

CITY COUNCIL

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, 2015

The regular meeting of City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, 2015 in Council Chambers of City Hall, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Bergwerf, Bettelli, Buckhannon, Carroll, Ferencz and Loftus, Mayor Cronin, Administrator Tucker, Attorney Halversen, Assistant Dziuban and Clerk Copeland; the absence of Councilmember Harrington was excused, and Councilmember Ward had called ahead stating that he would be late to the meeting. A quorum was present to conduct business.

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

2. Appointment and Administration of Oath to New Employee

MOTION: Councilmember Bettelli moved to appoint Robert Asero to the Recreation Department staff; Councilmember Carroll seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Cronin swore in Mr. Asero and welcomed him to the Isle of Palms' family.

3. Reading of the Journals of Previous Meetings

MOTION: Councilmember Loftus moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 28 and the Special Joint Meeting of April 30, 2015 as submitted; Councilmember Bettelli seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Citizens' Comments

Margaret Roza of 5-27th Avenue addressed Council in support of the ordinance to ban single-use plastic bags; she stated that not only are they not biodegradable, but they are a serious problem for the marine life around the island. Having lived in California, she quoted statistics from Santa Monica who enacted such a ban a year ago; less than five percent (5%) of the total single-use plastic bags are actually recycled and these plastic bags are used for approximately twelve minutes (12 min.) before being discarded.

Jennifer Petit, a junior at Wando High School, also voiced support for the ban-the-bag movement; she stated that she was a resident of the island and was most aware of the danger single-use plastic bags created for the ocean's wildlife.

Dan Roberts of 11 JC Long Boulevard reported that he has called the Police Department for the past three (3) nights for the noise emanating from "The Dinghy" across the street; he stated that they have clearly violated the City's noise ordinance. Each time Mr. Roberts has called the police, they have come and successfully shut down the noise; Mr. Roberts added that patrons of "The Dinghy" walk up and down the street with beer cans in-hand, and a band performs every night. He voiced his opinion that business owners should comply with all current ordinances of the City. He stated that he wants the business owners to be respectful and live in peace with the residents.

Barb Gobien, a turtle volunteer at the Aquarium, read comments from Christi Hughes, Senior Sea Turtle Biologist, into the record. (The comments are attached to the historical record of the meeting.)

Ms. Gobien added her support to the speakers ahead of her. As a volunteer at the Aquarium, she said that she had seen firsthand what plastic bags can do to sea turtles and she urged all present to encourage the prohibition of single-use plastic bags.

Sis Nunnally of 10-31st Avenue stated that she is a lover of dogs and that she has seen situations when a dog was put back into a hot car when the owners learned that dogs were not allowed on the beach. She said that dogs could be trained, but there was no school to train bad dog owners. She strongly advocated that she did not support the City banning dogs from the beach at any time; she suggested that, if Council did prohibit dogs from the beach, it should begin an education campaign immediately and implement the change next year.

Bev Ballow of Waterway Boulevard said that she has lived on the island since the early eighties and the biggest change she has seen has been the increasing volume of garbage on the beach – most of which is plastic. She added her voice to those who spoke before her in support of prohibiting single-use plastic bags on the Isle of Palms. Ms. Ballow stated that she was proud of the City Council for taking an action to ban these bags.

Dr. John Weinstein, an Environmental Toxicologist at The Citadel and a resident of 9 Eighteenth Avenue, provided some statistics about the amount of single-use plastic bags in the waters around Charleston. From collecting plastic bags from a two and a half mile (2.5 mi.) beach sweep, he and his students extrapolated that there are about four hundred sixty thousand (460,000) plastic bags in Charleston Harbor weighing approximately fifteen thousand two hundred sixty pounds (15,260 lbs.) along the three hundred six (306) miles of shoreline. They also estimated that approximately twenty-two thousand (22,000) single-use grocery bags are in Charleston Harbor weighing over twenty-four hundred pounds (2,400 lbs.). (Dr. Weinstein's full comments in support of the ban on single-use plastic bags are attached to the historical record of the meeting.)

Suzette Kent, five (5) year old daughter of Kathy Kent, wrote and delivered a short statement of why single-use plastic bags should be prohibited. (A copy is attached to the historical record of the meeting.)

Jackie Killroe, 25-26th Avenue, and Louis Waverly, 29th Avenue, also spoke in support of the ban. Mr. Waverly added that he applauded Council for "being progressive;" he related being on the beach early in the morning today and finding it to be covered with garbage.

Rini Cosmos, 2403 Waterway Boulevard, brought a case of cloth grocery bags donated by Harris Teeter for people attending the meeting to take with them.

MOTION: Councilmember Carroll moved to reorder the Agenda to address Item 10.C at this time; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION: Councilmember Bettelli moved to approve First Reading, by title only, of Ordinance 2015-08; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded.

Mayor Cronin encouraged residents to read the ordinance that includes five (5) pages of term definitions and clearly addressed the need to eliminate the use of single-use plastic bags.

Councilmember Bettelli commented the ladies who have spearheaded this drive for their time and dedication to eliminating the use of single-use plastic bags on the island.

Councilmember Buckhannon also expressed his appreciation of the grassroots efforts from these residents. He encouraged for them to continue to push forward and to work with Charleston County and other local municipalities.

The Mayor thanked Harris Teeter for providing all of the cloth bags for distribution to island residents and noted that they have converted to recyclable paper bags.

Councilmember Ward stated that he had spoken with the managers at Harris Teeter in the past week, and they indicated that the change from single-use plastic bags has received an overwhelmingly positive response.

VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Reports from Standing Committees

A. Ways and Means Committee

Reporting from the Committee meeting of May 19th, Mayor Cronin stated that through April 30th, 2015 the City had completed ten (10) months of the fiscal year; and the target for revenues and expenses was eighty-three percent (83%). In the General Fund, revenues were at eighty-two percent (82%) of budget and overall expenses were at eighty-three percent (83%). Overall revenues for the City were at seventy-seven percent (77%) of budget. Treasurer Suggs expressed confidence that Property Tax revenue would end the year very close to budget; Business Licenses, Rental Licenses and Building Permit revenue have already exceeded their FY15 budget projections. Large contributors to Other Licenses revenue were utilities fees and insurance license fees, which typically come in near or after the year-end.

Mayor Cronin reported that staff had queried SCE&G about the franchise fees the City would receive and was told that the check would be approximately six hundred ninety-three thousand dollars (\$693,000) – a number that exceeds the budget by three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000). In the course of the discussion, the City learned that SCE&G pays franchise fees one (1) year in advance; therefore, the money received in June will represent their estimated 2016 fees. The Mayor reminded the Committee that the two percent (2%) increase to the SCE&G franchise fee actually would go into effect January 1, 2016.

All of the tourism funds continue to perform ahead of FY14; Municipal Accommodations Taxes were running five percent (5%) greater than FY14; State Accommodations Taxes were trending three percent (3%) ahead of FY14. The semi-annual payment of Charleston County Accommo-

Pass-through was significantly larger than in past years; the County now sends the City twenty-five percent (25%) rather than twenty percent (20%) in lieu of grants given in the past for hiring additional BSOs and recycling collection on the beach. Hospitality Tax collections year-to-date have increased by eleven percent (11%) over FY14, and the City has collected forty-nine thousand dollars (\$49,000) in Beach Preservation Fees through April.

The Committee then reviewed the fourth version of the FY16 capital and operating budgets that have been updated to include the estimated revenue and expenses associated with the implementation of Parking Concept C and the reduction in expense for the website redesign. The cost estimates include uniforms and wages for additional BSOs, vehicles for their use to patrol the streets in enforcement, signage, public education, administrative costs and office supplies.

The Committee received information relative to the Real Property's recommendation to seek modifications to the OCRM shoal management permit; Steven Traynum of Coastal Science and Engineering had explained that the City might need to move its fall project to earlier in the fall during turtle nesting season. Mayor Cronin expressed the need for an increase in the volume of sand that could be moved under the permit; the permit was for a total of five hundred thousand cubic yards (500,000 cu. yds.) of sand, and only one hundred eighty thousand cubic yards (180,000 cu. yds.) remain.

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to authorize Coastal Science Engineering to seek approval from the State and federal agencies to augment the City's permit to allow for an additional volume of sand and for a more flexible time period to get started on the next project as early as September 2015; Councilmember Carroll seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

1. Recommendation from the Public Works Committee to award an extension of the ditch maintenance contract to Eadies

Mayor Cronin reminded Council that Eadies has contracted with the City for approximately ten (10) years; they are proposing no change in fees for the renewal term of five (5) years, and the City has been very pleased with their work.

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to approve the extension of ditch maintenance contract with Eadies for five years; Councilmember Ward seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Recommendation from the Public Works Committee to award a contract to Thomas and Hutton in the amount of \$25,000 for Engineering Design for the NPDES project

MOTION: Councilmember Ward moved to award the contract to Thomas and Hutton as described above; Councilmember Bettelli seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilmember Carroll asked that the reasoning behind awarding the contract to the highest and not the lowest bidder.

Administrator Tucker responded that the recommendation from staff had been to award the contract to Stantec; staff believed that each of the bidders was fully qualified to do the work and Stantec had submitted the lowest bid. Councilmember Ferencz pointed out that, reading the proposals, she was struck with the specific information Thomas and Hutton presented and they appeared to be much more knowledgeable about NPDES requirements. For those reasons, the Committee voted to recommend Thomas and Hutton, the highest bidder.

The meeting concluded with a long discussion about a change for Charleston County and their change in interpretations of their NPDES involvement with the local governments that sign inter-governmental agreements for Charleston County to administer the six (6) components of the NPDES program.

Once the agreement was executed, a fee was put in place and collected from all IOP property owners, commercial and residential, by Charleston County to be used to administer the program; primarily they are using the money for compliance, public education and to do smaller drainage improvements projects or corrections over time. The Administrator explained that this was how the program was explained to the City.

The City was told was that, when it needed assistance with drainage initiatives, it should call on Charleston County, and some of the smaller expenses associated with responding to spot drainage problems could be explained to the County via email and the City would be reimbursed from NPDES funds. Two (2) projects the Administrator remembered were at 21st Avenue when the drainage went under the SCDOT-owned road which was reimbursed fifty-five hundred dollars (\$5,500), and the second was near the Rec Center on the City-owned portion of 28th Avenue with a portion of the work done on Hartnett that is an SCDOT road. Most recently the City responded to an emergency repair in the SCDOT right-of-way on Palm Boulevard between 42nd and 43rd Avenues; when the City sent the request for reimbursement of sixty-two thousand dollars (\$62,000), the County responded that they did not think the expense was eligible for reimbursement under NPDES regulations.

Another service the County has provided for the City has been sending County crews to the island to assist with drainage issues. The County today is saying that drainage systems on SCDOT rights-of-way now are the responsibility of SCDOT as an MS4. The City has argued that it did not need to be designated an MS4 because the County and SCDOT were both MS4 and should cover the majority of problems that might occur.

A major difference between this reimbursement and others in the past is the amount; other than that, the actions of the County appear to be totally inconsistent the past.

The Administrator recalled that shortly after the agreement with the County was signed, they hired an engineering group to inventory the drainage infrastructure for all of the local governments with whom they had agreements. After the inventory was done, the County produced a set of drawings of all of the drainage systems they had agreed to maintain, and the ditches that the City was asking assistance with are all included in that inventory, as is the Lauden ditch. Everything suggests that the County should have no issues with reimbursing the expenses submitted and that they should be energetic in wanting to assist the City when called upon, in the Administrator's opinion.

Staff is now going back to read everything again and asking whether the City should have ever been an MS4 in the beginning and whether residents should be paying the annual fee. If the City is not happy with the way the County is interpreting these regulations, should the City re-visit whether to manage the NPDES program itself? If that were done, the City would be collecting the fee and would be in control of complying with the six (6) program components.

Councilmember Ward stated that this change in interpretation could be a problem for the City in the future.

Mayor Cronin commented that the time may have come for the City to consider managing its own NPDES program, and Staff wants to meet with Mount Pleasant which manages their own program, to find out how challenging it has been.

Administrator Tucker assured the Committee that she would keep Council informed as discussions progressed with the County.

The next Ways and Means Committee meeting has been scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 23, 2015.

B. Public Works Committee

Councilmember Bettelli, reported from the meeting of May 6th that the first item on the agenda had been further discussions on the City's need for a quick-response vehicle (QRV); he noted that this was an on-going discussion, but that, in the meantime, Isle of Palms' residents were covered for any kind of call with the equipment it now has. The decision was made not to include a QRV purchase in the FY16 budget.

MOTION: Councilmember Bettelli moved not to allow dogs on the beach from Memorial Day to Labor Day between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; Councilmember Carroll seconded.

Mayor Cronin stated that he thought the time frame and the hours should be decided upon by staff.

Councilmember Bergwerf said that she regretted having made that motion, and Councilmembers Bettelli and Carroll withdrew the motion and second respectively, leaving the ordinance regulating dogs on the beach in tact with no changes.

On the topic of managed beach access parking, Administrator Tucker had announced that the new parking plan, referred to as Option C, was now in legal review and that the letter to SCDOT was being prepared indicating the alternations that have been made and requesting approval. The Administrator foreshadowed that Council would soon be presented with an ordinance for the managed beach parking plan to allow for implementation and enforcement.

Chief Graham reported that emergency vehicles were finding it more and more difficult to get out of the bay during peak traffic times of the day; she did not know whether to attribute the problem to 14th Avenue being blocked or the number of people.

Mayor Cronin indicated that staff had discussed the log-jam on Front Beach with SCDOT and an experimental program had been discussed, but he was concerned that the project would eliminate the problem on one (1) end of Ocean Boulevard and move it to another section of Front Beach.

The Committee had also discussed the CTC requests for 2016 and had decided to duplicate the 2015 requests that were, in order of importance, Phase II drainage, handicap improvements at 21st Avenue, and cycling improvements.

Administrator Tucker noted that, when the Public Works Committee had discussed the CTC requests, they came to a different conclusion. Councilmember Loftus had stated that Charleston County had done a very poor job on the 21st Avenue handicap space and should be held responsible for the necessary improvements without CTC funding; therefore, the Public Works Committee unanimously voted for the Phase II drainage and cycling improvements.

MOTION: Councilmember Loftus moved to request funds for the Phase II drainage project and cycling improvements for 2016 CTC funds; Councilmember Ward seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chief Graham has been assigned to study beach access paths between 25th and 42nd to determine which one (1) would be the best location for an additional emergency beach access.

MOTION: Councilmember Bettelli moved to approve two (2) golf cart parking spaces on 4th Avenue; Councilmember Loftus seconded.

Councilmember Buckhannon repeated his suggestion that golf cart parking be provided at the wider beach access paths on the south end of the island.

The Mayor stated that he feared that asking SCDOT to approve golf cart parking on Ocean Boulevard would cause them to open all of Ocean Boulevard for parking.

VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next topic for consideration was asked to be placed on the agenda by Councilmember Bergwerf; she suggested adding art work to the first floor of the Public Safety Building and has volunteered to do the work to accomplish the goal. She planned to stay with island-themed works that could be acquired for a relatively small price.

Councilmember Loftus stated that he liked Councilmember Carroll's idea of copying some of the City's old photographs and making the hallway at the Recreation Center a historical walk-through.

Councilmember Carroll said that he had been told the photographs would not copy well when blown up, so he suggested grouping smaller pictures.

Administrator Tucker reported that many of the old photographs had been scanned and were now on the website.

The final item of business was a march from Mount Pleasant to the Isle of Palms via the Connector planned for Saturday, July 18th beginning at 11:00 a.m. by the Hungry Neck Straphangers, a transportation advocacy group. In order for the march to occur, the coordinator must complete and application for and receive a parade permit.

Council generally was amazed that anyone would consider walking the Connector in the heat of the day to the beach.

Councilmember Ward said that someone should suggest to the coordinator that the event take place in the fall after the Connector Run, but Captain Usry stated that the leader was adamant about the date and time.

Councilmember Loftus voiced concern about waiting until the FY17 budget to purchase a quick response vehicle for the island.

MOTION: Councilmember Loftus moved to use a portion of the FY15 surplus for the City to purchase a quick response vehicle.

Mayor Cronin stated that Council had to wait to see what any surplus for the year would be, and that answer would be available in September. In the meantime, he was under the impression that the decision as to whether a quick response vehicle was right for the City needed further investigation.

The motion FAILED for lack of a second.

Mayor Cronin took this opportunity to compliment both the Fire and Police Departments for their exemplary performance over the Memorial Day weekend; they dealt with disruptive behavior, parking issues and traffic. He also thanked Public Works for their efforts in cleaning the beach;

he said that he had heard several compliments from residents about how quickly the beach was cleaned up.

Councilmember Buckhannon said that he had heard complaints about a lack of a police presence on the beach at the County Park and suggested that the City should work with Charleston County to have two (2) off-duty officers on the island for the upcoming Independence Day weekend and a third officer on Monday.

An item that will be reviewed by both the Public Safety Committee and the Personnel Committee is that Diane Oltorik has resigned her position as custodian for the medical loan closet due to ill health, and a new volunteer needs to be found.

Councilmember Bettelli asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to Ms. Oltorik for her service to the City.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., June 2, 2015 in the Conference Room.

C. Public Works Committee

At the meeting of May 13th, the first order of business was the April report on tasks staff performed during the month. Councilmember Ward reported that personnel spent a large part of April on rights-of-way maintenance; the highlights for the month were the stormwater repairs between 42nd and 43rd Avenues and the hazardous materials recycling and shred day on April 25th. As noted, one hundred seventy-one (171) residents participated in the event; only one hundred seventeen (117) participated in 2014; he will present the breakdown at the next meeting. Councilmember Loftus asked whether the City had followed up with the County to tell them how great this was for the residents and that the City wanted it to continue. On the subject of vehicle maintenance, the Director remained confident that the Department would end the year within budget. For the month of April, yard debris was up, but it was less than the same month in 2014.

A discussion about the condition of the Lauden ditch morphed into a discussion of a leadership change at the County causing the City to deal with a shift in how things are getting done. The City has a couple of inventories of the drainage system that show where the lines are and one (1) specific drawing shows the outfall for Lauden as a County-maintained outfall. The County now states that they may have maintained it at some point, but, since there is not easement there, they would not maintain it now without some protection for liability – they would prefer that the City secure an easement there. The other issue about the outfall is that it goes from Waterway Boulevard to the IntraCoastal Waterway; the path to get there is across the Harbor Golf Course which the County has technically determined to be private property. The problem with the drainage is clearly a public problem on public right-of-way.

The City had hoped to get assistance from Charleston County with cleaning the outfall. Assistant Dziuban reported that Charleston County has explained that they are not legally obligated in any way and were just assisting previously as a courtesy to the City. Administrator Tucker had advised that the City needed to continue to try to work with the County to get past this issue for future projects; the City needs to understand what the County can and cannot do for the City under the new administration and guidelines.

On the subject of the handicap parking space on 21st Avenue, the Administrator reported that she had met with SCDOT earlier in the day and had the opportunity to talk about this space; they reported that they are still working on the matter.

As discussed earlier, the Committee discussed the requests the City should make for 2016 CTC funds, the contract extension for Eadies and the contract for engineering design for the NPDES project at the Public Works site.

The Public Works Committee will hold its next meeting at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 3rd in the Conference Room.

D. Recreation Committee

Councilmember Carroll reviewed highlights from the April Recreation Department report compiled by Director Page. A Tae Kwon Do tournament was held on April 18th with sixty-three (63) participants from North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, California and South Carolina. Forty-two (42) seniors attended the April luncheon and hear from *Backyard Storytellers* as their entertainment; the Keenagers will take the summer off and resume in September. Over seven hundred (700) children searched for Easter eggs on Saturday before Easter. The next to last Middle School Dance was held on Friday April 1st, and one hundred ninety-nine (99) youths attended.

Music in the Park will be held on Saturday, May 9th with music provided by Yeehaw Junction and John Emil, and the Piccolo Spoleto Sand Sculpting Contest will be Saturday, May 30th at Front Beach beginning at 9:00 a.m. The 27th Annual Half Rubber Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, August 15th and Sunday, August 16th, if necessary. In addition, Director Page reported that Robert Asero has been hired as Parks and Grounds Supervisor to replace Nick Bako; he is a native of New Jersey where he was in the landscape business.

The next Recreation Committee is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Monday, August 3rd in the Conference Room.

E. Personnel Committee

In Councilmember Harrington's absence, Councilmember Ferencz gave the report on the meeting of May 4th, which focused on an amendment to the City Administrator's 2015 goal; the amendment would state that packets for the Ways and Means Committee meetings and City Council meetings packets should be published by the end of day on Friday before the meeting.

MOTION: Councilmember Ferencz moved to amend the City Administrator's 2015 goal to have Ways and Means and City Council meeting packets ready one (1) business day prior to the meeting, i.e. the end of business on Friday before the meeting the following Tuesday; Councilmember Ward seconded.

Councilmember Carroll noted that the Committee had started out with four or five (4 or 5) goals and has settled on one (1).

Mayor Cronin expressed the opinion that the goal has been misinterpreted.

Councilmember Loftus said that he had intended for the goal to be having packets ready at the end of Friday, allowing Councilmembers Monday and Tuesday to review the materials; he apologized to the Administrator if the misinterpretation had caused staff undue stress.

Administrator Tucker stated that this amendment would make a difference for the General Government staff.

VOTE: The motion PASSED on a vote of 7 to 1 with Councilmember Ferencz casting the dissenting vote.

Another item of business for the Committee was to accept the resignation of Clay McCullough as the Assistant City Attorney; in his letter, he acknowledged that he has done no work for the City for several years so he thought it appropriate to resign.

MOTION: Councilmember Ferencz moved to accept the resignation of Clay McCullough as the Assistant City Attorney; Councilmember Bettelli seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Administrator Tucker indicated that she has already begun the search for a replacement.

In addition, two (2) police officers were recognized; Ptl Dylan Reynolds was recognized for "his professionalism and outstanding demeanor while on duty" as he assisted an older resident locate her dog. Ptl. Shena Crockett was praised for maintaining her professionalism when a white male began hurling racial slurs at her in the course of an arrest.

April Safety Sweepstakes Winners were Rhonda Gibbons of the Building Department, Russell Roper for Public Works, Sgt. Kraig Thompson for the Police Department and Kenneth Carroll for the Fire Department.

The Personnel Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 6th in the Conference Room.

F. Real Property Committee

From the meeting of May 6th, Councilmember Loftus reported that the majority of the meeting had been spent reviewing the request from Morgan Creek Grill regarding a lease amendment and noted that it remains an on-going process. The Councilmember complimented Administrator Tucker for her recommendation that Morgan Creek Grill and its advisors go back to the drawing

board to come up with other viable options for getting the restaurant back to a financially stable position and come back to the Committee with other options or combination of options the would mean the City does not sustain a sizeable loss of revenue. The Committee heard from Steven Traynum of Coastal Science and Engineering (CSE) on the reasons that the City should consider requesting a permit modification to start another project as early as right after Labor Day; this recommendation was approved earlier in the meeting. The Administrator had reported that initial meetings with the vendor for updating the Comprehensive Beach Management Plan have been held to explain to him what the City would like him to consider when counting parking spaces for the updated Plan.

The Real Property Committee will hold its next meeting at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 2 in the Conference Room.

6. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- A. Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee** – minutes attached
- B. Board of Zoning Appeals** – minutes attached
- C. Planning Commission** – minutes attached

Administrator Tucker reported that the Board of Zoning Appeals has approved a food truck to operate within the confines of the County Park, and the Planning Commission has approved an amendment to the GC3 zoning district related to parking.

7. REPORTS FROM SPECIAL OR JOINT COMMITTEES – None

8. PETITIONS RECEIVED, REFERRED OR DISPOSED OF

Receipt of Petition to Request Cancel any Plans to Restrict or Charge for Non-Residents to Park

9. BILLS ALREADY IN POSSESSION OF COUNCIL

A. Second Reading of Ordinance 2015-04 – An Ordinance to raise revenue and adopt a budget for the City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to waive the reading and to adopt for Second Reading Ordinance 2015-04 as stated above; Councilmember Loftus seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Second Reading of Ordinance 2015-05 – An Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina Pursuant to the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994.

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to waive the reading and to adopt for Second Reading Ordinance 2015-05 as stated above; Councilmember Bettelli seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BILLS, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. First Reading, by title only, of Ordinance 2015-06 – An Ordinance Amending Title 5, Planning and Development, Chapter 4, Zoning, Article 1, General Provisions, and Article 3, Landscaping and Tree Removal Regulations, of the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances to Amend the Definition of Hazardous Tree and to Permit Removal of Hazardous Trees Causing Structural Damage or Posing a Clear and Imminent Threat of Structural Damage to Septic Tank Systems.

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved approve for First Reading, by title only, of Ordinance 2015-07 as stated above; Councilmember Loftus seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. First Reading, by title only, of Ordinance 2015-07 – An Ordinance Amending Title 5, Planning and Development, Chapter 4, Zoning, Article 9, Short-term Rentals, of the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances to Require Short-term Rental Owners to Post Written Notices with Information about the City's Noise Ordinance on Exterior Decks, Porches, Patios, Pools, or Other Gathering Areas of a Short-term Rental Residence.

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to approve for First Reading, by title only, of Ordinance 2015-08 as stated above; Councilmember Carroll seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. First Reading, by title only, of Ordinance 15-08 – earlier in the meeting.

D. First Reading, by title only, of Ordinance 2015-09 – An Ordinance Amending Title 8, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 1, Traffic Regulations, Article C, Stopping, Standing, and Parking of Vehicles, of the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances to Increase the Number of Days in the Grace Period for Payment of Parking Fines from Twenty (20) Days to Thirty (30) Days in Accordance with State Statute and to Increase the Fines for Parking From \$15.00 to \$25.00 for Parking in Excess of the Time Allowed in Any Parking Zone or Parking Space and From \$25.00 to \$50.00 for Parking in Violations of Any Other Parking Regulation.

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to approve for First Reading, by title only, Ordinance 2015-09 as detailed above; Councilmember Bettelli seconded.

Administrator Tucker explained that the increase in the number of grace days for paying parking fines is a change to bring the City into agreement with state regulations.

When the Ways and Means Committee discussed the fifty dollar (\$50) fine for parking in the neighborhoods, they did not discuss an increase in parking meter violations from fifteen dollars (\$15) to twenty-five dollars (\$25). Since the County Park now charges ten dollars (\$10) for parking for a day, Council did not think a twenty-five dollar (\$25) fine was excessive.

VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Proclamation for National Beach Safety Week

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to suspend the reading and to adopt June 7-13 as National Beach Safety Week; Councilmember Ward seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Miscellaneous Business

Decision on 2016 CTC Requests – resolved previously.

Employee Recognition for Ptl. Dylan Reynolds and Ptl. Shena Crockett – brought forward in the Personnel Committee report

**Public Hearing for Ordinances 2015-06 and 2015-07: 5:15 p.m., Tuesday, June 23, 2015
City Council: Tuesday, June 23, immediately following Ways and Means Committee**

12. Executive Session – no necessary

13. Conclusion/Adjournment

MOTION: Councilmember Ward moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.;
Councilmember Bettelli seconded and the motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk