

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
5:00 p.m., Monday, June 9, 2008

The regular meeting of the Personnel Committee was held at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 2008; due to problems with the air conditioning in Council Chambers, the meeting was moved to the Recreation Center at 24 Twenty-eighth Avenue, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Present for the meeting were Chairman Piening, Council members Bettelli and Taylor, Administrator Tucker, Assistant to the Administrator Dziuban and City Clerk Copeland.

1. Chairman Piening called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the press and the public had been duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.
2. **MOTION: Councilman Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 13, 2008 as submitted; Councilman Bettelli seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
3. **Citizens' Comments – None**
4. **Old Business**

Update on Election Authority Transfer to Charleston County

Administrator Tucker reported that the transfer process was moving along well. Clerk Copeland had communicated via email with the members of the Municipal Election Commission about the transfer and the dissolution of the Commission; a letter from Mayor Sottile followed that email thanking each of the members for their contribution and alerting them to the fact that the Charleston County Board of Elections would be calling upon them for assistance with future elections. The responses from them has been very positive toward the change. The Administrator related that City Attorney Sottile has made the request for the transfer of authority to the Department of Justice. Administrator Tucker expressed that she was hopeful of a clean transfer having occurred by the time the City was required to hold its next election.

On a related subject, the Administrator discussed a letter from Attorney Sottile, that she had shared with City Council members, relative to the inquiries into filling unanticipated vacancies on Council seat and reducing the number of persons on Council. The attorney's response on filling Council vacancies was that state law requires "that any vacancy on council which occurs more than 180 days prior to the next regularly scheduled election be filled at a special election." Research into reducing the number of council members found that the number could be reduced to five (5) or to seven (7) by "either a majority vote of council or a petition signed by fifteen percent (15%) of the registered voters in the City can require a special referendum to approve a reduction in

the number of council members to either seven (7) or five (5). If the referendum passed, the reduced size of council would be effective at the next general election.”

Councilman Taylor reflected that there would be an election in the fall where the City could hold a referendum on reducing the number of Council members. Administrator Tucker commented that one of the reasons the subject had come up for discussion was that it was unusual for a municipality with a population comparable to the Isle of Palms to have a Council as large as nine (9) members.

5. **New Business** – None

6. **Next Meeting Date:** 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 5, 2008

MOTION: Councilman Bettelli moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 5:10 p.m.; Councilman Taylor seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Committee returned to regular session at approximately 5:33 p.m.; Chairman Piening noted that the Committee had taken no votes in Executive Session.

7. **Adjourn**

MOTION: Having completed the business brought before the Personnel Committee, Councilman Taylor moved to adjourn at 5:35 p.m.; Councilman Bettelli seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk