



**Planning Commission Meeting
4:30pm, Wednesday, November 8, 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: Sue Nagelski, Ron Denton, David Cohen, Sandy Stone, Tim Ahmuty, Jeffrey Rubin (arrived at 5:10pm), Marty Brown

Staff present: Director Kerr, Zoning Administrator Simms

2. Approval of minutes

Ms. Nagelski made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2023 regular meeting. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. New Business

A. Discussion and recommendation of noise ordinance

Director Kerr referenced the changes made to the draft ordinance since the October meeting. Mr. Cohen suggested another change to clarify a previously removed section to account for sounds related to music and speech during daytime hours.

The ordinance currently suggests decibel levels at 75 decibels in the commercial districts and 70 decibels in residential districts during the day, 85 decibels in GC-2 during daytime hours, and 55 decibels across the island during nighttime hours.

Discussion ensued as to where in the ordinance it should be noted that GC-2 is exempt from 75 decibels during daytime hours. Changing the start of daytime hours to 8am was briefly discussed, but it was agreed that no change would be made to the start of daytime hours.

MOTION: Mr. Stone made a motion to recommend the draft noise ordinance as amended to City Council for consideration. Mr. Cohen seconded the motion.

Director Kerr summarized the changes from today's discussion: "The two amendments today are increasing C.3. from 85 to 90 and then adding a C.5. that explains that all of the numbers above need to be reduced by 5 decibels" primarily for sounds consisting of speech or music.

Mr. Cohen noted that nighttime noise does not apply to HVAC equipment. He suggested wording for section C.4.: “shall not apply to HVAC equipment installed prior to the effective date of this ordinance.”

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion of stormwater recommendations from drainage masterplan

Director Kerr read each stormwater recommendation and explained how each would be applied if approved. Commissioners agreed the first three recommendations are appropriate. They would like to see recommendations 4 and 5 combined and thresholds added that would trigger an engineering plan requirement. Director Kerr said the recommendations will be put into draft ordinance format for the next meeting for further consideration.

4. Old Business

Comprehensive Plan review updated draft

Director Kerr thanked Ms. Nagelski for her continued work on the Priority Investment section of the Comprehensive Plan. She noted the difficulty in tying funding sources to each project. Further discussion of this element will take place at the December meeting.

5. Adjournment

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 4:30pm.

Mr. Stone made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk