

Name	Address	Comments for Council Meeting	Meeting This Comment is Intended For:	Email Address
Dudley Spangler	124 Charleston Blvd, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>I'd like to address the situation regarding hiring of a new fire chief. The fire department is one of the two most important departments that the city has. Like the police department, it's special because the team members literally depend on each other for their lives. They get on that fire truck not knowing whether they're going to come back or not. Each fire fighter has four other guys he relies on the man in front, the man in back, the incident commander and ultimately the fire chief. This city needs to be unified behind the choice for fire chief. The entire process has been kind of a mess from the start. Then the position was offered to an external candidate, maybe more than one, I don't really know, and that person As I understand it declined the position.</p> <p>I have spoken with several of our firefighters and they are upset with the process. The two internal candidates did not meet with each shift of firemen as the external candidates did. I believe that the candidates for chief be allowed to interview with the 3 shifts as well as the full city council so that the councilmembers can get a true picture from all concerned parties about the best nominee for fire chief.</p> <p>I would like to see the final offer for fire chief postponed until each candidate meets with each shift of the fire department and that the city Council also meet with each shift of firefighters and interview them regarding what they would like to see in the qualities of the new fire chief..Then the city council can make an informed selection and then unanimously appoint and support the new Chief.</p> <p>Thank you very much</p>	City Council	dudleyspangler@me.com
Mrs. SANDY DEWITTE FERENCZ	4 SEAHORSE CT, ISLE OF PALMS, South Carolina 29451	<p>For the last four days, I searched for words which had not already been sent to this Council which could possibly stir in each of you the desperation felt by the residents of Isle of Palms. We watch week after week as the representatives we voted into our City Government abandoned the safety, health , welfare and fiduciary responsibility which should be afforded the permanent residents. Whether it be parking, the connector, or the Marina, vote after vote represents anything but the residents,</p> <p>I employ this body to do what we voted you to do.....put residents first.....not last!</p> <p>With every vote tonight let us be your one and only concern. We trusted you with our vote now we ask you reciprocate with your votes.</p> <p>Thank You, SANDY</p>	City Council	ferenczsa@gmail.com
Mr Phil Cogbill	7 Marsh Island Lane, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>I want to say that SCDOT should NOT remove the emergency lane both because of the loss of a lane that may be needed for an evacuation as well as to respond to emergencies during the very high traffic periods during the Summer. This seems like a solution looking for a problem that does not exist. As several cyclists themselves have said the safest part of their rides is on the connector! If they want to spend money they should add bike lanes along Palm Boulevard and other busy streets.</p>	City Council	phcogbill@aol.com

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I urge you all to consider how litigious the City has become under this city council. Our taxpayer dollars keep going to pay outside attorneys to fight against so many different types of parties that I am concerned our precious island is losing respect all around. I thought it was easier to attract bees with honey than vinegar.

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Summer is quickly approaching. Let Tidal Wave open for the summer season while you settle your differences in court. Why would you rob us of this key island amenity for a pet park project you didn't even study for feasibility? It is the city's worst kept secret that so many of you have personal issues with the Tidal Wave owners. The residents and our taxpaying tourists just want to have fun in the sun. Let them.

I see on the agenda that you are considering to use COVID as an excuse again to tackle parking. We have several vaccines and the country is opening up. Enough is enough. Also, people want to bike and walk the beautiful connector. Why not be a partner with SCDOT rather than be an adversary? The State has more money and resources to assist the City for future projects. Again, honey - not vinegar.

I understand I have been critical of all of you on social media. It is my right and duty as a citizen of Isle of Palms to hold you as my elected officials responsible for the decisions you make on my behalf. I am not a friend of any of you because I have not met any of you. You have a lot of friends on this island with views different than mine. I hope you consider alternative points of view in your decisions. I will not hold my breath.

November 2021 cannot come soon enough.

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I think IOP needs to do a better job of explaining the primary issue with beach parking. We are fortunate to have very wide beaches that can accommodate peak season crowds. Our issue is the most desired parking spaces on the island happen to be on the busiest street on the island. As a resident driving down Palm Blvd. for the life of me, between trees, bushes, driveways, rightaways, etc. I would have a hard time clearly identifying a valid, legal parking spot; the 4 foot barrier solves one problem, but falls short. No wonder traffic flow grinds to a halt on a nice summer beach day. What can we do as a community to help our visitors easily identify and pull into a parking spot.

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Some suggestions: 45 degree lined parking, one way seasonal driving on Palm Blvd and Waterway, relocate Palm Blvd further left and create paved parking on the beach side, etc. Let's be creative and think more long term.

Mr. Vincent DiGangi                      4 42nd Avenue, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451                      Thank you for the hard work you do in making our island a great place for residents and visitors. I am deeply concerned about the SCDOT's attempt to restrict our parking plan. After years of hard work and expense through a study addressing traffic, safety, and other concerns of the residents, we implemented a well thought out plan that worked. The population adjacent to Isle of Palms will continue to grow, not addressing this now only kicks the can down the road. I would strongly support challenging the States overreach through legal action to resolve this issue. It is truly time to take a stand.

I also support the legal action taken against the tenets that were evicted from the marina. Good things come to those who wait and I believe we can out wait them, stay the course.

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DANIEL J TYLAK                      11 Edgewater Aly, Isle Of Palms, South Carolina 29451-2711                      Charleston County has been actively promoting biking for the last several years. Biking groups have been very vocal about areas (particularly bridges) where they felt that their needs were not being met. Bikers groups and individuals are frequent visitors to Isle of Palms, but I don't recall any organization complaining that their particular needs or safety were not being met by the current state of the IOP Connector Bridge. For the casual biker, walker or photographer, I would love to see one dedicated biker lane (on the north/east side) but only if it had a physical barrier that would protect users from vehicles accidentally drifting into the pathway.

If SCDOT wants to modify the current bridge maybe they should address it in conjunction with an IOP parking plan. Another option, would be to seasonally use the center median on the bridge as a conditional reverse traffic lane to ease the incoming flow in the morning and reversing it for outgoing flow in the late afternoon.

As far as the speed limit on the bridge, that can also be either seasonally or time of day adjusted to meet the needs of the community.

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Jim SMITHERMAN                      122 Sparrow Drive, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451                      I understand that no progress has been made to create a public use dock at the IOP marina because Tidalwave has refused to vacate the premises. To the Mayor and City Council members, I encourage you take all necessary steps immediately to evict Tidalwave so that we can get started on that project. Despite the misinformation, bullying and outright lies that are being told on Facebook, a public use dock has overwhelming support from most of the residents. In fact, I find it outrageous that Tidalwave and its supporters continue to attack the mayor and council members with misinformation in an attempt suggest that you are not acting in our best interests, which I believe you are. Please act now so that we can get the public dock project going. Thank you.

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Rene Mueller	3206 Hartnett Blvd, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>As public parking is being examined, I would like Council to address why the vast majority of the public parking is being pushed into the 21st-41st area- the area of our island with the most full time residents! In terms of traffic, crowds, and overall fairness, public parking should be equitably distributed across the island.</p> <p>Significantly, there is a mile long stretch on Ocean Blvd that isn't currently available for public parking. There has been a lot of blustering from folks in the area about keeping Ocean closed to parking because of safety (as if it is more safe on Palm Blvd). There are also threats about potential lawsuits. If you read the documents Mr Way (Beach Company) provided Council, however, you will see that public parking is allowed on Ocean Blvd (this isn't disputed). Mr Way's main argument is that allowing public parking on the RoW would diminish the 'exclusivity' of that area of the island (which is in the covenants) and property owners there (he is one of them) 'might' sue the city for damages. In another stretch, he also says property owners 'might' be able to sue the city if the public uses property owners private access paths (as if it is the city's responsibility). If Mr Way wanted Ocean Blvd to be exclusive, his company should've privatized that area like Wild Dunes or Kiawah and protected the area with gates (so good luck winning 'exclusivity' argument with a jury!). In closing, I'd like to emphasize that it is grossly unfair to have all the public parking and resulting traffic and crowds, crammed into one section of the island when public parking is clearly allowed on all major streets, including Ocean Blvd.</p>	City Council	muellerr@cofc.edu
Mrs Beatrice Love	9 Sand Dollar Dr, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	The change to the connector is most certainly not in the best interest of the residents. Removal of the emergency lane is a threat to our safety. It would prevent egress of our emergency vehicles. It would also prevent timely emergency assistance from Mt. Pleasant. Once an incident occurs on the connector all traffic would be halted. There have been NO vehicular/cyclist accidents on the bridge, So I see no need for a change. I agree with Chief Graham. The Chiefs should have been involved in this decision making process. I hope y'all can stop it. I hope you can find a legal way to clear out Tidal Wave.	City Council	badlove1@att.net
Mrs Kathy Xampbell	10 20th Ave, Iop, South Carolina 29451	Can we please have an informational meeting for IOP residents regarding the Connector?	City Council	iopcampbell@gmail.com
Tamara L Bryant	213 Forest Trail, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	Please arrange a public meeting for residents to get Information on the parking situation and plans going forward.	City Council	bitospice@bellsouth.net
mr giuseppe paolo colletti	476 onderdonk ave, ridgewood, New York 11385	Thank you. Frequent visitor of Isle of Palms.If you eliminate loading zones trucks will double park creating a traffic chaos. Why?	City Council	giuseppecolletti@gmail.com
Ms. Liz Harris	1126 Ocean Blvd, Unit 129, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	There are many businesses that completely rely on the current loading/unloading limited spaces from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The idea of turning these few unloading spaces into meters would force all deliveries to unload literally in the middle of the narrow road. If you are looking for additional income, why not broaden your meter areas than currently exist. There are many main side roads with no meters that aren't needed for the business district deliveries.	City Council	Liz.Harris.Consulting@gmail.com

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In regards to reworking the bike lanes on the IOP Connector, this is a total waste of time and money. The current path is over a full lane wide in both directions and from the many, many times I have travelled across the connector I have never witnessed any cases where a biker or walker appeared to be in any danger. Also with such a long wide open stretch of road with 100% visibility there is no reason to lower the speed limit. Additionally it sounds like this will reduce the availability of lanes to evacuate the island in case of a fast moving hurricane which would be more of a threat to residents than this work would solve. We have LOTS of other more important things for SCDOT to work on and fix and am not sure why this is even a topic!

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The existing traffic lanes seem ample and safe for walkers, bicyclists, and emergency vehicles. If the SCDOT plan moves forward the emergency service providers will suffer a tremendous set back. There are many times the connector is completely full which would mean substantial delays as emergency vehicles work through the traffic. Reducing the speed from 55mph to 45mph is a good idea, it would also make the current lane widths more safe. In my opinion, any change to the current lane configuration would be a grave error.

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