

**City Council  
Special Meeting**

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 5, 2017

A Special Meeting of City Council was held at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 5, 2017 in Council Chambers of City Hall, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Bettelli, Carroll, Ferencz, Kinghorn, Rice and Ward, Councilmembers-elect Randy Bell and Susan Hill Smith, Mayor ProTem Harrington, Mayor Cronin, Administrator Tucker, Attorney Halversen, Assistant Administrator Fragoso and Clerk Copeland; a quorum was present to conduct business. Councilmember Bergwerf and Councilmembers-elect Buckhannon and Moye were absent.

1. Mayor Cronin called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the press and public were duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

**2. Special Presentation**

Jim Raih, 3904 Cameron Boulevard, donated a framed article from *The Post and Courier* about the City's efforts to reduce the size of houses and to reduce the amount of lot coverage to maintain the residential feeling of the island; at the time, Mayor Cronin was the Chair of the Planning Commission that spearheaded the task. He asked that it be hung somewhere in the City. In addition, he read a poem into the minutes of the meeting entitled "The Indespensible<sup>(SP)</sup> Man"; a copy is attached to the historical record of the meeting.

At this time, Administrator Tucker took the podium to review Mayor Cronin's contributions to the City from his service on the Planning Commission, City Council member and Mayor. She described him as a data-driven consensus builder who never singularly took credit; a copy of her comments is attached to the historical record of the meeting. The Administrator presented the Mayor with a historical map of the Stone Fleet with a nail attached from *The Georgina*, one of the ships in the fleet, followed by a short video of the Mayor and retiring Councilmembers Bergwerf, Bettelli, Ferencz and Harrington. The Mayor's portrait was also unveiled in its position with other past mayors of the City in Council Chambers.

**3. Consideration of Appointments to Standing Committees for 2018**

Mayor-elect Carroll's appointments are as follows:

Public Safety:	Randy Bell, Susan Hill Smith and Jimmy Ward
Public Works:	Ryan Buckhannon, Ted Kinghorn and Carol Rice
Real Property:	Randy Bell, John Moye* and Jimmy Ward
Recreation:	Ryan Buckhannon, John Moye and Susan Hill Smith
Personnel:	John Moye, Carol Rice and Jimmy Ward*

\*Temporary appointments until the results of the Special Election are certified on February 15, 2018.

**MOTION: Councilmember Ward moved to approve the appointments to Standing Committees for 2018 as presented; Councilmember Rice seconded.**

Administrator Tucker clarified that the carryover Council, i.e. Kinghorn, Rice and Ward and Mayor-elect Carroll, and the Councilmembers-elect Bell and Smith would be voting on recommendations for standing committees and the appointments to boards and commissions.

Mayor Cronin stated that these votes would be confirmed at the Special Council meeting of Tuesday, January 2, 2018

Councilmember Kinghorn added his voice to those thanking the Mayor for his years of service; he stated that “not only is the Mayor respected in the community, among his colleagues and certainly the staff, but statewide by the Mayors Association and the Municipal Association Board he served on; his service goes far beyond this island. Public service is something [the Mayor] has taken to heart; you are a good example for all of us in your decorum, approach and fairness, and I thank you for your service and wish you the best of luck.”

Councilmember Kinghorn made two (2) suggestions for the current Council’s input and that of the the newly-formed Council. After congratulating the new Councilmembers, the Councilmember referenced a true or false question that appeared in a recent edition of the MASC newsletter called “Uptown,” and the question asked was “The Council form of government is often called governance by a committee because of shared powers” and the answer was true. The article continues with the following explanation: “the Council form of government is often called government by committee because the Mayor and Councilmembers often share legislative and administrative authority.” With this in mind, he would like Council to consider the committees and the roles of those committees. He stated that the City’s committees were established years ago and do not represent things that were discussed in the campaign, for example environmental issues; issues not currently addressed by a committee are the environment, intergovernmental affairs since a large percentage of the annual budget comes from other governmental groups, i.e. the County, the State and the federal government, infrastructure, roads, IT or communication. He suggested that the Committees should examine whether they are representative of current times. Questions that could be asked include: Are these the right committees? Could they be adjusted or added to?

The second suggestion from Councilmember Kinghorn was about the criteria used to select and appoint Councilmembers to positions on standing committees and to allow all of Council to have input. If Councilmembers knew the skill sets and experiences newly-elected members have, Council would be in a better position to place them on a committee for which they have a passion and experience, therefore, providing added value to the community.

Responding to Councilmember Kinghorn’s suggestions, Mayor Cronin recalled that the Real Property Committee started out as a Committee composed of two (2) Councilmembers and a member of the community, and it was made a standing committee of Council a few years ago when its purview became considerably wider. The Mayor questioned that now the Committee might have too much on its plate with stormwater, beaches, the marina, beach access, et.al.

Councilmember Rice stated that she wanted to have a second visioning meeting because she found the first to be very helpful and it would be a forum for discussing these issues.

Councilmember Kinghorn offered his own slate of appointments to standing committees which he provided to the City Clerk; the list follows:

Public Safety	Ryan Buckhannon, Jimmy Ward, and Jimmy Carroll
Public Works	Jimmy Ward, Susan Hill Smith and John Moye
Real Property	Ryan Buckhannon, Ted Kinghorn and John Moye
Personnel	Carol Rice, Ted Kinghorn and Randy Bell
Recreation	Carol Rice, Randy Bell and Susan Hill Smith

**Amendment: Councilmember Kinghorn moved to add his slate of candidates for consideration for standing committees.**

The amendment failed for lack of a second.

Councilmember Ward stated that, according to the City Code, the assignments to standing committees were to be a receipt of information for City Council at this December Special Meeting and a vote was not required.

Councilmember Ward withdrew his motion and Councilmember Rice withdrew her second.

Administrator Tucker reiterated that the vote for assignments to standing committees would take place after the newly-elected officials were sworn in at the January Special Meeting.

Addressing the newly-elected Councilmembers, Councilmember Bettelli also congratulated them on their election and told them they have a great opportunity on City Council to serve the residents. He offered them the following advice: to do their homework and to come to meetings prepared, to take the training for elected officials offered by the Municipal Association and to get involved with elected officials in other local governments since they can be a valuable resource.

**4. Report from Personnel Committee  
Consideration of Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

**MOTION: Councilmember Kinghorn moved to appoint Phillip Pounds to the Planning Commission and to re-appoint Susan Haynie and Julise Spell to the ATAX Committee, Pete Doherty to the Board of Zoning Appeals, Ann Sherrill and Alan Shultz to the Code Board of Appeals and Ron Denton and Lisa Safford to the Planning Commission; Councilmember Rice seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with Councilmembers Carroll, Kinghorn, Rice and Ward and Councilmembers-elect Bell and Smith voting.**

**5. Consideration of Appointment of City Judges, City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney**

**MOTION: Councilmember Rice moved to appoint Michael A. Molony as Municipal Judge, John L. Duffy as Assistant Municipal Judge, Stirling Halversen as City Attorney and Julia Copeland as Assistant City Attorney; Councilmember Ward seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with Councilmembers Carroll, Kinghorn, Rice and Ward and Councilmembers-elect Bell and Smith voting.**

Councilmember Rice stated the City was “fortunate to have such wonderful people willing to serve.”

**6. Consideration of Appointment of Councilmember Ward to the CARTA Board of Directors**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rice moved to approve the appointment of Councilmember Ward to the CARTA Board; Councilmember Carroll seconded and the motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with Councilmembers Carroll, Kinghorn, Rice and Ward and Councilmembers-elect Bell and Smith voting.

**7. Consideration of Appointment of Councilmember Rice to the Charleston Visitors Bureau (CVB)**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Carroll moved to approve the appointment of Councilmember Rice to the CVB; Councilmember Ward seconded and the motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with Councilmembers Carroll, Kinghorn, Rice and Ward and Councilmembers-elect Bell and Smith voting.

**8. Executive Session – not necessary**

**9. Miscellaneous Business**

Administrator Tucker invited everyone to enjoy the light refreshments provided and to watch the video again.

Councilmember Carroll thanked the Mayor for the six (6) years they served the City together; he noted that the Mayor brought a lot of humor to the position as well as wonderful leadership. The Councilmember noted that they might not always agree, but they moved on to the next issue with humor.

**10. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rice moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m.; Councilmember Carroll seconded and the motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland  
City Clerk