

Public Comment For City Meetings

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Comments for Council Meeting

Dogs and coyotes

This morning at 7:30 AM, Monday, August 10, I use my IOP PD yellow whistle to identify and alert which of the beach walkers was the “master“ of a dog that was approaching me. After our neighbor was bitten last week, I am especially diligent and practice “defensive walking”. A short while later while typing this on my phone, another dog startled me at my calf. My scream alerted the “master” who simply said “sorry“.

Noted the sign at Acess 35A says “Accompanied, Unleashed Dogs Allowed...”. Rather, it should say “Controlled, Unleashed...”, because that’s the ordinance, as I recall. Please, somehow, enforce with a hefty deterrent. Having to heal physically and emotionally from a dog bite, and going to small claims court as the deterrent, is too much for a victim to bear alone. Please consider City-imposed enforcements/deterrents.

Regarding coyotes, ripe fallen fruit abundantly laying beneath palm trees across from Access 35A, are a coyote attractant. Please be sure the city is administering the Coyote Management Plan adopted two years ago in May.

Thank you for your public service and consideration of the above.

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As you're well aware, there is far too much drama and vitriol on local facebook groups surrounding the parking situation on IOP. It's become increasingly apparent over the past few months that the pandemic has driven a lot of crazy out of hiding and into the open.

The incivility has now taken a turn to actually posting photos of island residents homes and cars, featuring suggestions that people spread nails around the resident's car or side-swipe it (<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10223432104100597&set=gm.3247756461939956&type=3&theater&ifg=1>)

We are rapidly reaching the point where the anger and vitriol over something as stupid as inconvenient beach parking is starting to lead to calls of vandalism on residents. We are not far from the point where someone is going to get assaulted over it. In 2019 I would have thought that statement sounded alarmist. But 2020 has seen a lot of violence across the country for all kinds of ridiculous reasons.

I encourage the Council to address this issue, and to stay the course on parking restrictions. We must not allow threats of vandalism or violence to dictate our policy. First, I encourage the Council to address this issue head on and make it clear that threatening residents will not influence the need to enforce social distancing during a pandemic to serve the interest of public safety. Second, I encourage the Council and specifically the Public Safety Committee to communicate this Facebook group and the comments encouraging illegal activity (my wife, Rebecca Bowen, submitted screenshots of the linked page above) to local law enforcement for review.

Apparently people have forgotten how to be civil. Or, worse, the civility was just a veneer, and the current state of unrest in other matters has given these people the license to show their true colors. Either way, we do not need or want them on our island -- to spread nails around our cars OR to enjoy our beaches -- and we need to make sure that they understand that throwing a tantrum on facebook and threatening commit crimes on our islands will not be rewarded.

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City council and Mayor, I write to you as a concerned IOP resident and parent. My husband and I have resided on the island for 4 years and purposely chose it because it is a safe place to raise our family. We are also realist and understand that free parking is a thing of the past. In an area that is growing as quickly as Charleston it is completely unrealistic to expect to park for free at any popular spot, be it a beach or downtown.

As a parent though, I have grown increasingly concerned by the posts that I have seen on the Charleston Area Public Beach Access and Parking Group on Facebook. They have increasingly made violent threats towards residents of IOP, Sullivans and Folly including taking to posting people's home addresses and as of today taking a picture of someone's car license plate and posting it on Facebook and encouraging members of the Facebook page to consult the county tax records to find out who this person is. This is extremely threatening and inappropriate. I know the subject of parking is on this week's agenda and I strongly encourage you to either continue the ban on parking or move to paid parking so we can put this mess behind us. Residents are increasingly terrified by the threats that this radical, unhinged group is making and we would like to see this issue put to rest.

Thank you,
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This comment is submitted on August 8, 2020 for the August 10,2020 meeting of Public Safety since comments are read in the order in which they are received.

A commercial trailer have been parked 24/7 parallel to the Baseball field on 29th Ave , blocking parking places numbered 47-48 and a back corner of the handicapped parking place.

There are no tags or markings to identify the owner or business..

My question is: how and why is this trailer permitted to park on 27th? Is overnight commercial parking allowed on 27th and if so when was that ordinance passed, I cannot find it.

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Comments for Council Meeting

As I watch the IOP council meeting of July 28 I listen to the reading of comments from off Island non residents complain about beach parking. To my shock a comment I wrote about the air and noise pollution from the waste water plant which was to be discussed at that meeting was not read. I recall writing it before the new parking laws took affect and listen to council say they would read in the order they received them. Also I listen to council members explain the need for a new waste water plant because the one in Wild dunes is in disrepair. Also saying they have toured the plant off the Waterway and that it is all wonderful and does not produce noise or smell. That is false. I can produce a half dozen people that will say that comment is false.

I have been awoken in the 5am hour many times from vacuum trucks, garbage trucks alarms going of and diesel generators running. I have a horrible smell coming from the storage tank ten feet from my back yard many times. This year everyday for a month three weeks before July 4 and a week after you could not be outside my house and even smelled a foul odor inside my house. July 16th and 17th they worked on the tank after I brought this up. The smell went away during the next week until the weekend. I texted both Chris from the water company and Jay from the sewer commission to come and smell it themselves seeing how they both called me a liar and says repeatedly that it does not smell and does not make noise at the 5am hour even on Sunday. There should be a police report on file when I called the IOP police on Sunday morning only to have the officer tell me the water company can work anytime they want. That Sunday morning it was a vacuum truck doing maintenance. The truck driver said he wanted to beat the heat and traffic for this I was awoken at 5am.

Yesterday Aug. 1st the smell came back with a vengeance a little before 4pm. Thunder could be heard in the distance and everyone left the beach and went home to take showers would be my guess why the storage tank smelled. It is the time of day that it reeks the most rendering my pool in the back yard unusable along with any other outdoor activity such as reading on the front porch.

It is my understanding that the tank is from the last plant and is a storage tank to hold excess waste til the plant can process it. I texted Chris and Jay to come by and smell it for themselves and was ignored again. At least I was not called a liar again.

I am concerned for my families health and welfare. It is science that waste water carries virus's and a host of other harmful stuff. I have read articles that covid-19 can be detected in waste water. I am concerned that an air born virus such as covid-19 is escaping the storage tank. If I can smell the sewer gas to the point it is giving me headaches I am concerned it can also infect me with covid-19 and other illness's. Something needs done about this I have call DEHEC and have a call into the DEP. I should be able to swim in my backyard or read a book on my front porch or cut my grass without the smelling foul odors. I should not have to worry about catching some virus from the fumes escaping the storage tank. I should not be woken up at 5am on a Sunday. I should not be called a liar when I bring this up to the people in charge. I should not have to hire a lawyer to seek justice. I should have the same quality of life as the rest of the people living on the island.

Again I ask why is another plant being moved from wild dunes where it sit in an open area with no homes or business around to suffer what I am suffering?

The water company has been a very bad neighbor and acts above the law. I would not wish them on no one.

Something needs done about this ,sweeping it under the rug will not work.....

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I moved here 24 years ago and we lived temporarily on the IOP while our house was being built. My son settled in as part of the Busy Bee children's group at the old rec center. As most of volunteer projects were health related and I had to drag him to them, I used the IOP as our fun volunteer projects to give back: turtle patrol, building the dune fences, planting sea oats. We have worshiped at breech inlet, Sullivan's Island and the Citadel Beach House. Family members have rented beach front houses. I taught my grandchildren that even broke shells are good as they are each unique and have character. Now my husband and I as we are aging can no longer park and use the beach to recharge and heal. I work in health care and need to decompress from the daily stresses. He was diagnosed during this pandemic with cancer. Please don't take the beach away from us. We usually avoid the beach during tourist season to allow others to use, but these aren't normal times. We can pay to park, but can't risk the crowds that you created by the park. 24 hour ban on parking in side streets just doesn't make sense. How much did you spend on the signs that you put up? So many questions, why???? Please think of the community and what should be our's as a whole and find away to share what we all should be allowed to use. Thank you!

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I'm concerned about the crosswalk on Palm near the Harris Teeter where the two lanes merge into one lane. This area becomes a NASCAR event with people speeding up to merge left. And then you have people on bikes and golf carts trying to cross traffic using the so ill marked crosswalk. The area needs to be painted with larger stripes and a big square shape with a standing blinking sign in the middle of it to warn drivers that there is a crosswalk coming up. This whole area is a mess.

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I agree with paid parking solution for beachgoers. I would extend to 7Pm....the "late" crowd seems to be the drinkers and also seem to leave the most liter behind (darker so i guess they feel no one sees them?)

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Comments for Council Meeting

The new parking rules are a violation of my right to access to the beach from Palm Blvd. You don't own the beach and I have lived in MP for 56 years and you are abusing your parking enforcement and rule making power. It is outrageous. My family loves the iop beach have a right to reasonable parking access without worrying about extreme fines.

I am organizing with several of friends and our personal attorneys to prepare a class action, civil rights' violation and elderly abuse lawsuits, as people like my elderly mom are being forced to walk long distances in the heat or stay home.

You are being unfair and this will not stand without a vigorous, peaceful legal fight and monetary damages due to people being mistreated like my family and friends expect a significant financial settlement. We will not be bullied by wealthy, near beach property owners.

When you buy property near a public beach, visitor traffic and parking are part of the package, so don't behave like it is not. If you want to privatize the beach, you cannot just wave your hand, take a greedy vote, and do it,

Sincerely,

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We visited the Coconut Joes Bar and restaurant last night at the IOP. I don't know where to start but I will take whatever steps needed to get answers.

My wife is handicapped (MS) and this place of business is very unprepared for wheelchair customers. They have a very substandard elevator and no ramps to reach the restaurant. There is a gate to the elevator (an old rickety elevator) and I had to go upstairs to ask how we get her in. The hostess said the lock is not locked to go ahead and use it. BTW, the elevator has not been inspected in 2 years (see picture).

While waiting to leave on the elevator, one waitress told us the elevator was not operating. I had to go back down to the bottom floor and bring it back up so we could get out. Very frustrated with this situation and the wearing masks was a joke too.

Respectfully

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Please do not disallow chairs and coolers on the beach. It is the one place where we can enjoy and stay apart easily. Chairs and coolers do not transmit the virus. In fact the chairs help segregate.

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We need our beach to remain open! It's a safe haven for us. Please do not restrict.

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Families are social distancing. There is no need to take family beach time away from county tax payers! My family and I visit IOP at least twice a week and it's our refuge for all that's going on. I have not witnessed any violations of social distancing except maybe at the county park. Police have a presence And most follow the rules. Please do not limit access!!!

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I recently had a conversation with the general manager "Chris" from the waste water plant. I brought to his attention that the waste water plant at the corner of Waterway and 41st street has issues. Living next to it for 6 years that was the first time I had complained about the smell.

I explained this to him the odor is taking my breath away making me sick to my stomach and lite headed. I told him I was concerned for me and my families health. Hydrogen sulfide can kill. I told him it is so bad I can smell inside my home with the window closed and AC on. I also complained about load noises at 5;30 that very morning.

His response was deny everything saying there is no noise and no smell. Basically calling me a liar.

I would have expected concern for my health and an offer to look into the cause of the hydrogen sulfide gas instead I got lies and accused of lying.

I have also reached out to council and got no response or concern for my health or my families.

As a last resort I have reached out to DEHEC for some solution to my problem. I find that very sad that a corporation can get away with this and to try and resolve this I have to outside the island to seek help. Very sad indeed.

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Thank you for having an emergency meeting to discuss restrictions on IOP. I am in full support of more restrictions on the beach, as well as restaurants and bars. Given the outbreak of Covid-19 in our state I am also in support of a complete closure of beaches. The spread of this virus will continue to worsen without further restrictions. Thank you!

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Close our beaches to out of state rentals but allow locals to use our beaches. We have been practicing social distancing.

Maybe limit number of cars coming onto IOP. Sullivan's Island prevented people from sitting on the beach with blankets and coolers which forced more visitors to IOP which was unfair.

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