



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:00pm, Tuesday, April 25, 2023
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 (via phone), Ward, Streetman, Anderson, Popson (via phone), Miars, Pierce, and Mayor Pounds

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Director Kerr, City Attorney McQuillin, various department heads

2. Citizen's Comments

Randy Bell said he was proud of the Public Safety response on April 7. He spoke with concern about the enforcement of a noise ordinance. He said, "Please look at these seriously and get off this nonsense that enforcement is the answer to a short-term rental issue because it simply along is not going to cut it."

Bev Miller of the Barrier Island Preservation Association thanked the Council for considering opposing H3252. She said, "You are voting to retain the ability to govern for what is best for your community. As elected officials of the Isle of Palms, you are accountable to the residents of your community, yet under this bill, you would be unable to respond to citizen's needs because of restrictions by the State. So here is our ask. Please carefully consider the provisions of the bill, not only its impact on your governance within this City and the constituents, but also the punitive punch to the City. Send a message to the legislature that this City believes in the preservation of local governance granted to all cities by the State of South Carolina."

Patsy Hindman said she originally voted for Option 5 in the SCDOT survey about alternative configurations for the IOP Connector. After learning how Public Safety felt about the configurations, she went back and voted for Option 3. She would like there to be an emergency lane on the connector and gave examples as to why Option 3 would be preferred.

Al Clouse's comments are attached to these minutes.

Laura Lovins said she was encouraged to hear of a third arrest related to the April 7 incident. She would like to see many of the ideas suggested by Chief Cornett for better surveillance realized. And for those that have more costs attached to them, she would like those ideas vetted and implemented. She would also like to have City Council pass the resolution opposing H3253.

James Raih said the growth in the tri-county area is not going to slow down, and the City needs to work with all neighboring agencies to control the flow of traffic and people on and off the island. He believes the area should be treated like there is a big event happening at all times.

3. **Special Presentations**

HR Officer Ladd presented several new employees to the Council.

4. **Approval of previous meetings' minutes**

A. Special City Council Executive Session – March 28, 2023

B. City Council meeting – March 28, 2023

C. Emergency Meeting – April 8, 2023

D. Special City Council Workshop – April 11, 2023

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

4. **Old Business**

Presentation by SCDOT and discussion of the IOP Connector bridge alternative configurations, survey results, and update on the development of concepts for Palm Boulevard

Rob Perry of SCDOT briefly reviewed the results of the survey conducted by SCDOT on the alternative configuration of the IOP Connector, noting that Option 5 received the highest number of votes.

He shared that the recent work done on the Mt. Pleasant side of the Connector was done as a result of a grant from CTC funds.

He said the implementation of any option will take time and study. There will be no changes this season.

Council Member Anderson said she spoke with Mayor Haynie of Mt. Pleasant. She said he believes this choice to be Isle of Palms' and that Mt. Pleasant may not express a preference for an option. She reminded the public that this current study only looked at the intersections of the Connector with Palm Boulevard and Rifle Range Road. She believes the funding for six paramedics in the FY24 budget will facilitate emergency response on the island.

Discussion ensued about barriers on the Connector in relation to the bicycle and pedestrian lanes. Mr. Perry said greater buffers and lower speeds are always preferred where possible. Council Member Hahn suggested that SCDOT look into highwayguard.com which has barriers approved by North Carolina and Georgia.

Mayor Pounds asked Chief Cornett and Chief Oliverius to speak about the alternative configurations and the paved median/emergency lane.

Chief Cornett said, "No matter whether you have a median or not dictates that any vehicle must yield to the furthest point to the right when an emergency vehicle is approaching behind. So even

when they are using that emergency lane, vehicles still should have moved to the side. I call it the emergency lane because it is what I am used to, but it is just a median, and if, the benefit I see in a median, if we talked about that, would be that when you have a collision, you can move vehicles around the collision assuming it's a disabled vehicle that we can't move. If we have a vehicle that's a rear end and everything is functional and we can move it, for us as police officers, we want to get it off the bridge because it is much safer to work a collision both for us and for the individuals involved and the other motoring traffic. We would move it off the bridge. If they are disabled or a driver is taken from the scene by Emergency Medical Services or something like that, then we would have to direct traffic around it. A center media gives us that avenue to do that without putting a vehicle into a bicycle or pedestrian lane, and that is where I see the benefit of a center median for us. And it does give that room for a vehicle to get through in an emergency fashion."

When asked if it would be possible to get emergency vehicles off the island in the event of an accident in the inbound lane, Chief Cornett said, "I would never say it's not possible to get around. You are relying on the traffic that is going outbound to move out of the way because they are going to have to go into those incoming lanes. We are going to do anything to avoid putting a vehicle in a bicycle or pedestrian lane. The moment we put one in that lane, and somebody steps into a lane of traffic or they ride their bike into a lane of traffic and they are struck by a vehicle, the City is liable because we opened the door for that. So we would do anything in our power to eliminate that option of putting a vehicle into that bicycle or pedestrian lane. So we would have to close an outgoing lane for them to get past it. It can be done. If a collision happens incoming, we can shut down one of those two lanes that are exiting. The downside to that is we have limited personnel or police officers, typically our squads are about 3-4 officers. It is going to take three of them to direct traffic around one of those collisions, two to direct and one to work the collision so we can clear the roadway as quick as possible."

Chief Oliverius said that while Police is focused on traffic management during a collision, Fire is focused on removing the hazard and or patient. He said, "We try to limit our exposure in the roadway wherever we are, whether it is the Connector or on any of our surface streets because we know that secondary collisions can happen. Motorists are distracted and so for the safety of our firefighters, and we are dealing with patients, we want to get off to a safe area."

Of the alternative configurations, Chief Oliverius said, "All the designs have their merits. SCDOT has worked pretty diligently to vet all of those. As a fire department, we can work with any of those concepts. There is not one of them to us that is like, oh this is the perfect one for everybody. Because we have so many stakeholders, whether it is fire, EMS, pedestrians, cyclists, the motorists. So we will be able to work around any of those concepts with our police department. Ideally, because just how we are trained and how we operate, we do prefer a larger center median" for safety reasons.

When asked if the restriping has had any effect on Public Safety's ability to respond to collisions, Chief Oliverius said, "We pulled our data and we could not trend it. We did not see anything that would point to an increase in severity of accidents or increase in accidents since the Connector restriping. When we went back in our record management system to look at all our

data, I think one thing that Mr. Perry mentioned was the reduction in speed, reduction in the amount of vehicles, all those things help with what we are trying to accomplish to make a safe roadway.”

Chief Cornett also responded to the question, “When we looked at our collisions, while they went up slightly island wide, we saw a reduction after the striping on the Connector in general. As far as working collisions, we have not had any issues that I am aware of. There was one incident where it was just easier for the responding medical service to come up the opposite lane due to the traffic backup behind the collision.” He said they are committed to life safety.

Mayor Pounds expressed his concern that an additional outgoing lane will become a passing lane.

Jennifer Bihl said of the alternative configurations, “When choosing through an alternative, it is really going to depend on what the ends look like. And what the center looks like is important, and it’s what you’re interested in. The two lanes out will add more capacity, but they have to be tied into the intersections on the Mt. Pleasant side and at Palm Boulevard correctly. But you really need to do that for all of the alternatives. So it really comes down to the operations on each end and how that works and that will help process folks through and everything. Then they are all very, bicycle and pedestrian being on the bridge is an important aspect of complete streets and be able to have that ability. So how it is handled generally similarly throughout with just having the distance between the lanes and then where the pedestrians would be, but it’s really tying it in. And then there are a couple things in the RK&K report, smaller measures to kind of help with people being aware of the traffic ahead of them and signs and all that. So really looking at letting whichever alternative is selected, letting the design professionals really look at it and make the best that it can for that design, but really partnering with Mt. Pleasant on the Mt. Pleasant side and then doing a weekend on the Isle of Palms side as well to kind of help facilitate the traffic flow as well and pedestrian and vehicular.”

Mr. Perry said there will still need to be a fair amount of work done on both sides of the Connector to determine which option will work best. He believes additional cameras would help in traffic management.

Mr. Perry shared that he will be coming back to the staff with options related to balancing pedestrians, bicyclists, cars and golf carts on Palm Boulevard.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce made a motion to suggest the adoption of Option 5 for the Isle of Palms Connector. Council Member Miars seconded the motion.

Council Member Popson said this decision should not be based on a few months’ worth of data. He prefers having an emergency lane and Option 3.

Council Member Bogosian said a balance between the need to increase traffic flow off the island and safety needs to be struck, and he believes Option 5 meets that balance.

Council Member Hahn’s comments are attached to these minutes.

Council Member Streetman said he prefers to get people off the island faster especially since traffic is not going to decrease in the future. He prefers Option 5.

Mr. Perry said, “We will continue to have dialogue no matter what because again, I think you need to know if we are running into right-of-way or utilities. If there are federal funds that are used to fund this as opposed to State, we have got to follow the National Environmental Policy Act. So we would do an environmental document. We would do some public meetings again before we started purchasing right-of-way, and the environmental documents need to be done before you purchase rights of way. So to Councilman Anderson’s point, it could take some time depending on what we get into once we get into a full-blown design. There will be coordination with both the City of Isle of Palms and the Town of Mt. Pleasant if we move forward with something.”

Council Member Pierce said he supports Option 5.

VOTE: A vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Bogosian, Miars, Anderson, Pierce, Streetman, Pounds

Nays: Popson, Hahn, Ward

The motion passed 6-3.

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to suggest the adoption of Option 3. Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Popson, Hahn, Ward

Nays: Bogosian, Miars, Anderson, Pierce, Streetman, Pounds

The motion failed 3-6.

5. New Business

A. Discussion and consideration of recommendations from the Public Safety Committee to enhance surveillance and safety on the beach

Chief Cornett reviewed the recommendations for enhanced surveillance and safety on the beach, explaining the purpose and use of each. Mayor Pounds suggested that Council approve an amount of funding and let the staff prioritize the purchases. Chief Cornett said his priorities would be the passing of Ordinance 2023-05, the additional cameras, the transport van, the drone, and participation in the Joint Terrorism Task Force.

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the purchase of safety and surveillance enhancements. Council Member Hahn seconded the motion.

Administrator Frago pointed out that the City expects a positive net result at the end of FY23 just over \$1 million. She added that all purchases will follow the procurement code.

Administrator Fragoso said the Public Safety Committee will discuss the addition of a K9 program before moving forward with that suggestion. Chief Cornett said he will look for grants to pay for some of the enhancements.

VOTE: A vote was taken with all in favor.

Chief Cornett said, “I do want to take a moment and just thank you all for your support. I think this Council has been tremendous in response to the incident that we don’t see often on this beach or in these communities like this. And I cannot brag enough about how responsive and supportive you as a Council have been. Not every chief can say that, so thank you for what you have done to support us.”

B. Discussion and consideration of hiring Pivot Parking to provide staffing support for parking enforcement for the 2023 beach season

Administrator Fragoso said that while she recommends the City continue to pursue a full outsourcing of the parking management, it does not make financial sense for the City to enter into a hybrid option with Pivot to hire additional staff this year. She said, “My recommendation would that City Council enhances and approves a higher budget for BSOs and that we pursue a full negotiation with this company to take the entire operations.”

Chief Cornett agreed the proposal from Pivot was costly, but he would rather enter into a full contract with them to outsource all of parking management at a later time. He reminded Council of his struggle to hire the full amount of BSOs every season and to keep the ones he does get for the entire season since most are college students who return to school before the season ends.

Council Member Pierce said he supports the outsourcing of parking management but he would like to hear from other companies.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce made a motion to increase the BSO hiring per the staff recommendation and table the discussion about outsourcing parking management until a later date. Mayor Pounds seconded the motion.

Council Member Streetman expressed concern about finding and keeping BSOs if there is no outsourcing. Administrator Fragoso pointed out that the City would be competing with Pivot in hiring people from the same applicant pool if they followed their proposal. Council Member Hahn suggested increasing the salaries again so they can hire enough BSOs to support the police department.

Council Member Pierce suggested staff be given “the authority to be able to competitively bid to get the staff” they need for the season.

Mayor Pounds said, “I think this is a better use of taxpayer money as opposed to paying an outsource to do this and we have got some control. And I think, Blair, to your point, we pin our ears back and hire as fast as we can and get as many people, feet on the ground that we can have happen.”

Chief Cornett said they have reposted the positions and ramped up recruiting efforts.

Administrator Fragoso clarified that this vote will double the BSO budget for the season to allow staff “the opportunity to navigate and make adjustments to the hourly rate as well.”

VOTE: A vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Bogosian, Miars, Popson, Ward, Streetman, Anderson, Pierce, Pounds

Nays: Hahn

The motion passed 8-1.

C. Consideration of 2023 surfing application from Phillip Atman, Salt Marsh Surf

Mayor Pounds said this instructor will be in the area of 21st-23rd Avenues.

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

6. Boards and Commissions Report

- A. **Board of Zoning Appeals** – minutes attached
- B. **Planning Commission** – meeting on April 26, 2023
- C. **Accommodations Tax Advisory Board** – minutes attached
- D. **Environmental Advisory Committee** – minutes attached

7. Ordinances, Resolutions, and Petitions

A. Second Reading

i. **Ordinance 2023-03 – to require law commercial services to remove yard debris from residential and rental properties.**

MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve and Council Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all opposed, and the motion failed.

ii. **Ordinance 2023-04 to increase from two to four the number of resident parking decals that may be issued to non-resident property owners**

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

B. First Reading

i. **Ordinance 2023-05 – to require a permit from the Isle of Palms police department for events or gatherings on public property, including the beach that are expected to involve more than 25 people**

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

ii. **Ordinance 2023-06 – to increase the short-term rental license base rate by \$100**

MOTION: Council Member Pierce made a motion to approve, and Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Bogosian, Hahn, Miars, Streetman, Anderson, Pierce, Pounds

Nays: Popson, Ward

The motion passed 7-2.

iii. **Ordinance 2023-07 – to raise revenue and adopt a budget for the City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.**

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

Administrator Fragoso said there will be a Public Hearing regarding the FY24 budget prior to the City Council meeting on May 23.

C. Resolutions and Petitions

i. **Resolution 2023-03 – to request SCDOT to implement one of the concepts presented for the IOP Connector Bridge**

MOTION: Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the resolution in support of Option 5, and Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Bogosian, Miars, Streetman, Anderson, Pierce, Pounds

Nays: Ward, Hahn, Popson

The motion passed 6-3.

ii. **Resolution 2023-04 – to adopt the revised Local Comprehensive Beach Management Plan**

MOTION: Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve, and Council Member Streetman seconded the motion.

Administrator Fragoso said the revised Plan presented to OCRM will include the amended zoning map to include the additional preservation and conservation areas approved by City Council last year. She said, “The next step would be for them [OCRM] to officially issue a letter of approval to the City which could take several weeks and then no further action would need to be taken until five years from now when an updated version needs to be done again.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

iii. **Resolution 2023-05 – to recognize Gordon Wheeler for his support of the golf tournament benefiting the Prostate Cancer Foundation**

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

iv. **Resolution 2023-06 – to oppose implementation of proposed bill H3253**

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

Administrator Fragoso said this resolution was prepared by the City Attorney who made some small changes from a resolution the City passed last year in opposition to a similar bill. Mayor Pounds will take this signed resolution to Columbia tomorrow and read it into the record in front of the committee.

Council Member Streetman noted that one of the sponsors of the bill is no longer in office and should be removed from the resolution.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Executive Session – none needed**

9. **Adjournment**

Council Member Ward made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk

City Council 4/25/2023; Clouse Comments. (Meeting # 11 since 4/13/22 addressing NOISE Ordinance.

On March 28, 2023, April 4, 2023 and April 11, 2023 we respectfully requested for Council and Public Safety Committee to assure and commit to us, in writing, our administration will enforce **Ordinance 9-2-5**. No response!

Subsequently, on April 13, 2023 we provided a written request, **VIA EMAIL ONLY**, to the City Council and Administration, regarding the above. No response!

Your actions, or lack thereof, are unacceptable! You have a responsibility to respond to your constituency.

Or, are you telling us, with your silence, you are not going to enforce said Ordinance?

Actually, you have already told us; five (5) citations issued, all in the same night, in over fifty (50) calls during the past two years.

§ 9-2-5 (b)(c) addresses "**Amplified Music**", stating it is "**unlawful**". For some reason our Administration does not enforce said ordinance, even when said amplification has a negative impact on the livability of residents in this community.

Lack of enforcement has evolved into a **legal nuisance** by the Sweetgrass Inn; per § 9-2-5 (i) (1) (2). Lack of enforcement has perpetrated said nuisance. Bluntly, our administration is part of the situation.

Further proof; the City's legal council has carved out the above nuisance section in the proposed noise ordinance. In other words, if you do not want to be accountable for enforcement, extinguish it.

We provided you detailed video regarding the March 31, 2023 and April 15, 2023 events at Sweetgrass, with a detailed explanation.

March 31, 2023; electric violin concerto outside under the Osprey Patio. Could not sleep; called Police at 9:18PM. Music continued until 10:00 PM. All of you received a video clip of the above. We understand the new resort manager "Tom" was sitting **beside** a speaker and did not think the sound was out of line. Interesting; I can not sleep due to the noise; Tom thinks it is ok.

April 15, 2023; rooftop bar "hip hop" event. Could hear the noise above the sound of our TV program. Called Police at 9:11 PM. You received a video clip regarding the above.

April 22—23: Afternoon **Amplified** daily concerts; they are back. The 2 - 5 time frame has been expanded to 6:00 PM. Wonder why the expansion of time? This is **amplified music** which is clear violation per 9-2-5 (c). Unable to use our screen porch both days.

Sunday 23rd: Our neighbor was operating a battery powered chainsaw, 20 ft. from our SW property line. As the sound from the music and chain saw would ebb and flow; the **Amplified** music, approximately 220 ft. from my location, was actually louder per my decibel meter; 62 dBAs vs. 61 dBAs.

Regarding Terri Haack's written comments (attached) dated 4/11/23:

"We acknowledge that noise from Sweetgrass Inn has the ability to impact surrounding neighborhoods and we are committed to mitigating this impact". The above said events did not meet our expectations regarding mitigation.

Mrs. Haack previously stated there would no longer be vehicles (food trucks, etc.) in the green area behind us (except July 4th). As of April 19 we now have a camping trailer parked in our back yard.

February sound study/events. A 30,000 ft. view which has no statistical detail to support the resort's request. No dates or number of attendees at the stated events. February was a ghost town.

Mrs. Haack stated we would receive some version of the sound study; nothing to date.

COMMENTS OF TERRI HAACK SENT TO MAYOR POUNDS FOR 4/11/2023 CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**STATEMENT: ISLE OF PALMS SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

On behalf of Wild Dunes Resort, I'd like to thank the members of Isle of Palms' Public Safety Committee and City Council for their contributions, research and thoughtful discussion surrounding the recent noise ordinance proposals. We acknowledge that noise from Sweetgrass Inn has the ability to impact surrounding neighborhoods and we are committed to mitigating this impact, having already undertaken a number of actions to do so.

These actions include the removal of multiple speakers from the family pool area, the addition of strict responsibility clauses in group/event contracts and the reviewing of the style, location and time of all planned entertainment and activities for the summer season. We have also monitored noise levels during events with onsite staff. The Resort has additionally contracted professional sound engineering studies – the February study established that baseline daytime/evening noise hovered around 60 dB, with occasional spikes of limited duration, while baseline nighttime noise measured approximately 50-55 dB, and the two evening events in the Osprey Ballroom, which included a corporate event and a wedding, did not exceed 75 dB. The Resort will be conducting an additional study at a time during which the pool area is active, and the Osprey Ballroom is hosting an event, likely Memorial Day weekend.

The Resort requests the decibel limit remain at 75 dB and requests that special event permits, which allow up to 85 dB, not to be limited to a number of hours per year. If the number of special event permits must be limited, we request that the number be 6-8 total events.

I look forward to continuing this discussion with you and again thank the committee members for your valuable time on this important topic.

Nuisance 4/15/23

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Date: Monday, April 17, 2023, 09:02 AM EDT

To All:

Our livability in review for Saturday 15, 2023:

Saturday afternoon at Sweetgrass was very busy. Throughout the afternoon several pickup games on the artificial surface. Decibels reaching 75 from said event. The music is back. In lieu of removing nine (9) speakers; adding back two (2) speakers; the volume has been elevated. We can easily hear said music on our screen porch. There were long durations in which the sound emitted from said speakers were a low frequency, emulating a subwoofer ("a rhythmic base reverberating type sound, beat and cadence"). Extremely annoying!

All the above activity is a definable Nuisance (§ 9-2-5 (i.) (1) (2)). Interestingly, said Nuisance has been carved out of the new proposed noise ordinance. Why?

Later in the night while watching TV, we kept hearing noise outside, which was disturbing our ability to hear our TV. We turned up our volume to a point where it was not pleasant to listen to our program; we could still hear the noise outside. A Hyatt/Dart/Lowe signature rooftop bar event was emitting the sound (video to follow via iPhone). I called the IOP Police at 9:12PM. We would appreciate a report. Were citations issued? If not, please give us a detailed explanation.

Something is terribly amiss. The resort's actions speak louder than words. They state they want to do anything possible to resolve the nuisance issue; yes, it is a nuisance. However, their follow through does not align with their narrative. The new resort manager, "Tom", stated he sat next to an outdoor speaker at the March 31 event (electric amplified violin event) and did not think it was out of line. In contrast, the speakers were pointed toward us; I am lying in bed, hearing every note, unable to sleep. I called IOP Police at 9:19PM.

Our understanding is the resort's "Sound Study" was to be available the week of 3/13/23.....nothing.

Sunday 16, 2023:

We tried to enjoy the day on our screen porch; not meant to be. The resort's loud caribbean calliope music (not sure if this is the correct genre) overwhelmed us. With the removal of the nine (9) Bose speakers, it is amazing how loud the music remains. Meaning, the resort is not interested in executing on the necessary changes to provide us with a livability which we deserve. They specialize in "smoke and mirrors". We request a map outlining the location and make of the resort's speakers. Again, when we hear the resort's music on our screen porch, it is too loud. When we hear the resort's noise while we are in bed, it is too loud.

As we have been experiencing the above abuse for over two (2) years; we believe the situation is more than qualifies as a nuisance.

Thank you,

Al and Roxie

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April 13, 2023

VIA EMAIL ONLY

TO: IOP CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Phillip Pounds, Mayor
Mr. John Bogosian
Mr. Blair Hahn
Mrs. Katie Miars
Mr. Jimmy Ward
Mr. Rusty Streetman
Mr. Kevin Popson
Mrs. Jan Anderson
Mr. Scott Pierce

IOP CITY ADMINISTRATORS:

Mrs. Desiree Fragoso, City Administrator
Mr. Douglas Kerr, Director of Building, Planning and Zoning
Mr. Kevin Cornett, Chief IOP Police

**CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS, SC
1207 Palm Boulevard
Isle of Palms, SC. 29451**

RE: NOISE ORDINANCE 9-2-5; ENFORCEMENT

Greetings:

At the City Council meeting held on March 28, 2023 we respectfully requested Council to "assure and commit to us, in writing, our administration will enforce Ordinance 9-2-5".

Later, at the Public Safety Meeting held on April 4, 2023, we requested "assurances in writing, our administration will enforce Noise Ordinance 9-2-5".

Subsequently, at the City Council meeting held on April 11, 2023, again, "we requested Council provide us written assurances our Administration will enforce Ordinance 9-2-5".

To date, per the above, we have not received said written assurances we have requested.

Please accept this letter as our documentation regarding a formal written request to the City of Isle of Palms, SC to" assure and commit to us, in writing, our administration will enforce Noise Ordinance 9-2-5.

Time is of the essence.

Sincerely,

Al and Roxie Clouse

Noise Ordinance 9-2-5

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Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023, 12:21 PM EDT

Mr. Phillip Pounds, Mayor:

Attached please find our written request regarding enforcement of Noise Ordinance 9-2-5. Please address. Time is of the essence.

Respectfully,

Al and Roxie



Noise ENFORCEMENT LETTER TO COUNCIL 4:13:23.pdf
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Blair Hahn Comments to IOP City Council 4/25/2023

I have spoken many times about the reasons this council should support option 3 for the connector along with demanding that a hard barrier be placed between the traffic and the pedestrian/bicycle lane. This is the option our public safety committee recommended be adopted by council. The basis for recommending option 3 with a hard barrier comes from our first responders, all of which believe option 3 is the safest choice. I have been accused of lying and misrepresenting the position of our first responders by members of this council. They simply don't want to hear the truth. The truth is I sat down with both our police chief and our fire chief, looked them in the eye and asked what would you do if this was your decision. I called our past fire chief in the mountains of NC and asked the same question. I have put that question to multiple heads of other law enforcement departments in the tri county area. All of them, to a person, said the same thing. An emergency lane is the safest, best option. All of them. Our fire chief went so far as to say that sending someone to change the flag on the connector gave him pause because it is currently so unsafe. Those are the facts and the truth of the matter. Of course, when asked if they could make any other option work, they say that they will make it work. That is their job, to put themselves in harm's way to protect the rest of

us. Don't we owe it to each and every first responder to make their job as safe as possible?

But those are facts. It doesn't seem we are interested in facts. Political expediency is all we care about. So, let me give you the politically expedient reason option 3 is the only real option. 20 plus years ago Sullivan's Island was faced with a similar choice. Do they block SCDOT from removing the draw bridge for a fixed span bridge like our connector or do they take the candy, do they take the fixed span bridge. After much debate, Sullivan's Island blocked a fixed span bridge because it would make it easier to access the island. The easier it is to access; the more people will come. More cars, more traffic, more load on an already overloaded infrastructure. They saw that this is exactly what happened to Isle of Palms when the connector opened.

If we add 2 lanes off, that is exactly what will happen again. More cars, more traffic, more people, more load on our first responders, more chaos on our beaches and in our public parking areas. If you won't vote for option 3 for the right reasons, then vote for option 3 for the politically expedient reason. I implore every member of council to vote for the option recommended by our safety committee and our first responders. Please vote for option 3.