 12:45pm. Council Member Bell said no decisions were made.

**4. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane  
City Clerk



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Present: Council members Pounds, Ward, and Bell

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso

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The Public Safety Committee moved into Executive Session at approximately 3:01pm.

The Public Safety Committee returned from Executive Session at approximately 4:12pm.  
Council Member Bell said no decisions were made.

**4. Adjournment**

Council Member Pounds made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Bell seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane  
City Clerk



**Special Public Safety Committee Meeting**  
**11:30am, Friday, January 29, 2021**  
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**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Present: Council members Bell and Pounds

Absent: Council member Ward

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso

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The Public Safety Committee moved into Executive Session at approximately 11:31am.

The Public Safety Committee returned from Executive Session at approximately 12:40pm.

Council Member Bell said no decisions were made.

**4. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane

City Clerk



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**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Present: Council members Pounds and Bell

Absent: Council Member Ward

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso

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The Public Safety Committee moved into Executive Session at approximately 3:01pm.

The Public Safety Committee returned from Executive Session at approximately 4:08pm.

Council Member Bell said no decisions were made.

**4. Adjournment**

Council Member Bell made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Pounds seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane

City Clerk



**Public Safety Committee**  
**3:00pm, Thursday, February 4, 2021**  
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**MINUTES**

**1. Call to order**

Present: Council members Bell, Pounds, and Ward

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Asst. Administrator Hanna, Chief Cornett, Chief Hathaway

Also Present: Robert Perry and Nick Boozer of SCDOT, Christopher Reed and Abbi Whitney with Lowvelo

**2. Approval of previous meeting's minutes – January 7, 2021**

Council Ward made a motion to approve, and Council Member Pounds seconded the motion. The minutes passed unanimously.

**3. Citizens' Comments**

Katie Zimmerman, Executive Director for Charleston Moves, spoke in favor of the proposed changes to the IOP Connector allowing for bike and pedestrian walkways.

Jan Anderson, 44 Seagrass Lane, also spoke in favor of the proposed changes to the IOP Connector. She did express concern about room for emergency vehicles and how the lanes could be used during a hurricane evacuation. She would also like to know why the lanes were not extended all the way into Mt. Pleasant.

Richard Hrick, 944 Houston Northcutt Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, supports the changes to the IOP Connector as well. He would like to see a more visual traffic control device use to mark the bike and pedestrian pathways as a means of increasing safety for walkers and bikers.

Mary Claire Morgan, 752 Mildenhall, Mt. Pleasant, spoke eloquently in favor of lower speeds and a bike pathway on the IOP Connector.

Council Member Bell said approximately 150 written comments were received for the Committee and they can be found alongside the agenda for this meeting on the City's website. He said the majority of people who live off island spoke in support of the proposed changes to the bridge while the majority of island residents spoke with concern about size reduction of the center emergency lane.

**MOTION: Council Member Bell made a motion to reorder the agenda to allow the discussion of the proposed changes to the IOP Connector to happen ahead of discussion of Old Business items. Council Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**4. New Business**

**A. Presentation from SCDOT related to proposed changes to IOP Connector to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle lanes**

Mr. Robert Perry, Director of Traffic Engineering for SCDOT, reviewed the plans for the proposed changes to the striping on the IOP Connector. He said this plan is part of Director Hall's Complete Streets initiative, and he will send that directive to Administrator Fragoso.

Committee members shared residents' concerns with Mr. Perry and Mr. Boozer including the width reduction of the emergency lane, the traffic on the Connector when a storm forces everyone to leave the beach simultaneously, the debris on the Connector, lack of bikers and walkers that use the bridge currently, the need for additional bike infrastructure across the island, and the need for something to further separate bikers and walkers from Connector traffic. It was noted that Isle of Palms has spoken on record numerous times in the past in favor of the emergency lane. Council Member Pounds wondered why there was no community input in the development of the project. Council Member Bell said there is no data to support the need for this change.

Chief Hathaway also expressed concern about the reduced size of the emergency lane. Without it, Public Safety staff may be required to stop the flow of traffic on the bridge to tend to an accident scene for the safety of the personnel.

Mr. Perry said he would like to read the Citizens' Comments that have been submitted about the project. He said use of their on-call contractor could have the project completed by the end of March. Committee members said they would like more conversation with SCDOT before they move forward with this project.

With regards to hurricane evacuations, Mr. Perry said the IOP Connector is not a reversible route, but it can be done with the use of traffic control devices and public safety personnel. Mr. Perry spoke about traffic-related changes being based on hot-spot safety (generally focused on a problem area or spot) and systemic safety (based on a larger area where there is an opportunity for traffic-related incidents). He categorized the changes to the IOP Connector as a systemic change.

Administrator Fragoso asked SCDOT to consider increasing their debris cleanup schedule of the Connector since they anticipate more people using it.

**5. Old Business**

**A. Update of pedestrian crosswalks and intersection safety**

Administrator Fragoso reported there are no updates on this project.

**B. Update on Front Beach Loading zones and parking**

Chief Cornett said the contractor is on the island today to lay down the first cover of paint and will return next week to finalize the project.

**6. New Business**

**B. Consideration of City-sponsored Event status for Lowvelo 2021 Bike Ride**

Christopher Reed and Abbi Whitney reviewed the plans for the 2021 Lowvelo Bike Ride on November 6, 2021. In addition to City sponsorship, they are requesting the use of two blocks of Ocean Boulevard between 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and JC Long Boulevard as their Start/Stop areas. Chief Cornett said he has already spoken to them about their needs and has no issues with their requests. Law enforcement will be present. Participant parking will take place in the County Park parking lot with any overflow parking the Municipal lot.

**MOTION: Council Member Bell made a motion to approve their request for City sponsorship and forward the Committee's recommendation to the full City Council. Council Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Administrator Fragoso said the certificate of insurance for the event needs to name the City as an additional insured as part of the requirement for City sponsorship.

**C. Discussion of existing dog leash rules**

Council Member Pounds would like to review the dog leash rules from surrounding communities. Council Member Bell would like to see incident data regarding dogs. He said it will be necessary to identify what they are attempting to achieve should any ordinance changes be suggested.

**D. Discussion of regulations regarding rollout carts left at streetside**

Following a brief discussion, it was determined that more outreach to the rental community is in order to remind them of the regulations regarding rollout carts left at streetside.

**E. Discussion of FY22 10-year Capital Plan for Fire and Police Departments**

Administrator Fragoso reviewed the items in the FY22 Capital Plan for the Fire and Police Departments.

**7. Highlights of Departmental Reports**

**A. Fire Department – Battalion Chief/Training Officer Hathaway**

Chief Hathaway reported 40 calls in January. He also reported on a sailing vessel that ran aground and a moped traffic accident on the Connector. Battalion chiefs attended and enjoyed leadership training recently held at the Riley Center.



**B. Police Department – Chief Cornett**

Chief Cornett said there were 845 calls for service in January, resulting in 13 drug-related incidents and 4 DUIs. Council Member Bell congratulated the Police Department for their work in a recent drug-related arrest.

**8. Miscellaneous Business**

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 3pm.

**9. Adjournment**

Council Member Pounds made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane  
City Clerk