



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:00pm, Tuesday, October 18, 2022
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 Hahn, Bogosian, Anderson, Ward, Streetman, Popson, Miars, Pierce, and Mayor Pounds

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Director Kerr, City Attorney Halversen

2. Citizen's Comments

Randy Bell said there is nothing in City code that allows for the formation of a task force. He believes a task force reduces Council representation. He said it is reprehensible that five City Council members would vote for this and someone should make a motion to end the meeting.

Tony Santiago said City Council does not need more time behind doors to discuss this matter. He said to listen to the citizens and pass the ordinances without a task force.

Elizabeth Campsen said the Planning Commission is the City's task force in this instance and said Wild Dunes could come speak with the Planning Commission. She also noted there is no provision for the creation of a task force. She said the City's Code of Conduct requires they comply with State and local laws and so there should be no task force.

Brian Duffy said he was concerned about how rapidly this meeting was called without more notice to the public. He cannot see what the emergent issue is that must be dealt with so quickly. He asked why a task force is needed when the Planning Commission exists.

Terrance Smith said a task force shows lack of leadership and is an attempt to "kick the can down the road."

Tom Schmitt said there is no reason for a task force since the City Council members are the decision makers for the City.

Patsy Hindman said passing these ordinances is a "no brainer." She said negotiations can be made through a variance and no task force is needed.

Brenda Rosenthal asked who recommended the task force and why.

3. **Purpose** – discussion and consideration of a councilmember-led task force to serve as liaison related to the Wild Dunes zoning

MOTION: Council Member Miars made a motion to not move forward with a task force. Council Member Pierce seconded the motion.

Council Member Ward said the City should “stick with the process” and send this matter to the Planning Commission. Council Member Streetman agreed.

Council Member Hahn said City Council has been asked to receive some information from Wild Dunes and needs to speak with the City Attorney in Executive Session. He said, “We have been asked by Wild Dunes to receive information. How we do that is very important for our legal position with all of this, and all I want to do is talk to our lawyer about how information can be received from Wild Dunes and whether it should be in different formats, and I am not willing to vote on any of this until that time. So I would like to ask that we have that opportunity just to get legal counsel before we make any vote on anything.”

Mayor Pounds said Mr. George Bulwinkle will be at next week’s meeting to answer Council’s questions. The next steps are the second Public Hearing on November 1, followed by the Planning Commission’s review on November 9 before the matter comes back before the City Council.

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Popson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk