

**SPECIAL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL**

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 12, 2012
Conference Room, City Hall

A Special Meeting of City Council was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 in the City Hall Conference Room, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Bergwerf, Bettelli, Carroll, Loftus, Stone and Thomas, Assistant to the Administrator Dziuban, City Attorney Halversen and City Clerk Copeland; Mayor Cronin and Administrator Tucker were attending the Charleston County Finance Committee meeting, but a quorum was present to conduct business despite Councilmember Buckhannon's excused absence. Westy Westmoreland and Corey Touard attended the meeting as representatives of SCE&G.

1. Councilmember Bettelli 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. New Business

A. First Reading, by title only, of Ordinance 2012-03 – An Ordinance Approving the Grant of a Utility Easement on a Portion of the City's Property to the South Carolina Electric and Gas Company.

Assistant Dziuban noted that this item is time-sensitive and the City's goal is to hold Second Reading at the June 26th Council meeting to allow SCE&G to meet their window of ordering the materials for the job. SCE&G's goal is to provide an underground line as a second source of power to the island in case of a downed overhead line; this will be accomplished at no cost to the City other than the easements through City property for the new line.

MOTION: Councilmember Stone moved to approve for First Reading by title only of Ordinance 2012-03; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded.

Assistant Dziuban read the title as stated above into the historical record of the meeting.

VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. First Reading, by title only of Ordinance 2012-04 – An Ordinance Amending Title 5, Planning and Development, Chapter 4, Zoning, Article 2, District Regulations, Section 5-4-37, Table of Permitted Uses in Commercial Districts, of the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances to Permit Outdoor Sale of Food and Beverage in the GC-3 Zoning District by Special Exception Pursuant to Section 5-4-5.

Councilmember Bettelli explained that this amendment allows for a Special Exception to be granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals for a business in the GC-3 Zoning District to sell food and beverage outside; if passed, this zoning district will align with GC-1 and GC-2. He recounted that he had been on Council when this zoning district was established; he opined that this use was omitted when the district was established.

MOTION: Councilmember Bergwerf moved to approve Ordinance 2012-04 for First Reading by title only; Councilmember Stone seconded.

Assistant Dziuban explained that, assuming approval of First Reading, the ordinance will go to the Planning Commission in June to make a recommendation to Council; if the Planning Commission recommends approval, a Public Hearing is required before Second Reading.

The Assistant read the title into the historical record of the meeting.

Councilmember Loftus asked why this ordinance had been added to the agenda for the Special Meeting; when this Special Meeting was called, it was to deal with the SCE&G easements.

Assistant Dziuban recalled that Councilmember Buckhannon had asked that this ordinance be written for the businesses in the GC-3 district; she added that it had not been ready for the May Council meeting, but was ready for this meeting. Despite its not being time-sensitive, the Mayor chose to include it on tonight's agenda.

Attorney Halversen added that she had been asked to have the ordinance ready for the last Council meeting, but that it had simply "fallen through the cracks" and that it was added to this agenda so as not to lose another month.

Councilmember Bettelli and Stone stated that they had received emails from the City Administrator about adding this item to tonight's agenda.

VOTE: The motion PASSED on a vote of 5 to 2 with Councilmembers Loftus and Thomas casting dissenting votes.

3. Adjourn

MOTION: Councilmember Carroll moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m.; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk