



**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**5:00pm, Tuesday, December 13, 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, Ward, Streetman, Anderson, Popson, Miars, Pierce, and Mayor Pounds

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Director Kerr

**2. Purpose**

**A. Presentation from SCDOT of alternative configurations for the IOP Connector**

Rob Perry and Leland Holden of SCDOT reviewed the study specifications and then presented five alternative configurations for the IOP Connector. He noted that they do not add any vehicular capacity. He said, "What they do is they give you that shoulder or pave median back, which was something that we heard was a concern."

He added, "We have also looked at the intersections on both sides, and so RK&K has recommended that we look at making 14<sup>th</sup> one way potentially, and then that takes out two signal phases of your signalized intersection." He said signal times have been tweaked and they will continue to be tweaked. He also suggested adding signage with signals alerting people on the connector to potentially stopped traffic to help reduce the number of rear-end collisions.

Council Member Hahn asked about adding a barrier between pedestrians and cars. Mr. Perry said raised delineators are a "maintenance nightmare." He pointed out that concrete barriers would interfere with the maintenance of the drains on the connector.

Mr. Perry said a reversible lane would not be considered as it is "prohibitive from a manpower standpoint."

Mr. Perry stated that they are giving this same presentation to the Town of Mt. Pleasant in early January after which a 30-day public comment period will commence. He said it is unlikely that any changes will be made before the coming season as there may need to be more work done than pavement markings including how the multi-use path connects to both sides of the Connector.

Chief Cornett voiced the pros and cons with each alternative. He likes Option 3 for the center median for emergency vehicles and for containing a collision or moving traffic around collisions. He said, "It [Option 3] prevents us from having to move into that pedestrian and bicycle lane so

that we minimize risk associated with people that are utilizing those paths. Every time we have to move vehicles into that lane we are putting anybody utilizing those paths in a risky situation.”

He said the center lane cannot be used as a second lane unless it is a pre-planned event and there is coordination and manpower with Mt. Pleasant.

Chief Oliverius said all the options have merits. However, he believes Option 5 facilitates getting people off the island faster. He said, “The part that we did not like from a Fire Department perspective for response would be EMS coming to the Isle of Palms or Mt. Pleasant or other fire departments coming to assist us. What that means is where that red truck is it would shade and block that multi-use path totally or shade into that buffer area in half of that multi-use path.” He said he does like the center lane of Option 3, but the Fire Department can make all of them work. He confirmed there has been no change in response time since the restriping of the connector. Chief Cornett added there have been no incidents of people being struck in the multi-use path, but there have been near misses.

Mr. Perry said he would look at the requirements for the buffer “but probably what we would do is instead of take away from any of the buffer, the multi-use path, is we would reduce that shy distance, this two feet to one because that is how it is with some of the other concepts, so that would give you an extra 4’ down the middle, but that still would not give you enough for an entire vehicle to get down it. He noted that wide medians are not that common.

Mr. Perry also said they could discuss aluminum piping along the edges of the bridge at a later date.

Senator Chip Campsen thanked SCDOT for doing this work and for their presentation.

**B. Approval of assignment of private parking lot agreement with Marker 116**

Mayor Pounds said, “There was a private parking lot agreement for the furthestest lot away from the restaurant between MJV and the restaurant. So with all the changes with Mike Schuler and team, the City needs to officially and fully accept that assignment of that private parking lot to the City.”

**MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to approve. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion.**

Administrator Fragoso said, “This was contemplated as part of the lease negotiations. As you all know, Mr. Schuler is not having any management or control of the shared parking or the private parking lot agreement. In order to be consistent with the restaurant lease and that private parking lot agreement, the City would be assuming the MJV role in this private parking lot agreement with the restaurant and this will obviously be temporary until we work out the final parking layout.”

**VOTE: A vote was taken with all in favor.**

**3. Adjournment**

Council Member Ward made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane  
City Clerk