



EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1:00pm, Monday, April 13, 2020

Virtual Meeting via Zoom call due to COVID-19 Pandemic:

Broadcasted live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>

MINUTES

1. **Call to order**

Present: Council members Popson, Streetman, Moye, Ward, Buckhannon, Bell, Pounds, and Smith, and Mayor Carroll

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Attorney Copeland, Chief Cornett, Chief Graham

2. **Consideration of amendments to Emergency Ordinance 2020-02 to implement further measures to protect the citizens of the Isle of Palms, including but not limited to extending the access restrictions and the prohibition of future check-ins for short-term rentals, hotels and other accommodations and other measures proposed for the safety and public health of the City of Isle of Palms**

Council members engaged Dr. Edward O’Bryan, Emergency Medicine physician at MUSC, the Executive Director of MUSC Health Solutions, Chief Medical Officer for MUSC Business Health, and the Director of Business for Telemedicine Services for Business Health.

Council members asked questions of Dr. O’Bryan related to his medical knowledge of the COVID-19 virus and his recommendations regarding an extension of Emergency Ordinance 2020-02. Dr. O’Bryan commended the City Council for their early actions to help slow the spread of the virus. He said he believes there will be less of a “flip of a switch” and more of a “gradual integration” when reopening businesses and society. He believes the CDC could continue to recommend gatherings no larger than 10 people for up to 8 more weeks.

At this time, the peak number of COVID-19 cases in South Carolina is expected between April 25 and May 2, 2020. Council member expressed concern about reopening the island too early. After further consultation with Dr. O’Bryan, Council members considered if it would be prudent to allow more time to pass before making a decision about reopening the island. Attorney Copeland reminded Council that whatever decisions they make cannot go against any orders put in place by Governor McMaster.

Chief Cornett said he has not had issues at the checkpoint that would require any further action from City Council. They will be scrutinizing the bikers and walkers more closely starting today. He also reported that construction workers are adhering to the social distancing guidelines. He

shared that 31 verbal warnings, 1 written warning, and 3 citations have been given for violations relating to the Emergency Ordinance.

MOTION: Council Member Bell made a motion to amend Emergency Ordinance 2020-02 to extend the effective date for Emergency Ordinance 2020-02 to May 30, 2020. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion.

Council members agreed to continue the current restrictions outlined in Emergency Ordinance 2020-02 and to meet weekly to consider new data before making a decision about reopening the island.

Council Member Bell withdrew his motion to amend Emergency Ordinance 2020-02. Council Member Streetman withdrew his second of the motion.

City Council will meet next via Zoom video conference on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 1:00pm.

3. Adjournment

Council Member Buckhannon made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Moye seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk