

**CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

2016 BEACH SEASON PARKING

3:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 1, 2016

City Hall Conference Room

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.

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to reorder the Agenda to go into Executive Session at 3:02 p.m. in accordance with S.C. Code Section 30-4-70(a)(2) to receive legal advice concerning pending SCMIRF insurance claim #SF-16-1025; Councilmember Bettelli seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

City Council returned to open session at 3:17 p.m., and the Mayor announced that Council had not taken any action or a vote while in Executive Session.

2. Discussion of 2016 Beach Season Parking Management Plan

Mayor Cronin thought the citizen input session on October 17th had been worthwhile and very productive; comments have come in since that meeting from residents who were unable to attend. He referred to the mission statement of what the City was trying to accomplish with the parking management plan, for example, to reduce hazardous traffic conditions, to ensure safe access for all emergency response vehicles to allow public safety personnel to respond to incidents, to protect the environment from litter, etc. According to the Mayor, this endeavor was undertaken by both the City and SCDOT since the overwhelming majority of rights-of-way on the island belong to the state; based on the needs of a beach community, SCDOT has supported the City in creating resident only parking areas and beach parking areas. The agreement with SCDOT is a tenuous condition since there are those who complain that the City is limiting parking in state-owned rights-of-way and, therefore, limiting their access to public beaches. The Mayor said that he saw only a few days when there was not adequate beach parking for visitors to the island, with the exception of the holiday weekends.

The Mayor then changed focus to the financial analysis that showed the bulk of expenses to create and implement the beach parking management plan falling into FY16; for FY17, expenses should be dramatically reduced.

Administrator Tucker commented that staff had been relatively accurate in its projections of costs and that revenues had been higher than projected; estimated costs for the start-up year were two hundred seventy-nine thousand dollars (\$279,000), but actual costs were two hundred thirty-six thousand dollars (\$236,000), leaving the City forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000) to the good.

Referring to the public meeting, Councilmember Ward remembered someone asking how much the parking plan had cost the City and the person was told that it paid for itself. Councilmember Ward said that the residential parking management plan did not pay for itself, and the Mayor agreed. The Mayor stated that the overall parking situation on the island basically paid for itself.

Administrator Tucker reminded Council that staff had pointed out that the Concept B plan was not ever expected to pay for itself. On the parking analysis for summer 2016, the figures show that overall the City had good revenue from the Front Beach kiosks and the parking lot kiosks, but only a small revenue number on the residential side. The residential portion of the parking plan cost the City approximately two hundred forty-seven thousand dollars (\$247,000) against a revenue of less than fifty-six thousand dollars (\$56,000).

Mayor Cronin expressed surprise at the number of tickets issued on the streets at Front Beach and in the municipal lots; he did not realize how many people over stay the kiosks or do not pay at all.

Councilmember Rice said that she hoped the goal was for the parking ticket revenue to be reduced through enforcement and education.

Councilmember Ward asked if staff had computed the percentage of tickets written versus the number of tickets deemed to be uncollectable; he was told that the information could be obtained, but was not currently available.

When he asked whether the amount was excessive, the Administrator stated that a number of tickets were adjudicated to no fine, and she thought that number was large since so many tickets were written for having the kiosk receipt upside down or not visible at all.

Although he did not intend to go through it at this meeting, Mayor Cronin noted that meeting packets included the parking plan ordinance and associated sign maps.

Administrator Tucker stated that the discussion might move along faster if items that have strong Council consensus were resolved early; the first such item on the list was for the parking management program to be year round or only for the summer season.

Councilmember Bergwerf stated that the plan should stay as it is and not go year round due to the added expense of Beach Services Officers to monitor and write tickets; generally, she thought there was not enough traffic in the off-season to justify it.

Councilmember Carroll asked if the parking plan could be year round from 42nd Avenue to 57th Avenue on the side streets; in his opinion, the narrow, dead end streets create a safety issue.

Councilmember Ward opined that to do that would create issues on the island like "why was my street not included?"

Also not supporting the year round program was Councilmember Rice; she thought that the City should continue on the present course, but evaluated each fall.

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to continue the beach parking management plan only for the beach season of the year; Councilmember Harrington seconded and the motion passed on a vote of 8 to 1, with Councilmember Carroll casting the dissenting vote.

The second item for discussion was consistency of dates, suggesting that everything that has a season should all be implemented the same date, i.e. when the meters become operational, when the dog-on-the-beach hours change, when enforcement begins for the parking management plan – all to happen on the same date.

Currently the dates for the kiosks to become operational is one (1) or two (2) days after St. Patrick's Day, with enforcement starting April 1; the dog hours on the beach change on April 1st and go through September 14th; and enforcement for the parking management plan is May 15th to September 15th.

The Administrator's opinion was that the City was not at a place where it could get that kind of consistency; she indicated that the suggestion had come from the Communications Specialists and the BSOs. Administrator Tucker saw the matter as one of training/education of these employees; they could carry small, laminated cards with the various enforcement dates if necessary.

Before this discussion progressed further, Councilmember Rice reminded Council that the signs read May 15th to September 15th. Since the dates are on a separate, small sign, Mayor Cronin thought that a change in the dates would be "an easy fix."

If the start date were to be moved to April 1st, residents who have Easter gatherings would be forced to get visitor passes for their families and for the Easter Egg Hunt at the Recreation Center. Councilmember Bergwerf added that residents do not care about beach parking on Palm Boulevard, but they are concerned that family members cannot park in front of their homes without paying.

If the start date is to be earlier than May 15th, the Mayor asked Chief Buckhannon if he could have a full complement of BSOs for enforcement by then.

The Chief replied that April 1st would be better than March; people who are in school, for instance, would not be available until late April, and, based on the length of time they would be employed, he wanted to research labor laws to see how doing that would affect the Department fiscally.

Councilmember Bergwerf asked what the advantage would be for an earlier start date.

Councilmember Rice was of the opinion that residents now know the dates of May 15th and September 15th and that to try to re-educate at this point would be very frustrating to them.

MOTION: Councilmember Kinghorn moved to leave the dates as they are and to task staff to recommend any reasonable date changes to City Council; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded.

Councilmember Carroll asked if there had been a spike in tickets written just prior to September 15th. Chief Buckhannon responded that, although traffic did not die down before September 15th, no beach parking plan tickets were written after that date. The Chief commented that, when the kiosks are uncovered in mid-March, officers do not enforce them until April 1st to allow residents to get re-conditioned to paying for Front Beach/parking lot parking.

Councilmember Ward noted that the City did not get a realistic picture of parking lot revenue since the kiosks were not operational until mid-May; therefore, he would like to see the revenues for a full season before making any significant changes.

VOTE: The motion PASSED on a vote of 8 to 1 with Councilmember Carroll opposing the motion.

A third issue for discussion was whether or not to continue having residents pay for daily visitor parking passes or, possibly, having a certain number free for each household but, beyond that number, residents had to pay.

Since the City's parking plan was modeled after plans from Columbia and the City of Charleston, Mayor Cronin asked Attorney Halversen if the City would be violating any premise if the residential visitor parking passes were free. The Attorney responded that, since the City was only trying to recover the administrative costs of the booklets, she did not see a problem with the free distribution. Attorney Halversen did caution that having free booklets that do not expire might make the City more vulnerable to abuse of the system because visitors would have these free passes that do not expire every year; they could be sold or passed around among friends or family members, etc.

The Mayor explained that the coupons in the residential parking booklets are to be used for friends/family to park in front of the resident's property, not for beach parking or for someone to park elsewhere on the island and not be ticketed.

Councilmember Carroll commented that this was "a hot topic" for him and to have residents pay for parking in front of their homes was "ridiculous." He suggested that each property owner should be given at least three (3) reusable, plastic placards with the address of the property owner on them. He commented that these parking booklets are given to the property rental companies while property owners must buy them for their guests. If the guest goes home with the placard, the recovery or replacement is the property owner's responsibility; if a property owner wants more placards or to replace one, he will be required to pay for it.

Although she thought the placard was a good idea, Councilmember Rice thought that stickers would be better and that they should have a different design or different background color each year, but, at the same time, she thought the stickers should be re-usable from year to year.

Mayor Cronin recounted that one (1) complaint has been that residents from one area of the island visit a friend in another part of the island, park in front of their home by reason of their residential parking sticker, and get a ticket; they do not understand that the one-day visitor pass allows them to park in front of their own home only.

MOTION: Councilmember Ward moved for the guest passes for residents be given at no charge to property owners on the island; Councilmember Carroll seconded.

Councilmember Bergwerf asked if this would allow a property owner an unlimited number of guest passes at no cost.

Councilmember Ferencz suggested that Council decide whether or not to charge for guest passes and to let staff establish the mechanism.

Administrator Tucker agreed that staff would produce the mechanism and parameters for distribution of guest passes; she added that there had to be some kind of control.

VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The issue of taking the signs down or leaving them up year round generated very little discussion.

MOTION: Councilmember Bettelli moved to leave the signs up year-round; Councilmember Kinghorn seconded.

Councilmember Carroll said that he had been told that some areas of the island do not need the "Resident Parking Only" signs because they never have beach-goers on their street, but there are other parts of the island that might need more of those signs. He asked if the unnecessary signs could be taken down and re-installed in areas that need more.

Mayor Cronin voiced concerns that, if there were parts of the island with no signs and, therefore, no enforcement, day visitors would learn of those areas and use them for parking.

Councilmember Bergwerf recalled hearing complaints that a person did not know that the space between the signs on the corners was not for parking.

Referring to the "Citations by Location Summary," Councilmember Ferencz thanked Chief Buckhannon and Amy Lee, Clerk of Court, for the statistical information provided to her and noted that, if the twenty-two hundred (2,200) tickets issued at Front Beach and the five hundred seventy (570) tickets issued in the parking lots were combined, they would account for over forty-one percent (41%) of the tickets written; therefore, the residential areas produced just under four thousand (4,000) tickets. If the locations with four (4) or fewer tickets were removed from the list, only seventy-eight (78) would remain, and they become the hotspots of enforcement in the summer of 2016. Based on this information, the Councilwoman urged Council to remove signs from those interior streets that never have beach-going parking.

Councilmember Bergwerf countered that several members of Council want to designate Waterway Boulevard as "Resident Only Parking;" when that is done, it could drive parking into the interior streets Councilmember Ferencz was referencing. She asked Chief Buckhannon whether the City had to get permission from SCDOT to remove signs.

Councilmember Ferencz stated that SCDOT has given the local municipalities the authority to manage their beach plan and the opportunity to use their land whether it be for a sign or a vehicle.

In clarifying Councilmember Ferencz' comment, the Chief said that SCDOT has given the City the authority to do according to the plan presented and approved by them; if the City wants to make these changes, it must go back to them for approval..

Administrator Tucker reminded Council that SCDOT controls encroachments in its rights-of-way, which includes signs; she also noted that no sign means no enforcement.

Mayor Cronin stated that he wants to protect residents along Waterway Boulevard and expressed confidence that those who have become accustomed to parking there will find somewhere else to park.

Reminding Council of what she stated at the beginning of the process, Councilmember Rice believes that the signs should come down after September 15th and be re-installed prior to May 15th.

VOTE: The motion PASSED on a vote of 7 to 2 with Councilmembers Ferencz and Rice dissenting.

A staff recommendation for discussion was to reduce the fine for a kiosk receipt displayed improperly from fifty dollars (\$50) to twenty-five dollars (\$25).

Mayor Cronin suggested that, if the receipt was clearly visible on the dashboard but upside down, the BSO would issue a warning into the system for that offense; when the BSO enters the license plate number into the system and it shows that this vehicle has received a warning for an improperly displayed receipt, the BSO would issue a ticket. The Mayor thought the City might need better signage in the parking lots that would speak specifically to the proper display of the kiosk receipt and the fine if done improperly.

At the public input meeting, there was some advocacy for using the hurricane re-entry stickers as residential parking stickers as well, and there are several reasons why that would not work, but the City might be able to phase out the hurricane re-entry stickers in favor of the residential parking stickers or Wild Dunes stickers. The City would continue to issue hurricane re-entry stickers to people who have legitimate reasons for being on the island after a storm event, i.e. business owners, certain City employees, etc.

Since there will be new stickers, Councilmember Bettelli asked if the location for the sticker on a vehicle would be moved to the front windshield; Administrator Tucker agreed that staff had to come up with a sticker that was visible, but she had not thought about relocating them on a vehicle.

Mayor Cronin asked whether the new stickers would be automatically sent to those residents who qualified this year or would have to be picked up in person at the Public Safety Building.

The Administrator said that the City would still want to confirm that a sticker was not being issued to someone with an outstanding ticket; on the moment, she did not know of any other mechanism to do that than to have residents personally apply again.

The Mayor looked to Chief Buckhannon asking whether people who were issued residential stickers in 2016 could be notified that they could re-qualify on-line and then have the new stickers mailed to them. The Chief said he would have to look into it.

Having the combined hurricane and residential parking sticker extend for more than one (1) year was turned over to staff to study the feasibility and to suggest a possible time frame.

Councilmember Ward noted that the palm tree has been the City's "symbol forever," and he would like to see it on the residential stickers.

A suggestion from the Communications Specialists was to distinguish between the types of residential parking permits, i.e. full time versus part-time, but Councilmember Carroll thought that the proper designation should be property owner.

Administrator Tucker cautioned that some residences are owned by groups of people who would all be part-owners of the property, and the Mayor said that there are ocean front properties that are time shares.

Councilmember Rice then asked if there would be a limit to the number of passes a property owner could get.

In responding, Assistant Frago quoted the following from the Parking Ordinance:

" . . . a homeowner or long-term resident shall be issued a resident parking permit for each registered owned vehicle; provided, however, that non-resident property owners shall be issued a maximum of two (2) resident parking permits."

Issues thought to be more difficult to solve were next on the list for discussion; they are parking on Waterway Boulevard, 41st Avenue, Palm and 40th Avenue and 9th Avenue. As certain of these areas are reviewed, the Administrator indicated that the City was going to need assistance in transportation planning and engineering to solve some of the problems because this will be the areas that the City will have to go back to SCDOT with a revised sign plan. The City will also need transportation planning for distances from curbs and other DOT requirements as well as problem areas like at 40th and 41st Avenues.

MOTION: Councilmember Ward moved to prohibit parking on both sides of Palm from 40th to 41st Avenues; Councilmember Carroll seconded.

The Mayor stated this was a high risk area since the City, through the parking plan, eliminated parking on the avenues; people have migrated to Palm Boulevard on the curve at 41st Avenue.

Councilmember Kinghorn asked if there were any unintended consequences to this suggestion.

Councilmember Ward reported having spoken to all of the affected residents, and they all supported this action.

Administrator Tucker stated that she was aware of the unsafe conditions along there, but she has not looked at the area from the point of view of residents of the non-ocean side of Palm to see if no parking along there would have an adverse impact on those residences.

Since there is construction in that area now, Councilmember Rice asked whether special arrangements would be made for contractors.

Chief Buckhannon said that, if the ordinance says “no parking,” no parking will be allowed, and contractors must park in the driveway or on the yard of the property.

Councilmember Rice commented that a crosswalk has been installed at 41st Avenue, but, in her opinion, it should be at 42nd Avenue; she asked if the crosswalk at 41st could be re-located to 42nd Avenue.

Since SCDOT has definite rules related to the distance between crosswalks; they would not allow 42nd Avenue, but would likely approve 43rd Avenue.

VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Administrator Tucker remarked that the house at the corner of 9th and Ocean does not have a driveway; they need parking for the residents, which is currently in the right-of-way. This spot is one (1) that the Administrator would seek advice from a transportation engineer to learn what could be done there that would allow for parking for the house, but eliminate the unsafe situation that exists today.

Mayor Cronin recommended that the City work for parallel parking along there; that would eliminate the need to back into a lane of traffic. He left the details to staff and transportation engineers.

Moving on to the parking on Waterway Boulevard, the Mayor commented that at about any time on the weekend, one can see fifteen to twenty (15-20) vehicles with boat trailers from the marina parked there.

Councilmember Harrington said that, in addition to the trailered vehicles, marina employees often park on Waterway; a plan has to be developed to handle marina employees. He again asked if staff had any idea that the Water and Sewer Commission would change its mind about leasing their property to the City to the City.

Mayor Cronin indicated that the City had gotten a firm “no” from them, and he thought that the City staff had to come up with an alternative solution.

MOTION: Councilmember Rice moved to make Waterway Boulevard “Residential Parking Only” from May 15 to September 15 on both sides of the street; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded.

The Mayor pointed out the fact that much of the area where the trailer parking occurs is along the golf course and not in front of residential properties.

Although marking the street residential will solve some of the problems, those who have residential parking stickers that live at Breach Inlet, but want to go to the marina with their boat could park along Waterway, for example.

Councilmember Ward asked if there was a way to make Waterway “no parking’ to everyone.

Councilmember Bergwerf said that, if the street were to be made no parking, the City would be telling its residents that they cannot park in front of their homes.

According to Councilmember Rice, this action would eliminate the employee parking problem on Waterway.

VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Cronin noted that 41st Avenue would be discussed in two (2) pieces, i.e. residential and commercial; from Frank Sottile down, the area is zoned commercial.

Councilmember Rice stated that, on the left side as one moves toward the marina on 41st, the ditch has become "greatly eroded," and people continue to park there. She commented that a trailered vehicle winds up in the ditch at least weekly; therefore, she would like to see that area "no parking" because it is too dangerous.

Mayor Cronin asked that a traffic engineer see the area and confirm Council's opinions.

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to designate as "Residential Parking Only" the residential area of 41st Avenue and "No Parking" on the ditch side of the street; Councilmember Rice seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

According to the Administrator's list, the next item for discussion was the ordinance in the City Code about trailers and trailers in general. Administrator Tucker said that the City has an ordinance in the Code about trailers, the length of trailers and no parking on the right-of-way for a specific length of trailers. According to Chief Buckhannon, if the City wants to enforce that ordinance, it must put up signs. The question is whether to amend that ordinance so that it does not necessarily affect a resident who has a long pickup truck with a boat trailer, maybe twenty-three feet (23 ft.) long, attached to the rear; in this instance, the length stated in the ordinance has been exceeded. The Administrator suggested that the ordinance be modified so that the City would not have an ordinance on the books calling for that type of enforcement. She reported that the City has been contacted about enforcement on some trucks with boat trailers that, in total, exceed the acceptable length stated in the Code. The consensus of opinion was to charge staff with creating a change that would still eliminate the tractor trailer truck, but allow for large vehicles with boat trailers to be on the island temporarily.

Mayor Cronin stated that the burden put on staff, in particular the Clerk of Court, was untenable during the ticketing season; a total of sixty-seven hundred (6,700) tickets were written over the course of this beach season. Of course, the goal is for the number of tickets to go down as visitors become accustomed to the beach parking regulations; however, it is still a significant drag on staff. The suggestion has been made to hire a part-time/temporary person for the season to man the window and handle inquiries, phone calls, t-shirts, etc. so that Amy Lee, Clerk of Court, and Laura McLellan, who assists with Court, would have the time to devote to tickets. He proposed that staff put together a plan to hire a temporary, seasonal person to help out with the day-to-day office operation.

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to employ a temporary, seasonal employee in General Government for the beach parking season; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded.

Administrator Tucker commented that an alternative would be to hire an additional court person, but the complication there is that he/she must be trained in the court system, that is much more involved, putting an additional task on the court person at the busiest time of the year for her. To hire someone that could handle receptionist duties would be much simpler; if the skill level allows, he/she would be given additional responsibilities.

Councilmember Ferencz asked how ticket revenue could be used, and she was told that the money goes into the General Fund for use by the City as it sees fit, and it does pay for the BSOs.

VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilmember Carroll suggested using drop boxes for people to pay tickets when offices are closed; the Mayor thought one (1) could be installed by the front door of the Public Safety Building. Chief Buckhannon commented that staff had envisioned having several drop boxes around the Front Beach area and the parking lots.

Laura McLellan was not in favor of drop boxes; she thought they would be labor intensive requiring two (2) people to remove the payments, people could claim they had paid by cash, but no cash was found in the box, etc.

The Mayor asked Chief Buckhannon to work with staff to study the feasibility and to make a recommendation to Council.

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to go into Executive Session at 4:58 p.m. in accordance with S.C. Code Section 30-4-70(a)(2) to receive legal advice concerning mediation of pending claim related to Public Safety Building; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council returned to open session at 5:31 p.m., and the Mayor announced that Council had not taken a vote or any action in Executive Session.

Mayor Cronin recalled that the president of the Goat Island homeowners association had spoken at the public forum to remind Council that issues related to parking around and at the marina also impact the Goat Island residents. The Mayor noted that there is no formal parking for its residents or visitors; they park at the marina if there is space or in the right-of-way on 41st Avenue.

Councilmember Rice reported that the majority of Goat Island residents use the parking lot for Yacht Harbor; some home owners on Goat Island are using their residences as vacation rentals – some are rent by owner and some use AirBnB, and these visitors are creating the parking issues. Councilmember Rice said that Council was not responsible for resolving their visitors' problems, but the City does want to work with the Goat Island residents.

Referring to a letter to Council from Joe Petro, owner of the Banana Cabana, Councilmember Ward said that Mr. Petro was requesting a place for people to park when they go to the restaurant for carry-out orders. Mr. Petro indicated that he is aware of people getting fifty dollar (\$50) tickets when they park only long enough to pick-up a food order. Since the municipal parking lots have been without an attendant, Mr. Petro indicated that the City was not getting all of the revenue that the lots could generate because of erratic parking between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

Mayor Cronin noted that off-duty employees had worked the weekends for part of May, most of June and on holidays, and they were exceedingly helpful to persons looking for open spaces and maintaining orderly parking. The staff recommendation for the next beach season is not to do repeat that task.

Councilmember Bergwerf recalled that Luke 'n Ollie's had also requested a dedicated parking space in front of their business to accommodate customers for carry-out orders, and Council denied it.

Councilmember Ward asked that the Public Safety Committee look into the impact of reserved parking spaces on Front Beach for customers of restaurants that provide carry-out food orders.

Councilmember Rice explained that people have been using the loading zone in front of The Palms hotel when they pickup take-out food orders, and someone was ticketed when parked there.

Chief Buckhannon commented that other businesses on Front Beach would like a dedicated parking space; if they were allowed for every business that has asked, the number of cars that can be parked at Front Beach would be "seriously impacted."

Councilmember Ferencz noted that the BSOs had recommended that golf carts should be handled differently from vehicles since the majority of them have no identifiers and the VIN number is too long for the handhelds; in addition, they reported that many golf cart owners have not registered them with the DMV, making the identification of owners difficult. In a similar strain, they suggested a parking plan for motorcycles.

Chief Buckhannon stated that ten (10) motorcycle parking spaces are in front of The Windjammer; with the increased popularity of motorcycles, the Chief questioned that ten (10) spaces were enough.

In response to a complaint from BSOs that the handheld iPads were overheating, Chief Buckhannon said that problems with electronics will continue to occur, independent of the manufacturer or model used.

Councilmember Rice thought that bicycle parking was needed at Front Beach.

Chief Buckhannon noted that Front Beach has no bike racks and no parking spaces dedicated to golf cart parking; people with golf carts are parking primarily in the grassy area across from The Windjammer. He suggested putting in a curb cut along there making parking easier.

With space at a premium on Front Beach, the Chief indicated that it would be difficult to find a location for a bike rack. Councilmember Rice added that, in her opinion, Front Beach should have several bike racks. This topic was also referred to the Public Safety Committee.

A recommendation from the Communication Specialists was to have a parking ticket hotline; staff was asked to study it and to make a recommendation. Chief Buckhannon said that staff could arrange for telephone calls about parking tickets to be routed to, possibly, the part-time person in City Hall so that the Clerk of Court's office would not be overburdened.

According to the Administrator, the next step is to determine what changes need to be made to the ordinance and the sign plan, as well as authorization from Council for professional assistance from a transportation engineer. Once the suggested changes have been made, staff will present them to Council to insure that staff translated their requests properly.

Mayor Cronin said that he would like to see more emphasis on signage in hotspots like Front Beach and 41st Avenue.

Assistant Frago reviewed the meeting's accomplishments as follows:

- The parking plan will be only for the summer season, not year-round.
- Staff will make a recommendation about the consistency of various City start dates.
- The one-day visitor passes will be distributed at no-charge to residents.
- The parking signs will stay in place and not be removed at the end of the season.
- BSOs will issue "a warning" for the first violation of improper display of the kiosk receipt.
- The parking decals will also serve as the hurricane re-entry stickers that will phase out as they expire.
- The design on the decal will be changed to a palm tree or other item indicative of the City.
- The decision was made for no parking on both sides of Palm Boulevard from 40th to 41st Avenue.
- Waterway Boulevard and part of 41st Avenue will be included in the residential parking district.
- A part-time person will be hired to act as receptionist for City Hall in the summer.
- Staff will investigate the use of drop boxes at various locations on the island.

3. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Councilmember Ward moved to adjourn at 5:54 p.m.; Councilmember Bettelli seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk