



MUNICIPAL INAUGURATION
5:00pm, Tuesday, January 2, 2024
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, Ward, Anderson, Bogosian, Pierce, and Mayor Pounds

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Director Kerr, various department heads

2. Invocation – Paul Coleman, Deep Water Church

3. Presentation of Colors – Isle of Palms Police Department

4. Swearing in of City Council

City Clerk DeNeane swore in Council members Campsen, Carroll, and Pierce. Council Member Ward was sworn in by Mr. Fred Parrish.

5. Inaugural Remarks

Mayor Pounds said, “Happy New Year to everyone! Congratulations to the newly elected and re-elected Council members! I wanted to have a few opening remarks as this Council tenure begins to hopefully set the tone for what can be expected and how we will operate. Each new year brings a certain amount of hope, promise and anticipation. I think I’ve told you before how my wife does new year resolutions – accomplish a task and state it should have been on my resolution list, write it down and then cross it off! No matter how you approach a new year, I hope we will ALL resolve to treat each other with the utmost respect and engage in civil discourse whether it be in these Council chambers or all other interactions. To the City Council members – we are 9 individuals elected by this community to serve in these roles. We all come from different parts of the country, with diverse backgrounds, different work and personal experiences and alternate views. We certainly won’t agree on each project or issue we will be faced with, but our residents expect us to be prepared, engaged, deliberate the issues constructively and fully and then to arrive at the best decisions for our community – that’s the ONLY agenda that should be driving us all! The past two years we have made significant progress on many fronts, and I know we will continue that progress. To make sure this Council agrees on our strategic objectives, we will be meeting this Friday to define what success will look like and receive some technical training from the South Carolina Municipal Association. My expectation is that we will decide what the big tasks are we want to accomplish together over the next few years. I felt it was critical to schedule this session shortly after inauguration to help

set the foundation for a successful, unified team all focused on the same strategic objectives for our community. I recently saw a definition of community as a: Feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests and goals. Over the past few months, I've had many conversations with residents about our community - what it has become; what it has to offer; what it "feels" like. I believe, as with any experience, it's what you make it - if you want our city to feel like a community, you get involved and attend the various offerings and events and make an effort to get to know your neighbors. If you prefer to keep to yourself, that works too, but it doesn't mean there isn't a community "feel" to our city. I challenge each of us in the new year to renew our commitment to our community and become more involved with the events, programs and volunteer opportunities that are available to us and make an extra effort to get to know our neighbors. There have been a number of new residents over the past 5 years joining us on IOP as full and part-time residents. There are some fascinating residents on our island, from many different walks of life, if you take the time to engage with them. I read the following prayer at our last inauguration, and it seems appropriate to repeat it here tonight. I hope it captures the spirit of what I've been talking about and my expectations for how we as a Council will operate going forward. Listen as I read the Prayer for Humility: O Father, give us the humility which realizes its ignorance, admits its mistakes, recognizes its need, welcomes advice, accepts rebuke. Help us to praise rather than criticize, to sympathize rather than to discourage, to build rather than to destroy, and to think of people at their best rather than at their worst. This we ask for thy name's sake. Thank you for listening. I'm excited for our New Year, this new Council and what we can do together. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any other Council member to share your thoughts or ask questions. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you in these roles."

6. **Benediction** - Paul Coleman, Deep Water Church

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk