



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**6:00pm, Tuesday, August 24, 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, City Attorney Halverson, various department heads

**2. Citizens' Comments**

Mr. Jay Lambeth, 3501 Harnett Boulevard, thanked Mayor Carroll and Administrator Fragoso for a previous kindness. He also stated that he watches many of the meeting videos. He spoke to several of the current issues facing City Council and thanked them for their work.

Mr. Dana Love, 9 Sand Dollar Lane, spoke with concern about the vagueness and unenforceability of the noise ordinance in its current form. He relayed previous disappointing interactions with Police Department personnel in reference to complaints he has made about the rental house behind his home. He would like the City Attorney to adjust the ordinance so there is "some identifiable noise level that can be enforced.

Mr. Frank Hines, 624 Carolina Boulevard, thanked the City Council for their work allowing for the surf camps on the beach this year. He spoke highly of the staff of the Salt Marsh Surfing Company and said his granddaughter enjoyed the camp very much.

Ms. Ellen Oblow speaking on behalf of resident beachwalkers, expressed concern about the presence of coyotes on the beach and their increased aggressiveness. She has asked the City for more information about previous coyote sightings and locations.

Mr. Michael Fiem of Tidal Wave Water Sports said he came to defend Council Member Ward. He also said that had the city been "open, honest, and transparent, we wouldn't be here." He encouraged the Council to "not make the same mistake with the Fire Department."

**3. Consent Agenda**

**MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to the Consent Agenda. Council Member Bell seconded the motion.**

Administrator Fragoso noted that the Planning Commission recommends Davis & Floyd be awarded the contract for the Master Drainage Plan.

**A. Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes**

- i. Public Hearing Ordinance 2021-10 – 5:45pm, July 27, 2021
- ii. Regular Meeting – 6:00pm, July 27, 2021

**B. Approval of purchase of replacement Engine 1002 in the amount of \$521,848 [Financed with Municipal Lease, FY22 Budget, Fire Department, Capital Projects - \$525,000, pg. 19, ln. 45]**

**C. Approval of purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) in the amount of \$286,594 and other add-on equipment for pumper truck in the amount of \$57,000 [FY22 Budget, Fire Department, SCBA, \$290,000 funded 1/3 Capital Projects, 1/3 Muni ATAX, 1/3 State ATAX (RFB 2021-06); other add-on equipment, \$57,000]**

**D. Approval of municipal lease for financing of the purchase of the replacement Engine 1002 pumper truck, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, and other add-on equipment in the amount of \$875,706 [RPF 2102-02 Fire Truck Lease, BB&T Proposal – 1.60% interest rate, 9-year term]**

**E. Award of a contract to Davis & Floyd for a comprehensive island-wide drainage master plan in the amount of \$248,000 [FY22 Budget, Public Works, Muni ATAX, \$250,000]**

**F. Approval of marina dock insurance through Maritime Program Group for the new marina docks with an annual premium of \$125,778 [FY22 Budget, Marina Enterprise Fund, Marina Operations, Insurance, \$150,000]**

**G. Approval of FY21 positive net result distribution: 10% plus \$50,000 for a legislative consultant to stay in the General Fund and the rest to be transferred to the Capital Projects Fund**

**VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.**

**4. Reports from Standing Committees**

**A. Ways and Means Committee**

Council Member Pounds gave a brief overview of the financials as of the end of June, noting that the audit is now in process. Upon receipt of three payments meant for FY21, the City will finish the fiscal year with \$23M in revenues and \$19.3M in expenditures. General Fund revenues will exceed expenses by \$2.3M.

There was little activity to report in July outside of the \$650,000 in revenues and \$800,00 in expenses.

Council Member Pounds noted that Davis & Floyd gave a presentation on their proposal of work for the Drainage Master Plan during the August 17 meeting and all other items of discussion were approved on the Consent Agenda.

**B. Public Safety Committee – no meeting in August**

**C. Public Works Committee**

Council Member Ward reviewed the minutes of the August 4, 2021 meeting. He noted that the issue regarding the trash trucks having to be driven to Bees Ferry Landfill has been resolved. He also shared that the Public Works department is understaffed at this time, and he thanked Director Pitts and Assistant Director Asero for filling in where work needs to be done.

**D. Recreation Committee – no meeting in August**

**E. Personnel Committee**

Council Member Moye reviewed the minutes of the August 17, 2021 meeting.

**MOTION: Council Member Moye made a motion to appoint the following persons to the Environmental Advisory Committee:**

**Grace Jurgela, 1-year term ending 12/31/2022**

**Molly Marino, 1-year term ending 12/31/2022**

**Sandra Brotherton, Doug Hatler, Belvin Olasov, Mary Pringle – 3-year terms ending 12/31/2024**

**Deb Faires, Jonathan Knoche, Linda Plunkett – 2-year terms ending 12/31/2023**

**Council Member Smith seconded the motion.**

Council Member Smith thanked everyone who worked in putting the committee together. Council Member Streetman spoke to the breadth of experience of all the candidates who submitted applications. Administrator Fragoso noted that applications are still be accepted through August 30, 2021 for openings on several boards and commissions.

**VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.**

Council Member Moye said further discussion of the Leola Hanbury Award will be discussed in Executive Session.

**F. Real Property Committee**

Council Member Streetman reviewed the minutes of the August 2, 2021 meeting. Administrator Fragoso shared that she and the Marina Manager met with the dock manufacturer and the contractor to discuss the design of the fuel hut. It will be discussed further at next month's Real Property Committee meeting.

Administrator Fragoso also shared that work on the Marina parking lot will begin September 1 and the survey of the 34A Beach Access path has been completed. The Real Property Committee will be presented with a draft resolution for consideration at their September meeting encouraging OCRM to change its current policy regarding the placement of MobiMats on the beach. She reported that Matt Slagle had a meeting with OCRM leadership recently and she expects an update shortly.

Mayor Carroll expressed kudos to Marker 116, LLC for their work on the Marina restaurant, kudos to City Council for negotiating the lease with Marker 116, and kudos to Administrator Fragoso and legal counsel for putting the lease together.

**5. Reports from City Officers, Boards, and Commissions**

- A. **Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee** – minutes attached
- B. **Board of Zoning Appeals** – no meeting in July
- C. **Planning Commission** – minutes of August 23, 2021 meeting not yet available

**6. Reports from Special or Joint Committees** – none

**7. Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of** – none

**8. Bills already in Possession of Council**

**A. Ordinance 2021-11 – An ordinance to alter the hiring process for department heads**

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

Administrator Fragoso explained, “The ordinance that you have in front of you for consideration for second reading would change the current process that is spelled out in the code by which City Council participates in the selection of department heads. The code currently states that the Personnel Committee acts as the hiring committee, chaired by the Chair of the Personnel Committee, and then makes a recommendation to City Council for appointments. This process would be altered in that the City Administrator would make a recommendation to City Council for appointment. So as a council-form of government, City Council still has the final authority in any approvals of any department head position including the City Administrator. The only difference would be that the Administrator would take on the assessment of the candidates and then bring forward some recommendations for the policy-setting body to consider.”

Council Member Popson said he would like to see the City Administrator’s selection to go through the corresponding committee before going to full Council. Administrator Fragoso said that the City Administrator would discuss preferred attributes in potential candidates at the committee level.

**VOTE:** A vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Smith, Pounds, Bell, Buckhannon, Moye, Streetman, Popson, Carroll

Nays: Ward

**The motion passed 8-1.**

**9. Introduction of New Bills, Resolutions, and Proclamations**

**A. Ordinance 2021-12 – An ordinance to allow remote special meetings in the event of an emergency**

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

**B. Resolution 2021-04 – A resolution to encourage the use of face masks in indoor public spaces, retail, and food establishments**

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

Council Member Streetman offered a friendly amendment to the resolution by having the word “unvaccinated” removed so that the resolution applies to everyone, whether or not they are vaccinated.

Mayor Carroll noted that other beach communities have done away with outdoor dining allowances, and he thanked City Council for permitting it on the Isle of Palms.

**VOTE:** The vote on the amended motion passed unanimously.

**10. Miscellaneous Business**

The next meeting of the City Council will be Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6pm.

**11. Executive Session**

**MOTION:** Council Member Streetman made a motion to move to Executive Session

**a. In accordance with SC Code §30-4-70(a)(2) to receive legal advice and legal update regarding the eviction proceedings against Tidal Wave Watersports**

**b. In accordance with SC Code §30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss personnel matters and applications for nominations for the Leola Hanbury Award**

**c. In accordance with SC Code §30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss personnel matters related to the Fire Chief hiring process.**

**Council Member Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

City Council entered into Executive Session at 7:15pm.

City Council returned from Executive Session at 8:09pm. Mayor Carroll reported that no decisions were made.

**MOTION:** Council Member Moye made a motion to award the Leola Hanbury Award to the persons discussed in Executive Session. They will not be named publicly until the September 24 employee event in order to keep it a surprise. Council Member Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**12. Adjournment**

Council Member Pounds made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Ward seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane  
City Clerk