

MINUTES OF THE ISLE OF PALMS
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
August 12, 2015

The Isle of Palms Planning Commission met in the City Hall Conference Room, 1207 Palm Boulevard on August 12, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. Members attending included Bev Ballow, Ron Denton, Richard Ferencz, Vince DiGangi, Bill Mills, Lisa Safford and Noel Scott; the Director of Planning Douglas Kerr was present as well. The press had been notified of the meeting, and the agenda for the meeting was posted in City Hall and the Building Department to comply with the Freedom of Information Act.

Noel Scott called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Scott stated that the first item on the business was the approval of the minutes of July 8th, 2015. Mr. Ferencz moved to approve the minutes as submitted, and Ms. Ballow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS FUTURE MARINA MASTERPLANNING PROJECT

Director Kerr reported that the City Council had agreed to enter into a contract with ATM to create a marina masterplan. He explained that, since the time the Planning Commission recommended that ATM perform the work, the scope of the project was significantly reduced to reduce the cost. Director Kerr said that the primary areas where the scope had been reduced were in the areas of public workshop meetings and in technical regulatory studies. To account for the reduction in public workshops, the scope had been broadened to include the creation of a website that would host information and act as a portal for the public to provide feedback on the project. The changes in scope achieved a savings of almost \$80,000.

Director Kerr added that, prior to the meeting, he had discussed the question of how the Planning Commission would be involved in the project with the Project Manager Kirby Marshall. Mr. Marshall responded that the Planning Commission members would be a key part of the initial stakeholder meeting, be involved in the various presentations that would be made and input from the Commission via the web portal would be useful. Mr. Kerr added that he felt that the Commission should analyze each deliverable as a group and provide input back to ATM. The group generally agreed with this strategy.

Mr. Scott explained that he was thrilled that the City Council authorized the work to be done because he saw it as a very important project for the City; Commission members agreed.

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Mr. DiGangi asked if there was a timeframe established for the project. Director Kerr stated that he had the initial timeframe for the project, but he did not have a revised timeframe. He stated that he would reach out to ATM, get an updated schedule and forward it to the group.

Mr. Mills asked Director Kerr if he had an impression of what City Council expected from the Planning Commission for this project, to which Mr. Kerr responded that he did not. City Administrator Tucker was in the audience and stated that she knew that the Council valued the input of the Planning Commission on projects such as this because the Commission operates in a less formal environment, which is more conducive to digesting reports and providing input. She added that the work that the Planning Commission did to select ATM had been very useful in getting the project started.

Mr. Scott explained that, typically, the Commission does not hear from the audience, but, since many of the marina site operators were present, he asked if they would like to say anything. Michael Fiem from Tidal Wave, Jay Clarke from Morgan Creek Grill, Brian Berrigan from the marina and the Marina Outpost, and Stuart Colman from the Wildwood subdivision were present and expressed their interest in participating in the project.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Noel Scott, Chairman