Mr. Moye, et al;

I don’t know how many of our City Council members have managed successful companies, led major not-for-profits or participated in real “branding exercises.”

I do know that the role of the City Council is to (within tight limits) protect residents and property, manage a small budget and improve the image of the Island and the value of Island property beyond competitive Regional rates.

The Council “gets to be creative in this realm” … how do we make the Island a destination property with premium pricing/values. Every year, residents should expect to see improvement. Your role is most assuredly not to meet the needs of the State, the people of Doily Island or Mt. Pleasant … nor does it relate to the Constitution or some broad interpretation of the word “access.” Sure, you have a small tool bag … limited resources, State roadways and physical constraints. You also have dozens of models and the expertise that the New Urbanist movement gave us.

Mr. Moye, I would like to understand your thought processes on some current-day issues. Please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

My sense is that the patience of residents is “running thin.” If you are not critically interested in the Isle of Palm’s safety, brand an economics, please get off the Council, now.

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Gary Breit CLP
Breit Ideas LLP
ggbreit@breitideasllp.com
Telephone: 843.300.7369
Greatly amused to hear all but one of you shot yourself in the foot charging for parking. Neither my family nor myself will go to the beach, shop or eat in an IOP restaurant until you short sighted fools come to your senses. Want to speculate on how big the drop in revenue will be? My guess is near 50%. Oh by the way, the Covid virus has not been resolved so tourist traffic could already be down versus a normal year.

Christopher H. Smith
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hesperus354@gmail.com
We are absolutely heartbroken and extraordinarily disappointed with council’s vote to end negotiations with our longstanding, local treasure, Tidal Wave Sports.

I don’t think I could possibly state my reasons for keeping this business on IOP better than Mike Feim’s wife. The following is in her words:

“Today I am heartbroken. Heartbroken for the residents of the Island, which were poorly represented, and heartbroken for Tidalwave Watersports. I am Michael Fiem’s wife, and I have never spoken up on one of the Island Facebook pages until now. I am asking everyone to PLEASE take the time to read my message. I know it’s long. First I want to tell everyone who has supported us, THANK YOU! Residents, businesses, and council members alike. From the bottom of my heart, thank you. Over this long two-year fight, your support has often brought us to tears, rendered us speechless, and left us humbled. Truly, everything we do is for you. We have also experienced extreme stress, time lost due to a continued fight for our business’ life, and money lost due this never ending battle. I wish everyone could remember, we are just three families trying to run the best local business we can. There are individuals behind the entity of Tidalwave Watersports. I’m saddened that the residents’ opinions were ignored. And for what? I don’t know. Tidalwave has been operating within the same size written into their lease 15 years ago. You are not adding more commercial business to the island, because Tidalwave is an existing business. Parking isn’t an issue, because they stay within their designated spots and rotate in and out as customers start and finish their experience. Tidalwave has offered free shuttle service to the marina. They have offered multiple new lease options that are significantly more profitable for the city. They have offered $50,000 to put into green spaces. There are DEHEC limits to fishing that dock due to it being next to a run off drain. I am at a loss. Three times now the locals have come out in numbers, speaking for us in person during citizens comments April 2019, voting for us on January 2020, and emailing council in August 2020. Not to mention every time in between. Every time delays have been made, or the voice of the people ignored. I don’t know what else the residents can do, since you have consistently been ignored. I wish a clear explanation could be given by those Council Members who voted “no” while hiding behind executive session.

For some background, I am a local; born in Roper Hospital and raised on the ICW on Johns Island. My father graduated from the Citadel, then MUSC, and then worked in local hospitals. My mom worked in the public and private school systems down here. I was raised to support my local community as much as possible. Whether by giving back or just choosing to dine local vs a chain. I kept that spirit when I graduated college and started working for a local bank, Southcoast Community Bank. (Which was owned by an IOP resident). I took great pride in helping our local businesses thrive and succeed via their banking needs. One of those businesses was Tidalwave Watersports. They were an exemplary customer and not just because the owners managed a well run business. It’s the little touches. The owners fathers served in the military. This has instilled tremendous respect for our armed forces and veterans. The same respect held for the disabled, trying to meet each need and ensure a full experience for all. (This is meaningful to me because I have been disabled for the last 5 years). For many summers, during their busiest month, Tidalwave donated a parasail boat, crew, and owner to Camp Happy Days(camp for children fighting cancer). They parasailed each child, helped volunteer around the camp, and participated in annual fund raising. Tidalwave staff has been full of local kids, Citadel Cadets, and others with college internships. Helping these young individuals understand mechanics, water safety, exceptional customer service, and business management. They offer residents days, where donations support MUSC Children’s Hospital. Help Goat Islanders traveling back and forth. Have allowed locals to launch kayaks off their dock. Are passionate about bringing joy and memories to those they serve. Tidalwave takes the time to be the eyes and ears for waterway safety. Assisting our local fire department, DNR, and Coast Guard with first responder needs. I have been on the dock when a call for help comes in, seeing the staff and my husband rush into action to prevent a disaster. We all remember, a few summers ago, the tragic loss of a mother/wife due to a boating accident, during a family day. Or the tragic loss of Lucas Smith due to an in-air accident, which crash landed in the backwaters. Both times, Tidalwave owners and staff were first on scene to pull the injured(or dead) from the water and assist getting them back to the marina. These three owners have been pioneers within their industry. Helping instruct the Coast Guard, putting forth
industry wide safety regulations, and helping run the National Annual Parasail Convention. If you are going to have a watersports company on your island, who better than the one campaigning safety within the industry. I could go on, but hope this helps paint a whole picture for not only the business but the owners.

Look, we(locals) have all seen the area grow and change. It is inevitable. Populations are increasing, and we live in a desirable area. It is part of the trade off living here. We share the beauty and joy of this area with others who cannot have it year round. What Johns Island did, fighting against the tide of change, has only caused more infrastructure and building density issues. Where smart planning for the known growth could have alleviated some of the problems they face today. IOP has a great opportunity to recognize the increase in amenities due to the tourism traffic. Increased stability and quality of restaurants, a better grocery store, more shopping, and don’t forget taxes brought in to help pay for municipal needs. All the cogs in the machine need to be present for it to run at maximum efficiency. Tidalwave Watersports is one of those cogs. This is a tragic loss for IOP. Most of all, WE will miss YOU. We will miss those we have met thru the exchange club, down at our dock, or nights out at local restaurants. We will miss the joy on people’s faces and beauty of the waterway. We will keep fighting for our business and for our families until the bitter end. And hope that you will continue with us in this final month. Thank you. Andreana Fiem, proud wife and life long supporter of Michael Fiem

Michael and Mark, I cannot remember all those we want to thank or potentially tag. I would hate to miss someone. So I’ll leave that to y’all.
(Apologize forever any grammatical errors.)“

With Regards,
Sarah Parker

Sent from my iPhone
Dear Council, Please reconsider a new lease for Tidal Wave. The vast majority of our community supports this thriving, local business and would like for it to remain. Thank you for your service and your time.

Laura Fogarty
The Boulevard Company
843-276-5655
Hello,

Please save Tidal Wave Sports, renew their lease, they have been part of IOP, people love them. Do the right thing renew their lease or they will be out of a job, and one less thing to do in IOP. Think about others

Becky

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone
Good afternoon
I am resending my initial letter to all of you. This is also a letter I sent in the public forum that was NOT recorded online for some reason.

I do not envy your jobs but I thank you for your public service.

I agree that there were many flaws in the January workshop. All good intentions but not perfectly clear in representation.

Tidalwave vs watersports, dock vs what would truly be allowed to happen on that dock. I believe most people have no idea the actual restrictions you are bound to by law.

Thank you to council members that responded to my daughter, Aspen. She sent all of you emails in hopes of talking to you.
To the ones that did not make the time I invite you to hear what she has to discuss. She makes some amazing valid points.

Aspen actually wrote and has submitted her college essay on the IOP local government vs Tidalwave.
She is passionate.
I respectfully request that you hear her out.

I read public comments... even the ones admitting that they are against TW due to the fact of the drama, bad mouthing from TW .... not for their service but they are tired of the drama.

We all are. But bad mouthing goes both ways. Council is not innocent of these accusations either.... publicly or in executive session.

I feel like your personal opinions and just “shutting it down” is the easy route at this point vs truly listening to every single resident! Every single one!
Yes, I understand that each of us only have so much bandwidth at the end of the day but HARD WORK WORKS! Compromise, roll up the sleeves and work hard to fix the problem.

Randy, your dislike for TW is known. Your reasons are your own. You speak of the past decisions with TW.
I don’t care if you like them or not.... but at the end of the day they are fighting for their life as they’ve known it.
How will they support their families... getting and finding employment during Covid-19... hard times .. good luck with that.
Malley is expecting a baby.
And in the 11th hour after months of TW trying to work with all of you and not having their future confirmed... this happens.
Everyone that voted no... how would that feel if it were you?
I dare say this is not what this island is about.

Rusty, I voted for you. I spoke with you. I actually met you on TW dock during the residents day. I donated that day to the charity that you sit on it’s board.
Respectfully... all I can think about now is that you voted no but took their money.
Again... if your vote was for the “majority” then take a true real count... that is what is fair.

John, what if you lost all sources of income tomorrow for you and your family? I dare say you might be vocal in fighting for your business/ life.

Mayor, I thank you for offering up what seemed to be an extension on voting. Executive session came into play and
you came back voting no.

If your statement rings true EVERY citizen must have a vote!

Mr P. I do not know why you voted no but would like to hear why.

All in all.. I dare say you are missing the true grit of who TW actually is.
Renting watercraft is a mere component of their presence.

Let me add this...
I have spent the past 18 full years volunteering at local schools. I do not stop my volunteering at one school to move onto the next. It is in essence my full time job for the betterment of our generations to follow. I coach, teach health and wellness and run major fundraising events for all. I am successful at what I do so much so that I am in every yearbook, recognized locally, media reports about my work annually and have been the recipient of awards with the last one recently being from Erskine College in recognition of my success.
I pride myself on my work and the ability to get it done. I am an advocate for all that is right.

Back to TW... they are so much more than watercraft. They are our residents .. the fabric of our community that lends a hand to all and provides that “ home” feeling. You will even find testimony of that in your public comments page from families out of state.
What they provide for family outings and the mental health of our youth is priceless.
TW takes responsible action when guiding their guest on the water.
More than I can say for people who rent boats from the marina with no experience and come back drunk after being on the water.
Tidalwave checks all the boxes!

I am respectfully requesting you do what's fair.
I just want TW to be given the opportunity to a fair full island vote.

Please conduct an emergency meeting to hold off for a proper , fair vote.
I thank you for your time and I respectfully request a note that you have read my mail.

Thank you
Julie Nestler

Original email will follow
Hi IOP City Council,
I'm so glad you brought back the free parking but I heard in 2021 you might get rid of it. One thing please dont, us people in Mount Pleasant, Daniel Island, Sullivan's Island, want free access to the beach. Why charge for parking? If you charge for parking, you will lose tourists, people will not be visiting, spending their hard earn money, stop being Republicans and think about what people want, you were elected for the people, come on do the right thing keep parking free. Ok, let's put it this way lets say you lose tourists, people stop coming to the beach, they go to Folley, or Sullivan's and they spend there, you would end up losing out and you all will be voted out. Come on do the right thing, put yourself in the tourists shoes, keep parking free free free, in fact all parking should be free free free, you make money off the tourists anyway. Please keep the parking free, you will have tourists keep coming and spending. Thank you for reading this.

Becky
Sent from my iPhone

Begging. Please keep tidal wave. I’ve emailed y’all before but have gotten no response. I don’t know a single neighbor who wants them to leave.
Dear IOP Council members,

I am once again at a point of frustration with Council when it comes to Council voting on its best interest vs. what the Majority of the Island loudly makes clear.

Recently (2 yrs.), Too regularly we have seen High Priority decisions made with little or NO knowledge to or Input from our residents. To be honest, it seems the High Priority Issues are purposely kept low profile as the Council makes long term decisions for us without or knowledge and the Optics reek of alternative motives. Doing the least amount to notify the Residents of past decisions is not helpful Communication.

**This current Problem is Blindly clear** - Residents are quickly losing trust and confidence in our Councils ability to make honest and unbiased decisions when it come to our Island, especially the Marina.

Point in Case is the Marina and its associated business’s. The Marina along with our Beaches are our jewels and is a Vital heartbeat for our financial survival.

As many of you will have moved on from your Council membership in the coming years, your decisions will be felt by the Island for **way too many years** when it comes to the future Marina and Beach decisions. Current reckless Development and/or Pre-development actions by Council is alarming and costly at best.

Lest do this right and per what the Residents want. Current Council does not have the professional knowledge, local support or trust from residents to make such long-term Island changing decisions without stronger residential input.

Plus, the financial damage your decisions have inflicted on an outstanding neighbor, Tidal Wave, is Embarrassing let alone Poor leadership and an unbelievable lack of compassion to one of our own. Each of you can walk away knowing you personally killed a 20-year-old business. Nice Job. So disappointing.

Additionally, Multiple flags and formal notifications from residents have already been raised regarding one vocal Councilman’s appearance of voting with **personal** reasons and Objections to the Marina in general. Again, poor Optics and Professionalism.
This Councilman should remove himself from any decisions that regard the Marina. Good Business – Good Politics - Good for the Island.

For this Reason, I am formally asking One or More of you to make the following Motion at the next Council Meeting;

That any future decisions regarding the Marina and its Tenants will be decided by “Residential Vote”. The Council will Follow the direct wished of the Residential Vote until such time as the residents feel the Council can manage the Process.

This will increase residential Awareness of what the Marina concerns are, costs associated to upgrade and allow the Council the Opportunity to act on proven results of the wishes of the Majority through transparent methods.

This motion is in the Best Interests of the Island and its Residents and I trust all of you will show your support for transparency by allowing the Residents to Actively Vote and determine the outcome of our Beaches and the Marina.

Best Regards
Jim Golden
3505 Cameron Blvd, Isle of Palms, SC
203-984-2656
Dear City Council,

I am writing to you in hopes that what I have heard about Tidalwave Sports is not true. We have done business with them for years and I just cannot imagine why you all would want to terminate the lease and terminate their business, especially in such times that we are currently experiencing with this pandemic. It saddens me and I hope this decision will be reversed. This business is a value to the community and it seems the community has spoken in favor of Tidalwave Sports. So can you please give me the reasons why the end result was not in their favor? If it is not clear, we thoroughly support this business remaining on IOP!!!

Sincerely,
Dana Dunbar
103 Carolina Blvd.
Sent from my iPhone
Good Morning,

My wife and I moved to Good Creek six years ago. We discovered Tidalwave Watersports and tried their parasailing adventure which we really enjoyed. That lead to another visit later that summer. Each year when family or friends would visit, Tidalwave was our go to location to entertain our guests.

Over the years, we've been to Tidalwave three to four times a year. Although we don't live in the Isle of Palms area, we've made a lot of contributions to the economy and I'm sure we're not alone in that. Allowing Tidalwave to close would be devastating for the community so I'm asking you to not let that happen.

Charleston and the surrounding areas already have a less than favorable reputation. If you allow one of the better businesses in the area to close, it will only put a bigger dent in tourism and the economy. I implore you to consider all of this and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Scott Julian
August 28, 2020

Since I have not received a reply from my previously sent email in reference to the portable crosswalk signs no longer being deployed along Palm Blvd on weekends and holidays, I am resending the original message again. Hopefully, this time I will receive a reply with an explanation behind this new policy of not deploying the portable signs.

FYI...the signs were not deployed this morning, Friday August 28th.

Also, the permanent “No Parking” sign located at the entrance to the 25th Avenue beach access had been removed from the ground and placed in the drainage ditch along Palm Blvd. I contacted IOPPD earlier this week via iMessage and advised them of this. As of this morning, the sign HAD NOT been removed from the drainage ditch and replanted it’s original location.

Sincerely,

Robert Evans
10 26th Avenue
Isle of Palms, SC 29451

Sent from my iPad

> On Aug 23, 2020, at 20:56, Bobby Evans <bhb7064@yahoo.com> wrote:
> >
> > August 23, 2020
> >
> > To Whom It May Concern,
> >
> > Good evening.
> >
> > I am writing this email to express my concern for the safety of pedestrians crossing Palm Blvd at the designated
crosswalks along Palm Blvd between 21st and 41st Aves. I noticed after the beach side of Palm Blvd between 21st
and 40th Aves and upper Palm Blvd between 42nd and 57th Aves were re-opened to free parking, the 4ft chalk line
was marked to assist visitors with parking.
> >
> > However, I also notice that the portable crosswalk signs along Palm Blvd WERE NOT out for the entire
weekend. Prior to the closing of parking on Palm Blvd, portable crosswalk signs were deployed every Friday-
Sunday and holidays at the 21st, 25th, 28th, and 41st Aves crosswalks. These portable signs were deployed to
clearly mark the crosswalks for drivers and to assist pedestrians with safely crossing Palm Blvd during busy times.
> >
> > I understand the closing of parking along the non-beach side of Palm Blvd between 21st and 40th Aves has cut
down the pedestrian traffic along Palm Blvd significantly. But, there is still a good number of pedestrians coming
from the residential areas along the side streets of Palm Blvd. I feel these portable signs should continue to be
deployed throughout the summer season to help keep pedestrians, both residents and visitors, safe while crossing
Palm Blvd.
> >
> > Sincerely,
> >
> > Robert Evans
10 26th Ave
Isle of Palms, SC 29451

Sent from my iPad
Hey all friends of Tidalwave.
We lease our dock from the city of Isle of Palms. It expires on September 30, 2020.
Thus far council has chose not to renew our lease.
We have offered new lease with terms that almost double our current rent and it triple net. It is everything they have been looking for. Also this rent rate will be over 3x the going rate for commercial dock space in the area.
Council is bringing it up for a vote on Aug 25. Please follow the link below and click "email all council". Tell them you want Tidalwave to stay!! Thank you all in advance

https://www.iop.net/city-council/city-council
I thank and commend all you Council members for suffering contentiousness in trying to determine and honor the wish of the IOP community regarding the Marina. You have all been great and we appreciate you!

Emily Ulrich

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 20, 2020, at 12:52 PM, Emily Ulrich <emilyhulrich@gmail.com> wrote:
> > I am horrified by the behavior displayed by a businessman who is courting a lease renewal. Council members are doing their best to make recommendations that benefit island residents plus those off-island who enjoy our geography. Since when is bullying the way to curry favor as a respected business? I stand behind you council people who have to make tough choices. I’m sorry you have to suffer for that resolve.
> > Emily Ulrich
> >
> > Sent from my iPhone
There is no reason to kick these guys off the island and feel if you do your only reuniting the island. Where will everyone in Wild Dunes go to have fun business sure to drop with no water activities?!? Also not to mention these guys employ so many people over then summer and the pay is BETTER THAN MOST JOBS. There is no reason other than greed to not re-new their lease and force them out. Michael and Mark have shown amazing support to the community and they need to stay or y'all will of for ever changed the island for the WORSE and us locals will never forget!

LET THIS COMPANY STAY!! Not a single excuse for y'all to make them leave other than greed! Shame on every last one of you who voted them out, you will be voted out next!
I'm sure I'm not the first, and won't be the last, but I strongly believe that council owes the residents of this island an explanation about Tidal Wave. I have never seen more residents agree about anything, and yet, there seems to be some unexplained vendetta against these people.
I cannot understand the problem here. Please reconsider. Or at least consider explaining to all of us why you won't.

Sincerely,

Erin Graves
Dear Council Members

I am writing to tell you how disappointed I am in your decision not to renew Tidalwave’s lease. We have been going out with them every summer since they opened and our children have been fortunate to grow up experiencing waterskiing, wakeboarding, jetskiing, tubing and even para-sailing. It was something we looked forward to every year and was always the highlight of our trip. Had it not been for Tidalwave, we would not have been able to enjoy watersports, as we are not boat owners. We started as tourists, became property owners and are soon to be full time residents. The Feims have been an asset to the island and ran a very fine and very safe business. One of our daughters had the privilege of working for them and we all have such fond memories.

It saddens me that the wishes of a few won out over the wishes of most of the residents. This will be a HUGE loss for the island’s residents as well as tourists who enjoy watersports. I can speak from both perspectives. I can also speak for many residents who hope that you will please reconsider and renew the lease. Isle of Palms will never be the same for us without Tidalwave.

Very sincerely
The Gaynor Family
Bill, Leslie, Helen, Katie and John
Dear City Council,

I just wanted to say thank you for serving our wonderful city and it’s people. As a full time resident, and local family, we appreciate your efforts in making tough decisions for all of us. I pray that you are not impacted by the unkind bullies I continue to read about and hear stories about. There are better ways to be heard. We are all serving, living and growing together on this beautiful island and we need to work together for the greater good.

I look forward to the amazing renovation to our entire waterfront, marina, restaurant and park. Thank you again for your service!!

God’s peace,
Paige Grimball

Sent from my iPhone
My name is Chris Gaffney,
I was a manager at Tidal wave, before and after their Fiem brothers bought it. My parents live at 30 42nd ave.

Please vote to allow them to stay. This is important for many reasons.

Capt Chris Gaffney

Capt. Chris
Please reconsider your vote for Tidal Wave. My husband and I have been residents on the IOP for 20 years. We both have run small businesses and are very disappointed in your decision. Please let us know why you made this decision. Thank you Dr jeff hall and Janet hall

Sent from my iPhone
PLEASE KEEP TIDAL WAVE. Please listen to the residents of IOP and allow Tidal Wave to renew its lease.

Jenny Dye
Tidalwave Sports

Get Outlook for Android
This business is a part of our Island, they play a big part in making visitor's vacation memories. This is their home.... They need to stay!
Lori Horvath
Bill Harris
First of all, I would like to apologize on behalf of the community for the vilification and nastiness you all have been subject to regarding Tidal Wave lease non renewal! It is shocking and disgusting that individuals and businesses would treat you this way.

I do have several questions I would like clarification on.

1. When was Tidal Wave formally notified that there lease would not be renewed?

2. When the Fiems took over the lease in 2006 why was the requirement for independent financial review stricken from the lease and who on council was responsible for that decision?

3. In the social media blitz, there is a suggestion that a new lease was offered at double the current rate and with a $50,000 up front cash infusion. What are the exact terms of that lease? How was it presented? Was it discussed by the Real Property Committee and if so, on what date?

4. Has Tidal Wave remedied dock violations and unpermitted issues?

5. What financial documents has Tidal Wave provided voluntarily to confirm revenues and expenses at any of their locations?

6. What is the net profit/loss to the city, by year, from the Tidal Wave lease?

Thank you!

Suzi Wheeler
We are voicing our opinion to keep Tidal Wave Sports on IOP. Tidal Wave provides a great service to provide outdoor entertainment to our area. Anytime we have relatives come to visit our amazing island to first thing they ask is can we book with Tidal Wave. We support keeping Tidal Wave on IOP.

Carla and Bob Kopyta
Full Time Residents
9510 Palmetto Drive
Unit 4202

Please allow the public to be a part of the vote.

Carla Kopyta | P&G Director Shopper Marketing | Cell 973-479-1540

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Please keep Tidalwave Motorsports at their current lease rate.

Sent from my iPad
As a member of WD, You Must Renew the lease for Tidal.

Elizabeth (Bette) Kapp
603-566-0412
You shut down Morgan Creek and now TidalWave?
You all are not original IOP residents and business owners.
How times have changed for the island since HH.

Elizabeth (Bette) Kapp
603-566-0412
Good morning
I am inquiring as to why my public comments and numerous emails have not been made public record. Please advise.

The vote of all residents is what is fair. I respectfully request that you extend Tidalwave’s lease long enough to take a proper island wide vote. Putting a small business out of business with no plan is not only throwing money away that the city could use but is simply so wrong and unethical.

Julie Nestler

Sent from my iPhone
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https://www.iop.net/city-council/city-council
Please and thank you!
I am writing all of you to let you know that I fully support accepting Tidal Wave Watersports lease offer. They provide great services for the IOP and Mt Pleasant community.

Thank you

Mark

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Mark Nungesser
843-902-5589
Hello council members -

Please vote to keep Tidal Wave. This is a great service for tourists and helps out services for visitors be more complete. Have a great day!

Best,

Stacey
Tidalwave needs to stay on IOP! They have put in so much hard work for the community!!!!!!!! So much hard work.

Sincerely,

Jacob Willis Realtor®
Willis Properties
Brand Name Real Estate
843-709-4604
JacobWillisProperties.com
JacobWillisRealty@gmail.com
Good evening

I am writing to you all to let you know that Tidalwave needs to stay. Please Reconsider renewing their lease!!

Best Regards,
Kelly Wood

Sent from my iPhone
I’m very disappointed that you are not renewing the lease for Tidalwave water sports. They have been great entertainment for my family over the last decade. I live in Mount Pleasant and enjoy many of the activities they offer. They are a locally run company. You don’t see much anymore. Their staff is usually local kids who need summer jobs. The idea that the IOP would not renew their lease just shows how out of touch you are with what the island needs. The island needs Tidalwave, they bring in tourists, they provide jobs, they make your island better. I hope you reconsider and renew the lease for Tidalwave and thank them for what they do to make Isle of Palms great.

Thanks,
Jeff Cook

Jeff Cook
843-532-6065
Please do not loose Tidal Wave from IOP. They are a great source of family fun and their “footprint” does not materially impact beach parking.

Sent from my iPhone
Thank you for creating our beautiful, quiet and environmentally aware Marina Park!!
I look forward to kayaking, walking and grateful moments of beauty along our island waterway.
In appreciation, Robin Solomon
From: Kathy Cooper <kabbycooper@gmail.com>
Subject: Tidal wave reassessment

Mayor and City council members~

The mayor and each council member needs to take a hard second look @ their previous vote against Tidal Wave~Several of you have the luxury of being retired or semi-retired, but just imagine if this were YOU and your family during your most productive years, and you were being forced out of YOUR business that happened to be on IOP and you had put your blood sweat and tears in for many years. Think about that!

All 9 need to set aside their personal vendettas against the TW owners and particularly personal vendettas with TW supporters that you or your spouse may have and give this an unbiased vote based on what the people that duly elected you to serve would want.

We were @ TW over the weekend and a gentleman visiting from Baltimore staying on the island was leaving TW and approached us wanting a recommendation on an island restaurant~Sadly we could not recommend the grill right next door. TW does increase revenues there as well(when operational) which last I checked is owned by the residents and managed by council.
How did that work out? Empty now for sneaking up on a year~

These next 30 days are crucial to these three families, their employees and to the future safety of our waterways and the harmony of IOP. Please take some time to Really think about this first paragraph and put you and your family in their position.

Thanks in advance~

Kathy and Sheldon Cooper
To Whom It May Concern

I’m writing in support of Tidal Wave Watersports, a locally run family business that has employed numerous island and local residents over the past 20 years. Mark, Michael, and Malley have made the area safer by frequently being first responders to any incidents on the water. They have rescued countless people in need over the past 20 years.

In addition, their business drives additional entertainment for the Tourism industry which helps drive the Charleston economy.

In times like this, Tidal Wave Watersports has provided opportunities for residents to enjoy a Staycation while not able to travel.

I ask you to please strongly consider allowing them to renew their lease.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Katy Ditchfield, SHRM-SCP
Senior Manager of Human Resources | Equiscript, LLC
1360 Truxtun Avenue, Suite 300 | North Charleston, SC 29405
(o) 843.300.1975 | (m) 478.697.9770 | (f) 843.300.1936
Equiscript, Bringing Health Back Home.
And end the mask mandate, City Council. I know you’re trying to do the right thing, just wanting to get our votes in.

We live full time at 603 Ocean Blvd and we’d like to see an end to this madness. The Karens have had their run, it’s time to move forward.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lauren Lofstrom and Josh Robinson
All

My husband and I, as well as many fellow residents, are very confused about what is happening at the marina. We both attended the focus group meeting earlier in the year. We were in different groups. Both of our group envisioned both a green space and a venue for boating activity. Neither of our groups specifically “voted” for Tidal Wave, but thought a business like this added value to the town and the residents. My group, which consisted of two retired CEOs, one retired CFO and me (an owner of several businesses), among others, felt that the lease structure in place at the marina was clearly NOT in the best financial interest of IOP. We felt strongly that the lease structure needed to be substantially changed. We also encouraged open bidding on any future contracts.

As you all know, there are a multitude of comments on the internet about the Marina. Many of them reference “the majority of the residents want…..” Many comments are negative and may be misleading. Recently, we saw a posting about a public/private group being formed for green space preservation and enhancement. At this time, we are requesting clarification on the issue. Perhaps a general meeting would be helpful.

Please let us know how you plan on disseminating information to the residents.

Valerie and John Kraus
Greetings Council members,

Please do NOT change the mandatory mask requirement early that is set through Oct. 13th.

Please do not follow Mt Pleasant town council’s example.

Thank you,

Nancy Mackey
City Council,

I am writing to encourage a new lease with Tidal Wave so that their business can remain on IOP. I feel that they have been a positive influence here on the island, and provide a fun activity for both residents and visitors. They have also been good stewards to our community through hosting community day fundraisers for local charities.

Ideally, I would also like to see some dock space intended for community fishing and/or kayak/paddleboard launch area, but I feel that this could also be accomplished given the amount of waterfront at the IOP Marina.

Thanks for considering my input! Hope you have nice weekend --
Meg Elam
27 32nd Ave
843-901-1709
Please realize we voted you in not because we thought you were the smartest guys but because you would reflect the voice of the masses. Please let’s not park on the land side of Palm, it’s a safety issue. Let’s continue to wear masks, until someone smarter than you and me says otherwise. If not please know I will be by to park in your yard with my resident pass and cough on your mailbox. Keep our island safe for us. Thanks John Wade (Island AH for the last 46 years) 7 34th Ave

Sent to you no BS
Thank you for your continued hard work for our city.

Please do not follow in the steps of Mt. Pleasant and discontinue the mask ordinance. It sounds like there was a lot of pushback after the mask ordinance was rescinded in MP. I believe you might have push-back here as well.

Science has proven, beyond doubt, that masks work. I am happy to send the facts to you if you would like, but a quick study of research by qualified scientists is quite simple.

There are many social media posts that may indicate otherwise, but anyone who is willing to read the scientific articles, will quickly come to the conclusion that masks are key to slowing the spread of Covid19.

Sadly, there are many in our community who will assume that masks don’t matter if it is only a suggestion, that is why an ordinance is necessary to increase compliance.

On a personal note, I have a son and a new grandbaby living in Costa Rica. If I lived in New York, where our elected officials are requiring their constituents to do what is healthy for all, I would be able to visit my grandson. I am begging you to do what is right for our own residents.

Are U.S. citizens permitted to enter Costa Rica? Yes

- As of September 1, 2020, U.S. citizen tourists who are residents of New York, New Jersey, Maine, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia may enter Costa Rica on limited flights departing from the United States. As of September 15, residents of Colorado, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania can also enter Costa Rica on limited flights departing from the United States.

Please extend the mask ordinance.

Thank you,
Chris Donavan
31 26th Ave.
843-509-1286
Dear Council Members,

We are so grateful to you for your timely actions to keep IOP safe during the pandemic. We concur with the Council’s efforts to maintain orderly and sufficient parking for beachgoers. As oceanfront residents, we would appreciate it if the Council would consider the following items as it moves forward with implementation of parking plans along residential streets:

**Visibility** – The 4-foot setback from the curb improves visibility of oncoming traffic for residents exiting their driveways. The more the better.

**Residential mailbox access** – Action to forbid or discourage drivers from blocking residential mailboxes would be most appreciated. The post office is not required to deliver or pick up mail from mailboxes it cannot access. During peak season, we have not received mail deliveries or pickups for several days because our mailbox was blocked by parked cars.

**Mowing** – Street parking appears to hamper regular mowing of the public road shoulder area. We hope the Council will consider a parking schedule that would allow for the city to mow and maintain the public road shoulder regularly. Many residents currently are doing the mowing and trimming at their own effort and expense.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris
2104 Palm Boulevard
Hello!

Some black containers of some sort have washed up on breach inlet. I have no idea what these are but they are very, very heavy. I just fished one out of the tide. Can we get someone down here to remove them? They are starting to become a trash can. Took two bags of dog poop off of them.

Thank you!

Lyndsey Nacey
917.297.8469
106 Ocean Blvd.

Sent from my iPhone
Good Morning,

I just got off phone with nice lady who suggested I email you. My family and I are visiting IOP this week and staying I. wild Dunes. Every morning when we come with our cars to the beach, ALL the parking is taken up with the Construction Workers parking along that Main Street which leaves ZERO parking for over 2 miles for visitors.

I would think since there is construction going on at this end of the beach, at least one or two blocks could be reserved for visitors while the construction is going on.

As it is now, we have to drive to beach, unload, drive back to house and park and then walk back to the beach. When we leave, we have to walk from the beach back to the house .75 miles, get the cars, drive back to the beach and pick up to go back to the house. Not very conducive to visitors.

Another suggestion is for the construction companies have centralized parking somewhere and have a bus take them to the construction site.

I wish this could be fixed for us this week? But at least for the rest of the visitors coming to your lovely island. Thank you

Dora Dalmas
704-737-4859

Sent from Dora
It should be further pointed out that the construction workers are working w/n Wild Dunes property but parking outside Wild Dunes Property, however, we are staying w/n Wild Dunes property.

Thank you for your not responding with an excuse.

v/r,
R. Alliss

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dora Dalmas <dalmascat@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: Parking at IOP towards 57th Street
Date: September 15, 2020 at 10:23:44 AM EDT
To: Randy <Rjarsa95@gmail.com>
Dear IOP City Council,

First and foremost, I'd like to thank each of you for your time and energy in serving our community. Your position is not for the faint of heart and you have all sacrificed a lot in service of this community. Thank you for taking your role seriously and making hard decisions on behalf of the residents of Isle of Palms.

I moved to Isle of Palms from West Ashley in November of last year. My brother and I purchased a home at 3503 Hartnett Blvd and we live here full-time with my husband and my niece. In short order, we have grown to love the island and never want to leave. I have been following the Tidalwave story very closely and would like to send my support in the renegotiation of the Tidalwave Watersports lease. Living so closely to the marina, I visit every other day if not daily. I honestly have nothing negative to say about their business and truly believe Tidalwave is willing to accommodate the necessary improvements to the dock and be team players in providing a solution that meets most residents' needs. I am in full support of renegotiating Tidalwave's lease.

Please have the courage to resist the pressure to make decisions because of special interest and listen to the majority of your residents. Save Tidalwave Watersports!

Sincerely,

Liz

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Liz Luke
liz@elizabetluke.com
601-527-9993
Good Afternoon,

As a resident of IOP, 3017 Waterway Blvd, I would like to voice my opinion on the fate of Tidalwave Sports. I remember the overwhelming support for Tidalwave at the open forum meeting in July, when residents discussed their preferences for the IOP Marina area. It was very distressing to hear that Tidalwave’s lease was not renewed and we would lose this family oriented, fun operation that gives so much to our community.

I would ask that you reconsider your decision to not renew the lease for Tidalwave at your upcoming city council meeting.

Thank you,
Penny Lanigan
203 313 4769

Sent from my iPhone
Hi Council members,

I want to express my support of retaining Tidal Wave Water Sports as a service on our island. We enjoy the excursions and feel they add options for residents and visitors that help keep $ on the island. Additionally, Tidal Wave offers assistance with rescues which says they are vested in our community. Finally, summer jobs offered by them are appreciated by their work teams.

Thanks in advance to reconsider renewal of their lease. Losing their service would force us (and others) to drive all the way into Charleston to take advantage of their services..

Sincerely,
Ken and Angie Binkley
3907 Cameron Blvd
I Strongly request you allow Tidal Wave Water Sports remain at their current location. They are an asset to the island. I believe the majority of the island residents feel the same. There is plenty of room for both “green space” & their operation to coexist. I believe the owner stated he would make a sizable donation and maintain the green space. You have the opportunity to save a small business. Please rethink your position.

Randy Gandy
23 Sandpiper Court

Sent from my iPhone
To All City Council,

Please reconsider and vote to keep Tidal Wave on the IOP. They provide a tremendous service not only to the vacationers but also to the residents. Since the IOP is a beach and tourist city, it is nice to provide vacationers and residents without watercraft with the ability to enjoy the water in the many ways Tidal Wave provides. These owners also belong to the IOP Exchange Club and contribute handsomely to all the charities the Exchange Club supports.

PLEASE consider renegotiating their lease and keep them on the IOP!!

Respectfully,

Darlene “Dar” Venable
612 Palm Blvd.

Sent from my iPad
To Council,

I would like to convey my strong preference to allow TitleWave to continue operations at the Marina. Based on ALL of the data provided (not necessarily by City Council) it is quite clear that there is overwhelming resident support as well as financial upside to city to keep TitleWave operating in its current capacity.

My residence is: 8 Seahorse Court

Regards,

John Laudenslager

President, Global Automotive
Assurant
843.271.0183

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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Isle of Palms on Ensign Ct. I support renegotiating a lease with Tidalwave Watersports because I believe that the company presence on the island supports a community environment and outdoor experience. I support the lease renewal because it benefits local economy and the overall well-being of the people who reside in the area.

Thank you in advance,
Bailey Champ

Sent from my iPhone
My husband and I own a home at 2300 Hartnett Blvd. We are in support of renewing the lease for Tidalwave. We feel that the business is an asset to the island and always suggest them to out of town guests looking for ways to enjoy the water and the Isle of Palms. It seems a shame to force this business to leave and remove one of the few activities available on the island especially when they are willing to compromise with the city for the renewal. hope that you will revisit this issue and vote to renew the Lease for Tidalwave.

Thank you for your consideration,
Robert and Lisa Trice

Sent from my iPad
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I support renegotiating Tidalwave Sports lease because it’s a local business that brings joy to all who patronize them. They are good people that also care about this community. I do not support corporations whose only interest is profit. Please make the residents happy and consider their appeal.

Laura Seltz
Isle of Palms resident
Writing in support of renewing the lease for Tidalwave Watersports. I see no downside, and plenty of upside, to having them do business on IOP - please enlighten me and your constituency why you feel differently or reverse course and do what most of the island wants you to do.

Thanks for looking out for all of our best interests,

Eric Champ
5 Ensign Ct, IOP

Eric Champ | Eric.Champ@Comcast.net | 843.518.2233
This company should be able to stay on IOP. Vote to keep this company and the revenue for the island.

Thanks

Gina Linkous
Sent from my iPhone
My name is Allison Killian and my husband and two kids live here on IOP. I’m writing in support of the renegotiation of the tidalwave lease. My family wants to continue to take advantage of this wonderful business and all the family fun it has to offer. Please renegotiate this lease and save Tidalwave!

A. Killian
219 Forest Trail

Sent from my iPhone
I am in support of tidalwave sports remaining in their space in the marina.

Great company - provides a service that both residents and visitors enjoy.

If you are really interested in doing what the residents want - hold a vote. I’d be interested in seeing the results. I have not seen any negative comments regarding tidalwave on any social media site or talking to any resident.

Please reconsider.

Karen Snyder
905 Carolina Blvd.

Sent from my iPhone
Dear Council,

I am writing with the sincere hope that Council will negotiate an agreement for TidalWave to stay at the IOP Marina. From the perspective of a resident who is a non-boat owner, we truly appreciate the service that they provide for us as well as our guests, I also witnessed first hand their service to the family who lost their mother in the horrific boating accident two years ago. I was on their dock with friends when the fire department came flying over to jump on jet skis and watched as Michael pulled the distraught family back in. I was moved to speak at a standing room only Council Meeting quite some time ago, where it was apparent that there was large support for them to stay on the island. The Rec Center “voting” was an unfortunate debacle without enough room for residents (us included) to attend and the results were apparently muddied with references of stickers and handouts.

I have great respect for the work that everyone on the Council does and I can imagine that this year has been more than challenging vis a vis the ongoing parking issues & management of Covid-19. By no means do I wish to criticize unfairly, but it truly feels as though Council is missing the mark on this issue regarding the true wants of its constituents. Having followed this along for years now, it genuinely feels as though there is a hidden agenda to drive them away without a clear & logical explanation to residents as to why they haven’t been given the option to negotiate a new lease. For those who want green space, could there not be both a landscaped area and recreational water sports? Of my friends, I don’t personally know anyone who is opposed to Tidal Wave staying here and the common theme during any discussion is always “Why are they trying to run them off the island?”. I have watched all virtual meetings and the discussions are not a clear indicator as to the decision making process.

I’m certain that Council is aware of the outpouring of support on various social media groups & petitions in favor of Tidal Wave. I genuinely feel that they are an asset to the island and hope that collectively a decision could be made to keep this service for our community. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gillian Koerber  
11 Hidden Green Lane  
443-824-0440
Hello,

My name is Shelly Orr and I live at the corner of 31st and Waterway Blvd. I am voicing my support for Tidalwave Watersports to remain in operation on IOP. They are good people who have proven they are more than willing to help. We need all the help we can get out on the water. Not all who ride the Intercoastal Waterway know what they are doing. Furthermore, not all who ride the Waterway are willing to help even when they can. It's a nice feeling knowing that we have people who are willing to take action to respond in a moment's notice if need be. These guys know the water better than most! It will be a great loss to all if they are forced to leave.

Thank you for your consideration.
Hello,

I am writing to urge you all to reconsider your bid to get tidalwave water spots removed from IOP. It is not only an asset to the island by helping the economy by bringing people onto the island, but it is also beloved by the residents on the island. When voted “what residents want the marina to continue to offer “ Tidalwave was at the top of the list aside from a restaurant, however when asked what to remove Tidalwave was at the bottom. The job of the city council is to serve the residents of the city and you are not only letting us all down but showing a blatant disregard to democracy.

Best,

Gabriella Krauss
To the elected representatives of the people of IOP,

My daughter and I earnestly support renegotiating Tidal Wave’s lease. They are a definite asset to our community and should be allowed to stay - the evidence that this is what the majority of citizens want is overwhelming. Please do the right thing - it is not too late!

Sincerely,
Cheryl H Barron
cherylbarron219@aol.com
34 Ocean Point Dr
215-431-4747
Please reconsider renewing Tidal Wave lease. The company is an asset to our community.
With respect, Karen Gandy

Sent from my iPhone
Dear Mayor and Council,

Thank you very much for your recent action which contributed greatly to the decision by CARTA and the BCDCOG to initiate a beach shuttle to the Isle of Palms. I am certain that had you not taken the action you took, the beach shuttle would not ever have become a reality. It was also reassuring to see my Council work in unanimity on this important step toward providing beach access to our visitors while at the same time protecting the safety and sanctity of life here on our small island. Kudos to you all.

After the initial trial operation this fall, much will still need to be done to insure the shuttle’s success for the next beach high season, not the least of which will be what our City Administrator has referred to as a partnership between the City and BCDCOG to mount a robust educational campaign to market and promote the new service. In fact, it is likely that a small culture change will be necessary to convince visiting beach goers that it is best to park and "leave the driving to us" rather than contributing to traffic congestion on the island as they compete for a finite and limited number of parking spaces.

Two sticking points in effecting a new way of thinking for visiting beach goers immediately come to mind. First, beachgoers should know that (within reason) they are welcome to bring along their beach gear and secondly, the cost of riding the shuttle must be less than the equivalent cost of parking in a City lot or a residential beach parking space. If, as was reported in this morning’s Post and Courier, riders are charged the regular fare of $2 each way, the cost for a family could quickly become prohibitive. As a point of reference, at $2 each way, the cost to a family of four (mom, dad and two kids over age 6) would amount to $16 for the day at the beach. This would hardly be an incentive to take the shuttle. I hope that you will argue for much smaller fees as a way of promoting the new service.

Jim

James W. Smiley
16 44th Avenue
Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451
(843) 364-7337
I am writing to ask that you give Tidal Wave a chance to renegotiate their lease.  
My children and grandchildren have enjoyed the services Tidal offer and I feel it would be a shame if they were not there for future generations and visitors to our wonderful island.  
Let’s keep them at the marina.  
Thank you.  
Joan Bolton  
21 Oyster Row  

Sent from my iPhone
FYI

-----Original Message-----
From: Brenda Rosenthal <brenda@brenpro.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 12:02 PM
To: Jimmy Carroll <jcarroll@iop.net>; Jimmy Ward <jward@iop.net>; Randy Bell <rbell@iop.net>; Phillip Pounds <ppounds@iop.net>; Rusty Streetman <rustystreetman@bellsouth.net>; Susan Hill Smith <shsmith@iop.net>; Kevin Popson <kpopson@comcast.net>; John Moye <jmoye@iop.net>; Ryan Buckhannon <rbuckhannon@iop.net>
Cc: Desiree Fragoso <desireef@iop.net>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Marina

Charleston, Mt pleasant, Beaufort, North Charleston...all have waterfront parks...we want one too. They offer beauty, and a wonderful gathering place for locals.

Thanks for helping your residents make that happen Please read in public comments at sept 22 meeting Best regards Brenda Bennett Rosenthal, Sent from my iPad
The marina is such a special place. If this unique spot becomes over-developed now, I fear there is no going back. Ever. But to honor this location with a park is to give a gift to the community and island visitors. I hope you Council Members choose the latter option. Thank you for your service, Emily Ulrich

Sent from my iPhone
Dear Council-

Thanks in advance for all the time you’ve invested on behalf of the Island and the residents who call it home.

I believe you are voting tonight to convert the commercial space (formerly occupied by Tidal Wave Sports) into a public park area for the IOP Residents. I just wanted to say Thank you for pushing that idea forward. It will be a wonderful area for those of us without docks to access the Waterway.

All the best-

Alex Opoulos
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Greetings Council Members,

Thank you all for your service to the community.

I just want you all to know that I do not want Tidal Wave or any similar commercial enterprise at the IOP Marina moving forward. I am strongly in favor of a public dock and green space for IOP residents as well as the elimination of dock launching or parking fees for residents using the marina facilities.

Regards,

Daniel J. Tylak

11 Edgewater Alley
Esteemed Mayor and council members, for years past councils have committed to providing public use and green space at the marina. Our current lease tenants' revenues fall woefully short of the cost to run and maintain the marina. Since IOP residents subsidize that excess cost to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars per year, it's finally time to fulfill that commitment. I urge each council member to vote for public use and green space for the area that Tidal Wave will soon vacate. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Jim Smitherman
Dear Council Members,

I understand that there may be another voting opportunity regarding the use of the marina area on IOP.

I am much in favor of a public dock and greenspace. This area would offer residents and the public a place to relax and enjoy magnificent views and the beauty surrounding our island.

Doreen Tylak
I writing to let you know that as a resident of IOP I am deeply distressed that this business is being pushed out against the majority of the residents will. They have been a tremendous asset to living here particularly when we have out of town guests. They are the only way to actually getting out on the water on this island short of renting a boat a great expense.

Please reconsider allowing them to stay. Perhaps with sharing the dock so residents can use their own kayaks or paddle boards if they are lucky enough to own them. It seems a travesty to push out a business so very liked by the people on this island.

Perhaps it should be put up for a vote of the people of IOP rather than all that’s going on.

Sincerely,

Susan and Howard Conrad
6 Linkside Ct
IOP, SC. 29451
301-980-2890
Sent from my iPad
Dear members of council,

As someone who grew up on the Isle of Palms, I recently made the decision to purchase my first house on the island. I chose to place my roots here due to many reasons, but most importantly, it is where I want to raise my future children with my fiancee. The local schools, our tight knit community, the recreation department, and access to natural resources are just a few of the aspects I considered in making my decision.

One point I would like to highlight is the access to our natural resources. While the beach has ample access paths, the intracoastal waterway, which runs the length of the island, is difficult to access without the use of a private dock or going to an expensive restaurant. Our neighbors who live in the interior of the island, which are the vast majority, don't have the ease of access as the few who live on the waterway. As the residents of the island originally purchased marina for the benefit of all the community, I implore the council to dedicate any available space at the marina to a public dock and green space. One does need to look further than the Pitt Street Bridge or Waterfront park in Mount Pleasant to see the vast benefits to the community. This would be an area that countless islanders could enjoy, including our children and their children in the future.

We are currently facing many challenges, and I'm afraid we will only continue to encounter greater threats in the future. To mitigate these risks, we need a resilient and robust community that will work together to overcome the obstacles that we will face; whether it be hurricanes or global pandemics. It's especially important that we have young families who form the backbone of our community. Parks, green spaces, and access to our natural resources, including the waterway, will only continue to make our island as an attractive destination for young families to raise their children. I encourage the council to continue to preserve the island and dedicate as much area to green space or public parks for the benefit of all our community.

James Carroll
3 - 26th Ave
TO: IOP Mayor and Council
From: Steve and Carly David (709 Palm Blvd)
RE: Greenspace

Dear Mayor and Council,

It is hard to believe that one small group has become so divisive to our island. With that said, we believe that since the opportunity is now, the council needs to preserve the Green Space; the community docks will be welcome by almost everyone on the island, and the option for a commercial spot remains if ever wanted/needed in the future.

Jimmy Carroll, excellent article in the Island News. You and the rest of the council have had a ton of issues that were brought on by the previous council; this has been a tough 2020 for everyone, but you all have handled it as well as you possibly could have considering the circumstances.

Thanks for everything you do,

Steve and Carly David
I am asking for you support to keep the plans for green space at the marina.

I have been an IOP resident for 24 years and have participated in 2 island-wide votes on the Marina. The first vote was a referendum to purchase the marina for use by the residents. This was done in response to the probability of it getting sold to private investors. The second referendum was on whether to further commercialize the marina property. As per news reports, the vote was 69% against a plan to improve commercial development while eroding residents’ access. This was a surprise outcome as many on council thought there was strong support for development. There wasn’t. There was just a very vocal minority—a situation like we have today.

I know there has been a very vocal social media campaign to support Tidal Wave by please remember this isn’t about Tidal Wave. If you vote for a commercial operation, there will be an RFP and Tidal Wave (like Morgan Creek Grill) will likely be outbid. As per financials shown by TW, its revenues have not increased over many years in which case it is unlikely they can make it financially feasible. A vote for a commercial operation is not a vote for Tidal Wave.

The social media campaigns has presented some numbers re the support of TW. However, the numbers of emails and letters of support (either way) represent only a small fraction of voters many of whom have an emotional attachment to TW. None of the emails and letters address ‘commercial operations’ at the dock, they have all been about supporting TW. Please kept focused on the actual motion not on what might be.

Please also remember that the only island wide votes (referendums) on the marina have shown that voters overwhelmingly support residential use over commercial use. Is council going to keep asking residents the same questions over and over until the commercial side wins?

This is the last opportunity in our lifetime to reserve public space for public use. Any commercialization of the space will with a long term lease (20-30 years), consequently, the opportunity for public space will be gone for generations. We can always vote for commercialization later, however, it will be decades before we get the chance to preserve public space for the public.

Please vote as island residents have consistently voted and vote no for commercial use and yes to green space.

Regards
Rene Dentiste Mueller
3206 Hartnett Blvd.
Dear Mayor and Council members,

Please consider that we, the residents, have already voted for maintaining green space for the use of residents. We need to preserve green space on our island for residents old and new families to enjoy our community for years to come. Please vote YES for preserving the marina green space.

Thank you,
Carol Bourque
3303 Hartnett Blvd.
Isle of Palms, SC
For goodness sake please explain at the next meeting about Titalwave sports area and exactly what is currently happening with it. As always the Facebook group gets everyone riled up. And I would love to point to a meetin and say - go listen to the meeting!

On a side not being 63 I would really like a safe place to launch for residence to launch a kayak and not at the boat launch where I would get run over by boats - I am not strong enough to get out of their way.

Thanks, Sondra
I know most of you are aware that Ruth Vader Ginsberg has died. I don't know how to request or how you decide to fly the flag at half mast but she was a great lady and a true public servant, regardless of politics. So as a resident of isle of palms I am requesting you do that tomorrow.

Thank you.
Gina Wurst Yeager
Dear Mayor and Council Members,

As a long time resident, I previously voted on this issue and have paid taxes for years to purchase this marina property for residents use. We need to preserve green space on our island for residents to enjoy our community for years to come. Please vote YES for preserving the marina green space.

Sincerely,

David Bourque
Dear Mayor and Council Members,

We need to preserve green space on our island for residents to enjoy our community for years to come. Please vote YES for preserving the marina green space.

Sincerely,
David Bourque, PA-C
As a long time resident of the Isle of Palms I would love to see the former Tidal Wave area at the Marina turned into a green space. It would be wonderful to have a spot to safely launch paddle boards and kayaks. A green space on the water would be a perfect spot to picnic, watch the sunset or fish. I hope you will cast your vote for green space.

Thank you for your service on council during these most trying times.
Terri Stafford
3302 Hartnett Blvd
Dear Mayor and Council Members,

We need to preserve green space on our island for residents to enjoy our community for years to come. Please vote YES for preserving the marina green space.

Sincerely,
David Bourque, PA-C
Dear Council,

I have previously written on numerous occasions expressing in detail my hope that our City Marina will include a public recreational dock for use by residents as a waterfront park and I will not reiterate this hope. I trust that you will do what is best for the residents of our community. However, should your discussion devolve into a bean counting exercise based upon comments received, please count my comment as one in favor of a public dock with greenspace and residential parking spaces.

Jim

James W. Smiley
16 44th Avenue
Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451
Mayor and Council:
As a citizen and resident, Please add me to your October meeting Agenda.
Discussion issue / item will be ADA and IOP beach access.

Thank you,
Regards,
Elizabeth (Bette ) Kapp
603-566-0412
9/20/2020
Mayor Carroll and Councilmembers,

I apologize in advance for a long email on this Sunday evening!

I would like to request that Tuesday’s agenda be modified under Miscellaneous Business to include a motion to draft an amendment to allow Tidalwave Motorsports to continue using their leased premises at minimum on a month to month basis until a final plan is developed. I know in the last city council meeting there was a discussion/advice received in closed session that prevented this from happening. While adhering to Counsel’s advice is absolutely necessary if there is anyway this can be reconsidered I think it is important. Obviously if Tidalwave was/is in monetary default or was in monetary default prior to COVID I can understand why Council would not want to allow continued tenancy even with market rates and if that is the case, please disregard my request to reconsider their tenancy.

However, if they have not been in monetary default I would hope Council would reconsider their support of a local business operated by families that (I believe) all live here. They may not even be able to be profitable at market rates and may not want to continue leasing their space but I would think Lee and Associates could quickly assist with providing a market evaluation of what we would need to charge and you could see if Tidalwave would then have interest in exercising an Option to renew at that time. I do not understand why a RFP would be needed to unless it’s for a landscape architect or if it is needed in order to obtain for assistance on market evaluations? I know if you ask 500 residents their opinions you will get 450 different answers however knowing Tidalwave’s business provides services that would benefit 1/3 of IOP (short term renters on vacation) and supported by at least 1/2 of permanent residents I think keeping a long term tenant that is generating revenue for the city would be a business that is a benefit to IOP.

At the meeting I heard requests/discussion for additional green space and I’m confident some green space could be incorporated at the marina as well as certain days or hours for public dock usage. Any public dock usage/hours could be could be included as public benefit and seems like they would be agreeable to since that’s what is being done now upon individual requests (from what I have heard).

Essentially I think Council can provide solutions to everyone’s vision for the marina while still supporting a long term tenant that seems to loves the city. Please consider a Lease negotiation and see if they are willing to agree. Thank you for your consideration of the motion, reconsideration of the Tidalwave Lease renewal and service on Council.

Thank you,
Krista Swingle
Hello!

With city council meeting being tomorrow, just wanted to send another quick email to please vote to move forward with creating public access greenspace at the marina!

Thank you,
Caroline Rayman
3401 Hartnett Blvd.
Hon. Mayor & Council,

Please vote to move forward with establishing public access greenspace at the City Marina. It is past time that residents had some non-commercial use of the property we own and pay for.

Noah Simon
7 Lauden St
IOP
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Amy Winchester
Thank you! You have been working so hard for so long for so little thanks!

I am excited about the prospect of having our own “waterfront park”, here on the island. As an island resident, this offers so many opportunities for residents and visitors alike and will accomplish what residents set out do do when the property was purchased.

Please vote to make this a reality for all of us!

Thank you!
Suzi Wheeler
Please extend all ordinances related to the spread of Covid19. The emergency ordinances presently in place meet the recommendations of the CDC and are our best approach to minimizing the spread of Covid19 until a vaccination is available.

Thank you.

Christine Donavan
#31 26th Ave.
Isle of Palms
843-509-1286
Thank you for your continued hard work for our Island.

Please complete the process of securing the present Watersports dock for the public and free use of residents and visitors. This is what the residents desire for that space. I am ready and available to donate time and money toward making that happen.

Cheering you on,
Chris Donavan
#31 26th Ave.
Isle of Palms
843-509-1286
I am staying with my Aunt on the Isle of Palms and we heard about the opportunity to have a space where we might be able to take our 3 year old daughter to see the boats go by the Intracoastal. This makes so much more sense for this area than a Watersports dock. Loud jet-skis are not fitting for such a beautiful coastal environment.

Thank you for your consideration, Laura Councell
Thank you for taking the time to reply to my email. I really do appreciate it.

I have read the Beach Front Management Act and the plan the IOP has. And you are in part correct that the minimum requirement is 6 for every 1/8 miles. I would ask you to also read the part where it says you have to preserve existing public access and promote the enhancement of public access for all citizens.

I understand that you have to look out for the citizens of the IOP, but because it is a beach municipality, you also have to look out for all citizens. Or the state or the federal government will have to look out for the rights of the public. They have entrusted that responsibility to the individual beach front cities to look out for all citizens with the Beachfront Management Act.

Parking downtown or at a ballpark is very different than parking at the beach. The waterways and shores are protected differently. That is why I mentioned the Public Trust Doctrine and the SC and US Constitution. Look at the example from the county. You can charge if you have facilities and amenities in close proximity, but you can not charge just to access the beach. The county parks charge for lifeguards, rest rooms, picnic areas, etc. Also, look at the county boat docks, they do not have facilities or amenities to charge for and the waterways are free.

The city can pass ordinances as long as they comply with state and federal laws. For example, take a look at the helmet law for motorcycles in SC. Myrtle Beach tried to pass an ordinance to require helmets and the court upheld the SC law.

Please help enforce the no encroachment requirements written in the state law and maintain the current parking and beach access.

We all have a lot to lose here. State and federal funding for the beaches help us all. Imagine if we worked together to protect our beaches. If the city needs help maintaining the accesses or educating the public on where to park, or not to park, there are so many of us willing to help in Mount Pleasant and the Charleston Beach Foundation may be able to help too. I’m sure we can come up with solutions that will benefit both parties if we work together.

Amy Winchester
Ms Winchester, I appreciate all of your information however, we far exceed the requirements of the Beachfront Management Act. Before eliminating parking on the non ocean side of Palm from 22nd Ave to 40th Ave and on one side of the Avenues between 3rd and 9th, we exceeded the Beachfront parking requirements by over 700%. Now, when this small elimination of parking spaces passes, we will still exceed the requirements by far more than 600%. According to the Beachfront Management Plan, we are to provide 6 spaces for every 1/8th of a mile or 48 parking places per mile. Do the math, 48 X 4.5 miles is 216 spaces whereas we have well over 1300 parking places and 56 beach accesses. In fact, due to our central large parking lots and bath house, plus the county’s park, we could eliminate parking for a mile in either direction. Please refer to page 26 of the our adopted Beachfront Management Act, it shows you what is required.

Besides exceeding the act, we, city council have an obligation to our residents for a safe city that is fiscally responsible. While residents and tourists pay their fair share through city taxes or accommodations taxes, our day visitors who park along our 4.5 miles of public beach have paid nothing. Granted, our island is 7 miles long, but, 2.5 miles is within the gated Wild Dunes which we have no control over. Every time a police officer is summoned, it costs money, every time our first responders are called out in million dollar plus trucks, it costs a lot more money and every time a trash truck that has to go to Bees Ferry to dump, it costs money. We just had the most trash trucks go to the landfill this past July, a record. It’s past time for everyone to pay their share. When I go to downtown Charleston and park along SCDOT right of ways and I have to feed the meter, that money goes to Charleston. Every little league sporting event I go to or any other events, we pay to park to offset the costs of security and expenses. We will be going to paid parking next season to help offset our expenses. I am sorry, but your rationale is way off base. Because of the unbridled growth across the tri-counties, the 11.5 miles spread out between the 3 public beaches can no longer handle the growth. Everyone needs to learn to car pool and now that CARTA is trying to create a beach shuttle, we all need to be thankful and embrace the fact that we are no longer living in the 1970’s and ‘80’s, we all have growth challenges. We all have infrastructure challenges. If you have ever traveled to Europe, you would see that everyone is used to mass transit and or bicycles. Instead of being negative, let’s have all communities be positive and work together to enjoy our natural, but limited resources. The same applies to our waterways, way too many boats and people flooding the waterways and the few barrier undeveloped islands. Way too many people trying to squeeze into limited space. Every developer of apartments, condos and subdivisions tout how close they are to the 3 public beaches. It’s a selling point. We can’t handle the growth. Please google the Isle of Palms Beachfront Management Plan to see how far we exceed our requirements. And in closing, I keep hearing that everyone inland is paying for our beach renourishment projects, that is totally inaccurate. We pay for these projects through multiple sources, but not from Charleston County residents. Our tourism funds, both locally and from the state, from stakeholders, ie, affected property owners and from FEMA. According to Duane Parrish of South Carolina Parks and Recreation, tourism is a 23.8 billion dollar industry for South Carolina, of which, 2/3 comes from the coast. We subsidize inland communities that don’t
have tourism. Plus, 1 out of every 10 jobs in the state are directly associated with tourism. So please, come enjoy our state’s natural resources, but please leave nothing but your footsteps in the sand.

Thank you,
Jimmy Carroll, IOP Mayor

Sent from my iPhone

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Amy Winchester
Dear Council,

Please note this is one more resident’s hope that you will take the space available at the marina and turn it into something for the residents of IOP. I live on water with a dock, and I realize how fortunate I am to have quick access. There are many boaters and locals that deserve the same. You can help them. I hope you will.

Sue Breckheimer
2 Waterway Island Dr
IOP

Sent from my iPhone
Good morning IOP Council members,

As a resident of IOP for 20 years I would like the present watersports dock at the IOP Marina to be used as a public dock for non motorized craft with greenspace and residential parking spaces.

The continuous ingress and egress of 11 jet skis every other hour with inexperienced riders noisily transiting the ICW at high speed threatens the safety of other boaters, kayakers, SUP paddlers, creates unacceptable levels of noise and carbon pollution, disturbs fishermen, alarms dolphins and sea birds, and will permanently rob our grandchildren and future generations of a greenspace on the ICW and IOP marina that encourages use of environmentally friendly, non motorized sea craft. Other venues exist already for those who want the noisy, carnival atmosphere created by jet ski’s.

Thanks for your sincere consideration,

Bruce Councell