

City of Isle of Palms, SC					
Public Comment - July 2022					
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7/26/2022 9:33 PM	Mr. John Philip Bethards	PO Box 215, 404 Ocean Blvd., Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>Dear Council Member, 13 June 2022</p> <p>The Isle of Palms Personnel Committee recently recommended an ordinance to the council that the council be reduced from 8 council members to 6 plus the mayor. The only reason given was that 6 would be more efficient than 8.</p> <p>That is undoubtedly true. Having two less democratically elected members to listen to during debates should shorten the length of debates and make the decision making process more efficient, but why stop there? If efficiency is the goal, let's go to 4 council members, or 2, or we could just elect a mayor every 4 years and he could rule like a dictator. That would be the most efficient form of government.</p> <p>We want an efficient city administration. We want efficient garbage collection. We certainly want an efficient Fire Department. But, efficiency in democratic representation should not be a goal. The goal should simply be proper democratic representation.</p> <p>With 6 council members, a mayor would only need 3 council friends to go along with his agenda and he could rule like a dictator. With our current 8 council members he would need 4 members to go along with him, a 33% increase in democratically elected representative agreement. That is significantly more.</p> <p>8 council members may be on the high side of average numbers of council members for a city of our size, but it has served us well since 1953 when we became a city. We are probably around our highest number of residents now, certainly many more than in 1953 and yet now is when we should cut back to 6? It makes no sense.</p> <p>Also, Isle of Palms needs a larger than average council because we are a bifurcated city with</p>	City Council	jpbethards@aol.com

7/25/2022 4:12 PM	James Smiley	16 44th Ave, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>Dear Council,</p> <p>I would like once again to voice my strong concerns and objections to the amended ordinances 2022-4 and 2022-5. My objections are not directed at the prospective tenant, nor are they directed at reassignment of Marina leases. My objections are directed at the ways in which we residents are being given short shrift and are not the first and primary concern of City Council in Amendments to the present lease.</p> <p>I have not heard a hue and cry from residents for a boat club at our municipal marina. In fact, I have heard nothing. Yet you seem determined to amend the present lease to allocate an entire 1/3rd of our marina to boat club operations under the aegis of a new tenant. While you may be required to approve the Marina lease transfer without unreasonably withholding or delaying the transfer, there is nothing that requires you to amend the lease, especially in ways that will change the focus, uses and very complexion of our marina. We authorized the purchase of the Marina back in 1999 expressly to guarantee resident access to the water. Never did I think when I voted in favor of the Marina purchase that access to the water might one day mean joining a boat club at a cost of \$6,000 or more annually. Using the new ATM generated data, our marina has a total of 2,555 linear feet of dockage. Thirty three percent of that total that you want to allocate to boat clubs is 843 linear feet. The prospective new tenant has said (but not reduced his statement to writing) that his boat club operation will entail berthing 5-10 boats. Taking the prospective tenant at his word, each of his boat club boats would occupy over 84 feet of dock space. This is excessive from any reasonable person's perspective. One third of our Marina devoted to a boat club is all the more excessive when one considers that it may well reduce the number of wet slips available to residents.</p> <p>Wet slip rental to residents has been reduced to a priority with so many weasel words and conditions that one wonders if there is any priority for resident wet slips at all. To quote the</p>	City Council	smileyj@isleofpalmssc.net
7/24/2022 5:11 PM	Mrs Beatrice Love	9 Sand Dollar Dr, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It would be a waste of money to hire Fisher Recycling to recycle only glass. People, especially renters, are not going to separate their glass from the rest of their recyclables and take them to a drop off area.. 2. Do not approve ordinances 2022-4 and 2022-5 with out the new promises spelled out in the lease agreement 3. Do you still plan to audit JMV and collect what is due? 	City Council	badlove1@att.net