



CITY COUNCIL RETREAT
Wednesday, January 5 – Thursday, January 6, 2022
Post House Inn
101 Pitt Street, Mt. Pleasant, SC

MINUTES

Present: Council members Miars, Popson, Streetman, Anderson, Hahn, Bogosian, Ward and Mayor Pounds

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Director Kerr

Isle of Palms City Council members, along with Administrator Fragoso and Director Kerr met at the Post House Inn on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 5 and the morning of Thursday, January 6 for a retreat.

Mayor Pounds said he would like to leave the retreat with a tangible list of “What does success look like in 2-4 years?”

Mr. Rick Bradley, who serves on the Wild Dunes Executive Committee, led team building exercises and discussion on Wednesday afternoon. After generating a list of answers to the question “What does success look like as a council?” Council members voted on their areas of focus: being respectful, being prepared, perceived as effective, and unified and consistent communication.

Council members then prepared lists of tangible ways in which those areas of focus could be realized.

- Being respectful
- Being prepared
- Unified and consistent communication
- Perceived as effective

Following further discussion, Council members developed five guiding principles and respective action items for each:

1. Working together with respect
2. Communicating with each other
3. Getting work done through committees
4. Staying out of the headline
5. Understanding residents’ needs and priorities

Council members discussed ways in which these guiding principles and action items could continually be reflected upon throughout their terms.

On Wednesday morning, Charles Barrineau, Field Services Manager from the Municipal Association of South Carolina, gave an orientation for newly elected officials. Topics presented included: forms of city governments, committees and workshops, powers of Council, running effective meetings, definition and use of quorum, differences between ordinance and resolution, how to operate public hearings, compliance issues for municipal financial management, South Carolina Tort Claims Act, the basics of FOIA, pros & cons of technology in government, Statements of Economic Interest, conflicts of interest and recusal statements, and rules of order within meetings.

Administrator Fragoso reviewed the goals and strategies of the Strategic Plan as discerned by the previous City Council. This council is tasked with adopting the plan and is slated to do so at the January City Council meeting. She would like to have City Council agenda items linked to the goals and strategies as a means to remain accountable to the Strategic Plan. It is intended for budget items to also be linked to the goals and strategies. Council members should have feedback on the plan to Administrator Fragoso by January 14.

The retreat was adjourned at approximately noon on Thursday, January 5, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk