



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:00pm, Tuesday, May 25, 2021
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC and
broadcasted live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Present: Council members Popson, Streetman, Moye, Ward, Bell, Pounds, Smith, Buckhannon, and Mayor Carroll

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Asst. Administrator Hanna, Attorney Hinchey, various department heads

2. Citizens' Comments

Rebecca Kovalich, detailed a story of a dog attack on her while running on the beach. She asked City Council to review all dog bite incidents and to review what other beach communities have as ordinances regarding dogs on leashes. She expressed concern about a child being attacked.

Bill and Donna Crawford of Wild Dunes also relayed a story about a recent dog attack just outside their home. Both Mr. Crawford and his dog were injured. They said they no longer feel safe in their neighborhood. Mr. Crawford read from Title 47, Chapter 13 of the State Code of laws regarding the definition and registration of dangerous animals and the penalties involved with such incidents. He expressed concern that such laws are not being enforced within the City. He asked Mayor Carroll to meet with Chief Cornett to discuss enforcing these laws.

3. Consent Agenda

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

A. Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes

- i. Regular Meeting – April 27, 2021
- ii. Special Meeting – May 21, 2021

B. Consideration of proposal from Salmons Dredging for the removal and disposal of pile laying on the seafloor adjacent to Dock C in the amount of \$17,230 [Marina Rehabilitation Project, Available Contingency \$372,635]

C. Consideration of recommendation from the Public Safety Committee of the purchase of a 2021 Ford Ranger in the amount not to exceed \$35,000 [State contract base

price \$22,253] for the Fire Inspector [FY21 Budget, Capital Projects, Fire Department, Capital Outlay, \$1,994,687]

D. Consideration of recommendation from the Public Works Committee of award of a contract in the amount of \$18,850 to Truluck Construction, Inc. to install drainage infrastructure and grading to address drainage issue at the intersection of 34th and Hartnett Boulevard [FY21 Budget, Capital Projects Fund, Public Works, Drainage Contingency, \$320,000, pg. 18, ln. 54]

4. Reports from Standing Committees

A. Ways and Means Committee

Council Member Pounds reviewed some financial highlights through April 30, 2021. Total revenues are just under \$17M against a budget of \$18.2M. The forecast is for revenues to come in about \$2.5M over budget. Expenditures are approximately \$15.4M. The forecast projects expenditures to be just under \$20M against a budget of \$24.5M.

General Fund revenues of \$9.8M will exceed expenditures by just under \$1M. The forecast assumes that overage will be transferred to the Capital Projects fund, which will be decided by City Council upon completion of the audit.

i. Consideration of proposals for marina parking lot improvements and approval of an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for improvements per marina restaurant lease.

MOTION: Council Member Bell made a motion to approve the recommended parking lot improvements in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 per the marina restaurant lease. Council Member Buckhannon seconded the motion.

Administrator Fragoso explained that Director Kerr met with the low bidder to see if something could be done about lowering their original bid of \$83,000. Rather than using crushed granite, they will now put down recycled asphalt. The cost to use these salvaged materials comes in at \$59,900. Administrator Fragoso recommends approving an amount not to exceed this cost. Council Member Pounds offered a friendly amendment to the motion to not exceed \$60,000. Council members Bell and Buckhannon agreed to the friendly amendment.

Administrator Fragoso said this project will be completed before the restaurant opens. She hopes to have it done while utilities work is being done in the parking lot. She does not believe the parking lot improvements will be impacted by the remaining dock rehabilitation. She said the restaurant tenants have seen the material and are fine with its placement in the parking lot. Since this is a stockpiled salvaged material, staff does not anticipate the cost increasing before it is laid down.

VOTE: The motion to approve the recommended parking lot improvements in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 was approved unanimously.

Council Member Ward asked about the differences expected in business license revenues. Treasurer Suggs explained that while the year-to-date number might seem low compared to the

budget, there is no reason to believe it won't meet this year's budget. Several expected revenue come in June and July.

Treasurer Suggs said that parking revenues will come in under budget but will meet the forecast.

B. Public Safety Committee

Council Member Bell reviewed the minutes of the May 6, 2021 meeting. Administrator Fragoso shared that Asst. Administrator Hanna worked with CARTA to garner financial support from neighboring communities to support the beach shuttle. In a cost-sharing measure, the Town of Mt. Pleasant and the City of Isle of Palms each pledged \$8,000 to cover the costs of the weekend service for the summer, thereby making the service free for all riders. She encouraged and invited other communities to participate in a similar way in the coming years.

Council Member Buckhannon expressed concern about the shuttle still sitting in traffic on the IOP Connector and wondered if SCDOT would consider reorganizing the traffic lanes on the Connector to allow for the middle lane to be used for emergency and shuttle traffic. Administrator Fragoso said the use of the shuttle will be monitored carefully this summer and an after-action report will be compiled with input from all stakeholders. Council Member Smith thanked staff for following through with this request.

Chief Cornett shared the metro marine unit initiative Sheriff Graziano proposes by placing a marked boat at the Isle of Palms Marina.

MOTION: Council Member Buckhannon made a motion to approve the law enforcement assistance and support agreement with Charleston County Sheriff's Office. Council Member Pounds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council members briefly discussed the staffing of BSOs for the season. Administrator Fragoso shared that the Mt. Pleasant Chamber of Commerce recognized Sgt. Matthew Storen for the May First Responder Award.

C. Public Works Committee

Council Member Ward reviewed the minutes of the May 5, 2021 meeting. Director Kerr shared with City Council concerns about the erosion of drainage ditches on private property. He reported that he, Director Pitts, and Asst. Director Asero are working on a policy and process to allow for the placement of rip rap on the sides of the ditches to help stabilize the ditch. They are also discussing requiring ditch stabilization during new construction.

MOTION: Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the formation of an Environmental Advisory Committee consisting of seven (7) adult citizens, one (1) college student, one (1) high school student, and a City Council liaison. Council Member Pounds seconded the motion.

Council Member Streetman expressed his support for this committee seeing it as an opportunity for the City to address environmental concerns and engage more citizens in government. Council Member Smith thanked Council Member Ward for his suggestion of the addition of a college

student and high school student to the Committee. Each student will serve one-year terms and the adult citizen members will serve staggered 3-year terms.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

D. Recreation Committee

Council Member Smith reviewed the minutes of the May 3, 2021 meeting. She reported the Farmer's Market will be held on the third Thursday of each month from June through September. Council Member Moye commended Council Member Smith on the environmental series at the Recreation Center.

E. Personnel Committee

Council Member Moye reviewed the minutes of the May 4, 2021 meeting. Administrator Fragoso gave an update on the status of the Wage & Compensation Study. She reported that Evergreen is delayed in the completion of the study because more is being added to the scope of work. She said assessments for all positions have been completed, and HR Officer Ladd has met with department heads to discuss recommendations. She expressed appreciation to City Council for adding a placeholder in the budget for the results of the Wage & Compensation Study so that the recommendations can be thoroughly reviewed before implementation.

MOTION: Council Member Moye made a motion to appoint Ted McKnight to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Council Member Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

City Council members briefly discussed the wording of the referendum question. Administrator Fragoso explained that the referendum question can only be one question while the how-to of the possible outcome is explained in the ordinance attached to the question.

She also pointed out that MASC reports that two other communities have considered this same option and it has failed both times.

F. Real Property Committee

Council Member Streetman reviewed the minutes of the May 4, 2021 meeting. He said that discussion and consideration of the noise agreement between Marker 116, LLC and the City of Isle of Palms will come back at a later date. This item will return to the Real Property Committee for further review. Administrator Fragoso said she would have options regarding the Builder's Risk Policy at the next Real Property Committee.

Administrator Fragoso reported that the Insight Group is acting as the owner's representative for the City during the Marina Restaurant project. The first meeting with Insight, the restaurant tenants, and the City will be later this week.

5. Reports from City Officers, Boards, and Commissions

- A. **Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee** – no meeting
- B. **Board of Zoning Appeals** – minutes attached
- C. **Planning Commission** – minutes attached

6. Reports from Special or Joint Committees – none

7. Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of – none

8. Bills already in Possession of Council

A. Consideration of Ordinance 2021-05 – An Ordinance to Raise Revenue and Adopt a Budget for the City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

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

B. Consideration of Ordinance 2021-06 – An Ordinance Amending Title 7, Licensing and Regulation, Chapter 1, Business Licenses, Article A, General Provisions, Sections 7-1-3, 7-1-4, and 7-22-22, Classification and Rates, SIC 6513; NAICS 53111-Lessors of Residential Housing Units-Less than Ninety (90) Days

Director Kerr said this ordinance is to align the expiration dates of business licenses and short-term rental licenses as a result of the requirements of the State’s Business License Standardization Act.

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

C. Consideration of Ordinance 2021-07 – An Ordinance Amending Title 5, Planning and Development, Chapter 4, Article 8, Flood Damage Prevention, Sections 5-4-152 through 5-4-171, of the City of Palms Code of Ordinance, to Chapter 4, Zoning, Article 2, District Regulations

This ordinance will return to the agenda following a Public Hearing.

9. Introduction of New Bills, Resolutions, and Proclamations

Consideration of a resolution to encourage unvaccinated people to use face coverings in public indoor areas within the city limits of Isle of Palms

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

Administrator Fragoso said the CDC has changed their face mask recommendations since the request for this resolution. Council Member Bell and Mayor Carroll withdrew their motion to approve and second, respectively.

10. **Miscellaneous Business**

A. **Consideration of application for commercial surf instruction permission from Kai Dilling**

MOTION: Council Member Moye made a motion to approve, and Council Member Ward seconded the motion.

Council Member Smith noted that this approval does not mean the City is in anyway endorsing or partnering with Mr. Dilling; only that he has met all the requirements to provide surfing instruction on the beach. Administrator Fragoso added that this is a pilot program that expires in October.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

B. **Consideration of city-sanctioned event status for Darius Rucker Concert at Windjammer on June 9, 2021**

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

Administrator Fragoso said this concert is not being advertised. Most of 1000 tickets are being given to healthcare workers.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

C. The next meeting of the City Council will be Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 6pm.

11. **Adjournment**

Council Member Buckhannon made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Moye seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk