

Public Comment For City Meetings

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Comments for Council Meeting

Tidalwave sports is a great business in IOP. They offer adventures for guests as well as residents. Their employees are awesome and they are respectful of the creeks and wildlife. Don't know why they'd be kicked out of the marina. Their footprint is small. Please let them stay - we love their services!

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I will be as brief as I can since I have already sent a lengthy e-mail to all 3 members of the Real Property Committee. (I did read this out loud in less than 3 minutes so it should fit the guidelines for Public Comments.)

I strongly support the presence of Tidalwave Water Sports (Tidalwave) at the Isle of Palms Marina and I hope that the City will negotiate in good faith for a new lease with them. The reasons for my support include the pleasure that my kids & grandkids get when they can get out on the waterway with the jetskis, kayaks, and parasailing offered by Tidalwave. Tidalwave offers the only opportunity on IOP for people who don't own personal watercraft to get out on the water that way. I also support Tidalwave for showing itself to be a very good tenant by providing help to those needing water rescues; by purchasing a van to transport customers to and from the Marina area thereby reducing their impact on the parking situation; and by offering to provide assistance to IOP residents who want to launch their own kayaks or paddleboards from the dockspace leased to Tidalwave. I don't know of any other Marina tenants doing anything similar to help IOP residents and visitors.

In that e-mail I also expressed my concerns about several things related to the City's handling of Marina-related issues.

- I still don't understand how a well-designed RFP for a new restaurant at the Marina would have yielded only 3 responses, all of which have ties to IOP. Although I do think that the City is negotiating with the best of the 3 responses, I question why there were no responses from anyone in other areas, e.g. Mt. Pleasant, Hilton Head, Myrtle Beach, or elsewhere around the state or even across the country.
- At the Community Forum about the Marina, my rights were violated (something I have never said before now) when an IOP City employee took a piece of paper out of my hands just when sat down at a table and started to read it, telling me that I wasn't allowed to have that piece of paper in that room. That piece of paper had been given to me by Michael Fiem of Tidalwave as I was entering the room. Why was I not allowed to read it?
- When the Forum results were presented at the most recent City Council meeting, the Red Dot votes taken at the end of the Forum were discounted under the assumption that some attendees may have given their 3 Red Dots to other attendees. IF that happened it was no different than giving someone your proxy vote and nothing was said during the Forum to indicate that you could not give your Red Dots to someone else. The Red Dot votes and many of the comments made during the Forum showed a lot of favorable support for keeping Tidalwave at the Marina. Is that why they are now being discounted?
- Also at the most recent City Council meeting it was said or implied that the new restaurant would need the parking spaces now allotted to Tidalwave. Why is that so? Was the possibility of additional parking mentioned in the RFP? Was the need for additional parking mentioned in the response to the RFP? If Morgan Creek Grill got by with the parking spaces allotted to it, why can't a new restaurant do likewise?
- There are a lot of Executive Sessions for almost every Committee meeting, but this is especially true for issues related to the Marina. Rarely, if ever, are residents given a good explanation as to why the Sessions are needed or what was discussed/decided during those Sessions. Given the questionable things that we know about, one has to wonder what kind of deals might be happening behind closed doors with no opportunity for citizen input. LACK OF TRANSPARENCY BREEDS LACK OF TRUST.

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A big thank you to members of City Council who have been looking out for the residents of Isle of Palms in the face of an onslaught of special interests. My biggest concern is overcrowding, especially at our marina. It's bad for the environment and bad for our quality of life. It is a zoo over there. With the presumed re-opening of the restaurant, it will get even worse.

Closing down the Tidal Wave concession will give us a little breathing room, less noise and traffic and an opportunity to provide a little precious public space for all the residents of the Isle of Palms.

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Now that you have the lease done, the whole island including over 1,000 other supporters on the Residents for Tidalwave page are wondering when you are going to discuss their lease extension. If what I heard was correct and you did not have to give the Tidalwave parking away for the new restaurant lease then here are the facts: 1) Tidalwave is permitted and licensed and bring value to the community, 2) Dock is in place, 3) Parking is available, 4) All Marina Tenants want them to stay, 5) and most important the community overwhelmingly wants them to remain in the marina.

Last I heard, you on real property and the rest of the City Council represent the residents of IOP, who this should be a very simple simple process to complete, unless there is another secret agenda.

Lastly, I stand by my earlier comment that Randy Bell should recuse himself or be recused from any Tidalwave lease issues or votes due to personal bias and conflict of interest.

Thanks very much.

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