

Public Comment For City Meetings

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please support the development of green space For a public park at the marina. Remember that residents have already expressed their preferences via two island wide referendums. How many times do we ned to vote to understand that the property should be for residents' enjoyment? I have been a resident here for 24 years and have seen a gradual erosion of public access to the marina. Each time I go to the marina, more and more space is being encroached upon by the commercial enterprises there. Soon, residents will be completely crowded out. Any commercialization of the property will be done with a 20-30 year lease, consequently, the opportunity to set aside waterfront property will be gone for generations. We can always vote for commercialization later, however, it will be decades before we get the opportunity to preserve green space for the public.

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I was extremely disappointed and frustrated today on my trip to the beach . Council members keep insisting that they are eliminating parking because of health and safety reasons . I have a problem excepting that logic when there were only two cars parked on the entire stretch of 42 Avenue which is residents only parking .

The landside of Palm Blvd between 42nd and 43rd had only one spot available. This is one example of why nonresident are so upset . Council members who are true leaders would realize everyone should have access to the beach and free parking not just residents of the IOP.

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I have fully in favor for new green space at marina. We pay taxes to maintain it, but there is no space set aside for residents to sit and enjoy view. When I voted in referendum to purchase the marina it was to save it from development and preserve it for citizens of IOP. Instead, all spaces along water were rented out and we have had No access-, yet we are paying through Taxes to maintain and repair it after years of neglect. What has happened to money collected from rentals? We were told that money would be put aside for maintenance? I have Never seen how much was ever collected from each rental? Since it's taxpayers money being used for repairs, we should have a yearly budget itemizing how much is collected from each rental.

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PLEASE DO NOT Remove land side of Palm. That would remove more than 60% of parking along this section of roadway. This will do nothing to address safety of residents and short term renters who still need to cross the road.

Lowering the speed limit is far more effective and less expensive than reducing parking. Would also add additional revenue for the City in speeding violations. Lack of incidents does not support need for a change. There is no pedestrian/vehicle accidents on record. Reducing parking by removing land side parking will put IOP out of compliance with Local Comprehensive Beach Management Plan. Reducing parking will increase traffic as visitors circle over and over looking for parking. I urge you to take into consideration the need of ALL Charleston County residents access to the beaches. Failure to do so will create a bad situation for Isle of Palm residents and Charleston County Residents alike.

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Please stop making excuses for reducing parking and eliminating free parking for your neighbors. We see right through your excuses of COVID and public safety. These are not valid reasons for eliminating free parking. There are no records of pedestrian incidents on Palm Blvd, thus no reason to remove parking on the land side. Please instead tell us your real concerns then work with your neighbors to come up with reasonable solutions that follow what is right for everyone in South Carolina. It is the right of every citizen to have free access to the public beaches. You cannot make Isle of Palms a private island.

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To my understanding, Isle of Palms' beaches are restored just like all the other beaches in Charleston County with the Beach Restoration Act and ALL county residents pay for that. So, as a taxpayer in Charleston County, I think restricting parking is unfair and unjust. Also, switching to a bus from individual cars is a poor mask for safety concerns due to Covid-19. You'd do better to cite environmental concerns and climate change.

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I love the beach. It's not just my happy place - it's my therapy. Please consider that removing the land side of parking on Palm reduces the available parking by as much as 60% for this section of road. Safety has been cited as a concern but if that is truly the case, how will you then ensure the safety of the land side residents/vacation renters as they still have to cross the road to access the beach? To be direct, reducing parking on Palm makes IOP no longer in compliance with the Local Comprehensive Beach Management Plan not to mention increasing traffic flow as visitors circle time and again looking for available parking. To my knowledge, there is no record of accidents or fatalities on Palm due to parking issues, is that correct? A better and smarter approach is to lower the speed limit to 25 and perhaps install a few speed bumps. I appreciate you listening to my concerns.

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Please have a heart and and some common sense regarding our small businesses! We do not need more restrictions on masks and parking! Our numbers are down! And leave Tidal Wave on the island please. Everyone deserves to enjoy the beach, we are so fortunate to live here! Thank you for listening!!

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Comments for Council Meeting

Mayor Carrol and city counsel members,

In regards to the issues concerning public parking on IOP I firmly believe the DOT easement should be available to visitors to the island. The homeowners have no exclusive rights to this property and are in my opinion making a selfish, stingy and down right mean statement when they park anything and everything they can roll out to the edge of their property to block the visitors from parking and visiting the beach. I've seen boats old cars and Jeep's yard debris and landscaping shrubs on the right of ways and, the driveways empty. You allowing this to continue places you in the same selfish, stingy and mean place as the homeowners. I would urge you to remove the no parking signs that serve no purpose but to restrict visitors from enjoying the island. As a life long Mount Pleasant resident that spent most of my life on the island and enjoying the beach it angers me that You our closest neighbor would approve of such a selfish and entitled idea.

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Our family completely disagrees with all of the restrictions IOP Council is placing on parking. This includes the restrictions on Palm that have occurred over the past couple years- moving from vertical parking to parallel, to eliminating it during in the name of COVID, and now eliminating it on the land side in the name of safety. It is becoming crystal clear that IOP council is not working toward safety or anything of the such. The intentions are to privatize the beach.

I cannot say it any better than Corey Kinsella:

On Tuesday, September 22nd, the Isle of Palms City Council is going to meet to discuss, among other things, eliminating parking on the land side of Palm Blvd. The overwhelming evidence indicates that the decision has already been made to eliminate as many as 217 more parking spaces from public use. Let's break this decision down by the very arguments the Council has cited and decide if this really makes sense. Then let's talk about what we can do about it.

Also, to view my previous post on eliminating parking on the land side of Palm Blvd, click here:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3182206055161664/permalink/3251929531522649/>

*** But Safety! It's Too Dangerous to Park and Cross Palm Blvd.! ***

So, let's get this straight... the Council has determined that pedestrians are at risk of being hit by drivers so the solution is to reduce the number of...potential victims? By that logic, rather than try to remove criminals off the street, we should make it illegal to go out in public with an expensive watch or handbag! Palm Blvd. is dangerous... that is unless you are crossing Palm Blvd. from a residence on the land side of Palm. In that case, you are somehow much more visible to the next vehicle on the hunt. Yep, you're good.

If you really want to discuss safety seriously, the speed limit along Palm Blvd. is the real danger. Even while no car vs. pedestrian accidents have been reported along Palm Blvd., reducing the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph would add 60% more reaction distance for a car traveling along the road. And how exactly is it safer to put families, sometimes with small children and rambunctious pets in tow, on the side of the road with no sidewalk?

But this isn't about safety. If it were, they'd have reduced the speed limit already.

*** But what about the emergency vehicles that travel along Palm Blvd.? ***

They can't get past all the traffic and parked cars, right? Fortunately, Isle of Palms is well prepared for the scenario where emergency vehicles need to travel Palm Blvd. on a busy day. First, there is a fire station near either end of Palm Blvd from 22nd to 41st avenue. Second, there are multiple side streets including Waterway which parallels Palm that could be used in an emergency with little delay. Lastly, there is actually a really large amount of state owned right of way available on Palm Blvd. As much as 75 feet including the roadway! The roadway is only 22 feet wide so that means there is another ~50 feet of right of way to spare. While the majority of the right of way is currently "occupied" by landscaping and other resident obstacles, it seems to me that rather than eliminate parking, we could actually add parking. In fact, make it perpendicular again on the land side (or both sides)! And still have plenty of room for a passing emergency vehicle. Just slow the traffic down!

But this isn't about emergency vehicles. These very talented professionals will tell you that there isn't a problem to solve as compared to any other two lane road.

*** Isle of Palms already has 7.5X the beach access points and 7X the parking than is necessary! We have plenty of parking so get over it! ***

I've heard this argument a few times and as a math nerd it really bothers me. First, on it's face there is a problem. The state law requires a certain amount of parking per access point (very specific instructions on this). So if you have 7.5X the beach access points, than in order to comply you must have at least 7.5X the parking. So they just admitted that some access points have inadequate parking. Second, depending on where the beach access point is, the rules are specific and clear on how much parking is necessary and along Palm Blvd., some locations are almost assuredly already out of compliance now. Take a look at my other post where I examine a section of Palm Blvd for a sample of how this math doesn't check out. Or even better, visit IOP for yourself. Take a look at how much parking has been eliminated along the ocean side of Palm Blvd. Sometimes unintentionally, sometimes not. But this isn't about following the law. That was broken a long time ago when they ignored the part that says they must "prepare plans... to enhance beach access and parking."

And Now the Truth.

The truth is the Isle of Palms wants to take away parking on the land side of Palm for two very significant and disturbing reasons. First, they want day trippers to go away. They want you to give up on now even more limited parking and find another beach or another summer activity to enjoy besides the beach. They want the island to become more "resident only" because they don't like to share "their" road with you. Imagine having to sit in 10-20 minutes of traffic in an attempt cross into Mount Pleasant to go to your favorite restaurant or shop. And having to do that a whole 30 days out of the year! Yikes! Okay, sarcasm over.

I believe a second reason the Island wants to take away parking on the land side of Palm Blvd is far more unreasonable and silly. I've found evidence that there may be plans in the future to add a golf cart path along the land side of Palm Blvd. If true, ~217 parking spaces, providing recreational enjoyment to literally tens of thousands of annual visitors (many of whom pay state taxes that maintain this very road), may disappear so a few IOP residents and renters can ride their golf carts.

We can stay silent and grant them these luxuries, all at the expense of enjoying with our friends and families one of South Carolina's greatest resources – entrusted to ALL South Carolina residents and owned by none. Or we can have a voice and make sure we are heard. So, make your voice heard. Click on the link below to leave a comment at the Council meeting. Let them know that you representing a whole community who will not stand by while access to our beaches is taken from us. We will continue to push for legislation that removes their power to decide how state-owned roads are used. We will share and educate our neighbors on how these issues affect everyone in the area. We will continually stay involved in the decisions made by the few that affect the many.

Link to leave a comment for the Council: <https://www.iop.net/public-comment-form>

Need reasons why removing parking on the land side of Palm Blvd is a bad idea? Here are just a few! Feel free to discuss in the comments below or use in your comments to the Council!

- Removing land side of Palm parking removes more than 60% of parking along this section of roadway.
- This will do nothing to address safety of residents and short term renters who still need to cross the road.
- There is no sidewalk on the ocean side of Palm Blvd.
- Lowering the speed limit is far more effective and less expensive than reducing parking. Would also add additional revenue for the City in speeding violations.
- Lack of incidents does not support need for a change. No pedestrian/vehicle accidents on record.
- Reducing parking by removing land side parking will put IOP out of compliance with Local Comprehensive Beach Management Plan.

- Reducing parking will increase traffic as visitors circle over and over looking for parking
- The ocean side of Palm Blvd has far more drainage and road condition problems than the land side. Under current law, if a problem on a roadway has been reported and not fixed and damage to a vehicle has occurred, the state may be liable to pay for the damage.
- There are seemingly no standards or rules in place regarding how much landscaping and other obstacles (including extra wide driveways, rocks, "abandoned" vehicles, fake mailboxes, etc.) residents are allowed to put in place, reducing parking - especially on the ocean side of Palm.

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I have decided I can no longer remain silent. I am the father of 7 and also represent lots of families in MtP that are refusing to allow the continued limiting of our free beach access. If this complete overreach continues, I along with many others, will push for legislation to remove the power of IOP to decide how their state-owned roads are used. I have been and will continue to educate my neighbors on what the IOP council has been doing under the guise of COVID and safety. Our coastline is not owned by IOP residents or anyone. We have been entrusted by our Creator to protect one of SC's greatest resources and make sure it is accessible to all and that's exactly what I and many other intend to do. Lower the speed limit to 25, install some speed bumps and allow parking on both sides of Palm. If the council and homeowners are so concerned about landscaping then gravel 4ft on both sides and it's no longer an issue. Please stop attempting to privatize the beach that we all love. Thank you for listening.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Hello to Council,

I wanted to start by saying Thank you for your hard work keeping our Island safe.

I know you are voting for what to do down at the marina where Tidal Wave was. I'm hoping you will consider Greenspace. Iop has grown so fast it would be nice to have some common area for the guests and the residents.

Thank you again, Marie Furlano

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Stop thinking about yourselves. A public beach is for the public. If you want a private island move to Kiawah. You are ruining IOP. It's getting such a bad reputation. I feel terrible for all of the restaurants and businesses.

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Please do not institute paid parking. Please keep our beaches accessible. I already pay for the parking lot.

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Just heard about Tidal Wave! We come to IOP 3x/year w my 3teens. Only thing they want/can do on IOP is jet ski! We used to live on Mt Pleasant n love the area. We spend lots to eat/stay/tshirts! Take this away and u lose the youth and family who want ACTIVITIES

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Don't kick these amazing people off their dock they are awesome and such good people spreading great vibes and providing a wonderful safe service!

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I am in support of Tidalwave!!! Find a way to work it out. I do not support any City Funds being used to support the current efforts against Tidalwave.

So far, the residents who support Tidalwaves concerns are not being recognized.

What agenda is being kept from us Morons?

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My job is gone now

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Tidal waves has been an integral part of Isle of Palms for the past 26 years. Many young men and women have worked their summers at Tidalwaves, many vacationers have very fond memories and several rescues helping stranded and injured victims in the intercoastal waterway have been done by Tidalwaves. Ending your relationship with Tidalwaves does nothing but hurt the economy the vacationers and the spirit of isle of Palms. Your decision is shortsighted and will not benefit anyone on IOP except for perhaps one or two councilman.

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I find the removal of Tidalwave Watersports to be absolutely ridiculous. They have been positive members of the IOP community for over 15 years. Not only have they hired local kids for summer jobs, but they have also brought in money for other local business. I believe the real reason Tidalwave is being forced to leave is for personal gain in "quieting" the community.

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Thanks for taking away my job at Tidalwave. Sleep well at night. Youre lucky God has taught me to forgive people like you.

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Comments for Council Meeting

With respect to all council members,

I live on James island, which I realize is outside of the isle of palms area, however, the two-three times a year that I come to IOP it always includes a trip to see the guys at Tidalwave! It's one of my absolutely favorite places to bring friends a family, who ALWAYS, compliment on how much fun they had, how beautiful IOP was and how great the Tidalwave team is. It's such an amazing way to demonstrate how beautiful the low country is from the water. These guys have been outstanding members of our community, bringing so much joy to residents and guests, they are truly a part of what makes Charleston one of the top places to visit. I just don't understand how a company who has been here for so many years, can just be ousted over a few complains, it just feels so wrong, so not the in the spirit of southern hospitality that I love so much about our lowcountry living. So much of our precious community has been forever changed by COVID-19, and many of those who are impacted are in the food/entertainment space. Please, please, let's not add Tidal Wave to the list of places we loved and lost during this pandemic!! Thank you!!!

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KEEP TIDAL WAVE WATER SPORTS OPEN!!! They are a staple in the community and they have worked for years to build such a successful and well respected business.

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Please put an end to this travesty that is happening because Tidal Wave refuses to leave. They are on record in the media last year acknowledging that their lease was not renewed. I am tired of the vile attacks on Council and the spread of lies and misinformation, especially by non residents.

Please Please Please put an end to this false soap opera!

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Please take action to remove Tidal Wave from the property that they no longer have a lease for. The viciousness of their "supporters" on social media has gone to far. I am embarrassed that our Council has had to endure these personal attacks and name calling, as well as the spread of false information and out and out lies. I am tired of non residents trying to steer what happens in our community.

Please make this go away so that we can enjoy the space for our residents!

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The issue before you today is very narrow and non-emotional. As the City Council you are the executive board of the Incorporated City of Isle of Palms and as such you are empowered to enter into contracts on behalf of the community. If you are unwilling to both abide by and enforce the basic contractual agreements that the board has approved then you need to resign your position. Legal agreements that are abdicated by whim or personal fiat make us not a community of law, but a community of chaos.

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Whether one supports Tidal Wave or not, the level of absolute disgusting disrespect that is displayed towards IOP City Council members is appalling. In all my years as a visitor on the island, I have never used Tidal Wave Sports and would never even consider it now. No tenant, private or public, should be condoning the behavior; yet alone encouraging it. The stickers that were made with "FCK Randy Bell" that were displayed on their "friends" Facebook page is beyond inappropriate and just horrible. The page represents a small number of screen warriors and bullies that the business stands with. This business has no place on this island or anywhere in the state in my opinion.

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Greetings,

When you meet to discuss Tidal Wave, please think about the sticker the pro-Tidal Wave people created and proudly displayed - "FCK Randy Bell"

Is this the type of people you want to occupy city property? Makes me want to have as much Green space as possible.

Please consider the quiet, non-abusive people of the community when you come to a decision.

Thanks.

Regards...Daniel J. Tylak

ps. I have a photo of the sticker in question if you need further proof.

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After today's demonstration with the vulgar bumper stickers and signs, my wife and I cannot support Tidal Wave's presence on our island or in our community. You have also lost customers in my daughter and her 4 children at Tidal Wave. Please correct this problem. The attacks on Randy Bell and other council members are unwarranted and unappreciated.

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As a generational Charlestonian, lover of SC natural resources, and someone who has grown up on IOP/ Sullivan's my whole life, I urge IOP council to consider a new lease agreement or facilitation to let TidalWave Watersports remain in business on IOP. This business offers so much to residents and visitors, they help in the community, and in today's climate any thriving business willing to stay open should be encouraged by its town.

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I hope the voice of the majority of the people on IOP will be listened to with regard to Tidalwave being allowed to continue on the island.

The results of public forum in Jan and recent polling in past mo ,reveal majority of residents favor allowing Mark and crew to renegotiate their lease,Please listen to your constituents wishes and allow Tidalwave to remain. Thanks C Anderson

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Dear City Council Members,

I'm writing this in hopes of helping to find a solution that everyone can live with regarding the ongoing discussion of Tidalwave Watersports. I have been a member of the Charleston community for close to 20 years now. And over those 20 years I have seen time after time this company coming together with not only the IOP community, but with all of us who get to enjoy this beautiful city. Not only have they been a pillar of what makes IOP so special, but a reason that the residents who live here can take their families out for a day of fun, a reason people come back year after year and have that one special activity that the whole family can enjoy together.

If that alone wasn't enough of a reason to keep this local business here at IOP, let me remind you of a few more. And these reasons are what really make Tidalwave so important. It's all the things this business has done without pause, without hesitation, without asking for anything in return. Who were the first the first on the scene on that tragic day when we lost such a special man Lucas Smith and his co-pilot Cara Lee Donohue, who has been there for so many other horrific accidents on the water when first responders could not get there as fast, who has helped residents and their children with rides to safety or school when bridges are closed down for hurricanes, who provides free of charge the children at Camp Happy Days (who are fighting battles with cancer) a few days to live a normal life, who is constantly giving back to this community in any way they can...the answer is Tidalwave everytime! They have gone above and beyond countless times and without them you are affecting each and every person who has benefited in some way from their kindness.

Clearly there is another way, another plan for the marina revamp that will include them. Who is it hurting by keeping them right where they have been for so many years? It might not be in your own personal interest and what you want and that's ok. But each and every one of you were voted into your position by the residents, and the residents have spoken on more then one occasion that they do in fact want Tidalwave to be part of their island. You want to build a green space and park for the island, that's a great idea. And Tidalwave has offered \$50,000 their own money to help with this, why would you not take it to help build your vision. All they are asking is to be included, to be part of this new design. They occupy such a small area of the existing marina, why is it so hard to make a little room for them in this new plan? They still have 2 five year terms left on their lease the city drew up for them so many years ago. If the way it's written is a little outdated, or needs to be fixed to meet with the current situation, let's do that. Find a way to compromise, and honor the contract they were promised years ago. Politics and personal agendas should be put aside, you are here to do what's right for the city and it's residents...well the majority has voted to keep them. In a time where so many small businesses are struggling to even make it with the way the world is right now, you have the power to help one of them survive. Let's not see another local business go under. Please help keep this community together, you are not only hurting the three families that depend on this business to keep food on the table, you are hurting all of those who have been impacted by their generosity.

So let's go back to the drawing board and find a way for all of us to get what we want.

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Please renew Tidal Wave's lease. This business does so much for IOP in ways of boosting the income to the Island. Residents and the public want this business to remain. Please renew the lease.

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I am dismayed to see that Council is still discussing Tidal Wave. How many votes do we need! Voters were promised, with two island wide votes, that the marina would be bought and developed for public use. When originally purchased, there were limits to what the city could do to enhance public use of the property. Now that the TW lease has expired, Council has the ability, legal right and obligation to voters follow through with setting aside this area for a waterfront park. Island residents have waited long enough.

The argument that TW is vital to the community is false. Its rents do not cover its marina expenses, it is not a huge generator of taxes, and its jobs are seasonal and low paid. I would also like to point out that TW caters overwhelmingly to tourists, not residents. I know of few island residents who routinely use TW as a family of four renting two jet skis for 2 hours would spend over \$500. TW is hardly the poster child for public access.

Finally, I would like to highlight an important fact that has yet to come up probably due to many understanding that TW's lease is expiring. Many waterfront communities, including Charleston, have banned or dramatically limited the use of jet skis "due to their high maneuverability, high speed, ability to travel in shallow areas, and noise patterns that are unique and annoying". Two years ago, TW doubled its purchase of jet ski and complaints and accidents have risen substantially. Jet ski renters pose problems for kayakers and fishers of the quite creeks surrounding our island but they are especially obnoxious and dangerous when they get too close to boats and docks as they seek to jump wakes. This has become a routine occurrence. Jet skis also destroy the marsh. I feel sure that, sometime in the near future, the island would be seeking to limit commercial leasing of jet skis anyway. This is one additional reason why Council should proceed with ensuring that TW vacate the premises.

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This is an outrage and disservice to the community. Not only is the council not listening to the voters and tax payers, but they are lying to the community. Isle of palms is going to see a huge negative impact on revenue and tourism which will in turn impact Charleston as a whole. Being a native to Charleston I feel it's important to start electing natives to protect our culture and values of community over condominiums and secret plans for our towns. Let's be real, this won't be a public park that will bring in income or revenue. The pay to park that was recently implemented is only hurting the locals and riding IOP of a long standing establishment that provided jobs to our youth. Taking away a business on purpose when so many are going under due to covid-19 is just disgusting.

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Y'all stop being corrupt and let Tidal wave stay. They are essential to the island. They bring so much business to the area(why half you houses rent out with 10 families for 6k a week). Also the support and jobs they provide for the community. So again stop being corrupt and let Tidal wave stay. NOT ONE SINGLE REASON OR TRUE Local want a park! We rather Tidal Wave stay.

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Comments for Council Meeting

City Council Members: Thank you again for your 6-2 vote for a public dock and green space. I bemoan the fact that what should now be a new beginning is being thrown into possible litigation. Please stand strong and do what ever is necessary to uphold your conviction for a dock and green space.. The "silent" majority is beside you all the way and await the opportunity to put words into action to assist you and the administration. .

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Comments for Council Meeting

Its is unfortunate that I must start this comment with "I am very disappointed and quit honestly embarrassed by your actions over the last 2-3 years. But since the Corona virus has hit, Council has escalated my negative feelings about your performance. You have turned into a Council of personal objectives, repeatedly dismissing Residents overwhelming input.

Not so Hidden Personal Agendas are everywhere!!!! Councils contempt for its Residents is disturbing. We are not Morons!!!!

Mayor Carroll and City Manager Fragoso. You have lost control of the ship. Who is in charge????? RB!!

Since you have thrown out the Residents input on the future of the marina and continue to reference untrue data from that night, it makes it clear you have NO interest in what we want.

As for your meeting tonight regarding Tidalwave, I strongly suggest you pay more attention to over 100 people who showed up at 8:00am to support Tidalwave vs one out of touch Councilmember. Our wishes are very clear... FIGURE IT OUT!!!

So disappointed. Between the Beach and Tidalwave, you have the Island the JOKE of the low Country.... So proud to live here..not!

Unfortunately again. I doubt this will make any impact at all.

Best

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Comments for Council Meeting

What does it take for you to recognize that the majority of IOP residents want Tidalwave Watersports to stay on IOP? Six of you made a big mistake when you voted against anything that might give Tidalwave an opportunity to remain in business here. You say that you talk with people and know that there are more residents who want greenspace and a public access dock than residents who want to keep Tidalwave on IOP. You say that in spite of the fact that input given to you via e-mail and Public Comments, even input from the Community Forum, does not substantiate your thoughts. You turned a deaf ear to the majority opinions expressed by residents in those Public Comments and e-mails. And you turned a deaf ear to the offer from Tidalwave to greatly increase the rent over what they have been paying, their offer to donate \$50,000 towards greenspace in the marina area, and their commitment to continue helping anyone who wants to launch a kayak or paddleboard at their dockspace.

You cite a vote from April 2019 in which it was decided not to renew the lease with Tidalwave; that's not a valid explanation because that vote did not rule out negotiating a new lease with Tidalwave. The Mayor cites a 1998 newspaper article about the City purchasing the marina. That article says that the Marina was purchased to insure that the boat ramp would continue to be there for public access; it says nothing about greenspace or a separate launch area for kayaks and paddleboards. Those things are fairly new ideas that were not mentioned back when the marina was purchased.

You never offered any explanation for your vote, other than you think that you are voting for what the majority of residents want, but the data do not support that. Had you followed up on the offer from Tidalwave, IOP would continue to have a paying tenant and everyone could have been satisfied except those few who want Tidalwave gone no matter what. Consider yourselves fortunate to be meeting via Zoom from your homes. Were it not for Covid, IOP residents would be attending Council meetings where you could see for yourselves how many people support Tidalwave. Council Chambers would be overflowing with Tidalwave supporters. I ask again, what does it take for you to recognize that the majority of IOP residents want Tidalwave to stay on IOP?

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please take whatever action is necessary to remove Tidalwave from City Owned Property and require them to pay for all legal expenses.

I had nothing against them personally, but their ongoing pressure and tactics on social media and in other ways have no place on our island. This is out of control and they need to be stopped. Their lease expired on September 30 and they have known that for over a year. They need to leave the island.

Additionally, it needs to be stated that Randy Bell is working tirelessly for our city. The fact that he brought to light some valid concerns about the Tidalwave lease and their performance in regards to that is no reason for him to be singled out in this way. Whether others agree with his stance on issues or not, a public servant does not deserve the slander that is being directed at him.

I am sorry that you are having to take so much time and energy to deal with this.

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Comments for Council Meeting

To members of our City Council,

I have been disappointed and vocal by the non-transparency of this City Council especially with the ongoing Tidalwave issues as well as the deeply flawed RFP "NON-RFP" process for the new Marina Restaurant that will be surely investigated once all your secrecy around the lease disclosed - but that will be another matter.

Today, as a MORON per the description of Mr. Randy Bell, I am writing this letter to express how disgusted I am at your handling of the Tidal Wave process and the August and September votes on the issue. Many of you showed no ability to or innovation behind what could have been instead your decision to not renew the lease and just snuff them out of business after 16 plus years at the Marina was disgusting, ruthless and harmful to more than just the owners and employees of Tidalwave.

Back in the August meeting you were offered by Tidalwave a perfect opportunity to send this issue back to the real property committee so that they could come up with innovative and creative public / private partnership that the residents and taxpayers that could be voted on. A public / private partnership between the City owned Marina (meaning IOP residents and taxpayers as owners) and Tidalwave whereby the following objectives could have been designed and this along with a new restaurant could have been "YOUR LEGACY".

We could have had it all, a WIN-WIN offering:

1. Tidalwave to continue offering access to the water via jet skis and parasails and remain in business offering services to residents and tourists.
2. A new \$50,000 waters edge GREENSPACE would be created where residents can enjoy the sunsets and views right along with all the other Marina GREENSPACE offered. (You voted for GREENSPACE, but failed to put out a plan of what that is nor do you have a budget for it)
3. Secure and safe access to the docks, since there is no fishing or crabbing of the dock the only reason to access the dock to maybe launch a paddle board or kayak which is hard to do safely without help.
4. Tidalwave was willing to offer free paddle board and kayak launch for residents and make sure it was done safely.
5. The City could have got more revenue for the dock, and Tidalwave was willing to maintain the dock at their own cost.
6. And the most important issue that has been forgotten is the first responder assistance because even one life lost on our waterways is to much.

Finally, the residents would have been happy because you could have presented them with a WIN-WIN solution, which is really want true government leadership is supposed to strive to accomplish.

Instead, according to Randy Bell in the August meeting, "it was too hard to collect resident data", "it was too hard to allow residents to vote", and the most brutal comment was "We are not good at that" and finally "I will be attacked by the Social Media Morons". Yes he referred to us as Morons, and you said and nothing to censure him.

Council, you can do better, you can't hide from all the residents and taxpayers behind your screens, but you can stop litigation and bring unity to the IOP community instead of continuing with all the hatred the community now has toward the 6 of you that voted to kill Tidalwave dead in September.

Mr. Bell, honestly you keep bringing up, over and over, what was decided by the old Council voted for on April 19, 2019, and honestly most of us don't care what the old council voted for and decided, because you were all voted in as a new council in 2020 with the hopes of YOUR VOTERS (remember them) and promises that you would come up with new and innovative ideas for City issues but instead we have Mr. Bell have constantly creating a cancer within the City Council with his hatred and BIAS of Tidalwave and now he stoops so low that he feels he has the power to call anyone that speaks out against him as Morons, this after verbally attacking me in the Marina causing an unnecessary confrontation that got his wife charged with a 3rd degree assault (charges still pending, awaiting trial)

With all this anger from Mr. Bell causing many on council to follow his lead, you have caused nothing but anger in the community to the point that most of the message boards are very clear and come next November unless you change there will be 4 of you that probably will be voted out and replaced.

I urge you to stop the hatred and stop this lawsuit against Tidalwave and do at least one positive uplifting thing for our community during 2020 by giving the residents both Tidalwave and Green-space and let TW pay more for their dock lease and take the burden off the City Budget.

I don't expect my email or the hundreds of other resident emails to change your mind because you all seem to be focused on following Randy Bell down a path to kill Tidalwave that has got you to be called "The BellDingers" from the community and it must be hard to know that a majority in your community really don't support you.

Your legacy will not be how you all think or imagined, trust me you will be known as the most controversial, ruthless and non-transparent City Council in history, we will make sure of it.

Have a nice day

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Afternoon all. Hope y'all are enjoying the weather.

By now you probably realize the support Tidal Wave has here on the IOP and in surrounding areas.

Maybe it's time to come back to the table and come to a resolution that benefits everyone.

Trying to run off a locally owned business that generates revenue for the IOP doesn't make sense.

Save The Wave.

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Comments for Council Meeting

Please don't rip away a small business from your community's island that has been a staple of tourism there for twenty plus years. It is a privilege to live here in the beautiful low country and even more so to own watercraft. Tidalwave Watersports provides the opportunity for visitors and residents alike to experience the low country from a different perspective out on the water and to allow those who can't afford boats, jet skis, etc. to ride one for the day.

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Dear Council,

Seriously this is way above and beyond your payroll. Tidal Wave lease is over, they are illegally on City owned property, they are costing all of you too much time and costing the city money, and their behavior is despicable.

Randy Bell along with all of you are just doing your job. Really, nasty bumper stickers and manicans giving the "finger" They need to vacate willingly or be forced out today!

Let the residents begin beautifying the Green Space you all so kindly voted for.

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Sending this message as the operator of a small business located at the Isle of Palms Marina. I've worked next to the Tidal Wave Operation for years. While I may not understand what is fully going on. I can tell you that this is a really good family run business. They've always been nothing but nice to me and I think they deserve renegotiation of their lease. Also to be honest, Tidal Wave will be the first ones on scene of any first responder situation in or around IOP or Dewees. There's something to be said about that They've always been there for me and I got nothing but love For the company.

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You did not renew Tidal Waves lease, there for I don't believe they should continue to have any access, free or otherwise, to that site.

Do not bow down to picketers/protesters. They are acting like a bunch of spoiled children.. Please do what the rest of us asked you to do.

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