

CITY COUNCIL
6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 28, 2017

The regular meeting of City Council was held at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 28, 2017 in Council Chambers of City Hall, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Bergwerf, Bettelli, Ferencz, Harrington, Kinghorn, Rice and Ward, Mayor Cronin, Administrator Tucker, Attorney Halversen, Assistant Administrator Fragoso and City Clerk Copeland; a quorum was present to conduct business. Councilmember Carroll was absent.

1. Mayor Cronin called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the press and public had been duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. After a brief invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Clerk Copeland called the roll.

2. **Reading of the Journals of Previous Meetings**

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved for the approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 1, 2016, the regular meeting of November 15, 2016, the regular meeting of January 24, 2017 and the Special Meeting of February 2, 2017; Councilmember Bettelli seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Citizens' Comments**

A resident who had expressed the desire to address Council at the meeting was not present.

4. **Reports from Standing Committees**

A. **Ways and Means Committee**

Briefly reviewing the financial statements through January 31, 2017, Mayor Cronin reported that revenue is currently forty-nine percent (49%) of the expected annual budget and one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the City's position for the same period in FY16, the increase attributable to the timing of Property Tax collections. All other revenue sources continue to be strong; parking revenues will begin accumulating with the uncovering of the parking kiosks on St. Patrick's Day weekend. The City's cash balances are healthy with funds in the General Fund equaling twenty-nine percent (29%) of FY17 budgeted expenditures. The overall fund balance is over eighteen million dollars (\$18,000,000), part of which is the two point four million dollars (\$2,400,000) of stakeholders' money for the beach restoration project. After seven (7) months, the target for expenditures is fifty-eight percent (58%), but all department are under-budget except for the Fire Department and Mayor/Council, which will even out over the balance of the year. The Fire Department incurred a considerable amount of overtime associated with Hurricane Matthew that means it will end the year over-budget in salaries and wages. On tourism funds, revenue is generally flat with no appreciable increases. Relative to Municipal Accommodations Taxes from Charleston County, the County wants the City to sign an agreement with them before they will work out a payment schedule. To-date, the City has received approximately five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from stakeholders in the Beach Restoration Project; combining that with money budgeted by the City, approximately seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) available. An application has been submitted to the state for their participation; staff anticipates receiving notification from

the state at any time, and the City is still working with FEMA relative to Hurricanes Joaquin and Matthew.

- 1. Authorization of expenditures for the public restrooms up to \$73,820, budget remaining, to include up to \$20,000 for replacing all toilets, sinks, urinals and faucets in the public restrooms, up to \$5,000 to seal the floors and up to \$20,000 to replace the stall doors and frames**

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to authorize the expenditures detailed above; Councilmember Kinghorn seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 2. Award of a sole source contract to Coastal Science and Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$510,000 to assemble the contract documents, the post-bidding documents, to bid and award the contract and to supervise construction to the completion of the project.**

Sole source documentation is attached to the historical record of the meeting.

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to award a sole source contract to Coastal Science and Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$510,000 for bidding and construction oversight of the 2017 Beach Restoration Project; Councilmember Rice seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 3. Award of a sole source contract in the amount of \$24,978.75 to Parkeon for 2 parking kiosks for the municipal parking lots**

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to award a sole source contract to Parkeon for 2 parking kiosks in the amount of \$24,978.75; Councilmember Bettelli seconded.

Councilmember Kinghorn noted that, since the County Park has increased its rate to ten dollars (\$10) per day, the City might well see an increase in revenues from the municipal parking lots.

The Mayor repeated from the Ways and Means Committee meeting that the kiosks and foundation pads will be paid from the same line item in the FY17 budget that is twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000); these actions will exceed the budget by eleven hundred seventy-eight dollars and seventy-five cents (\$1,178.75).

Sole source documentation is attached to the historical record of the meeting.

VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 4. Award of a contract to Lowcountry Custom Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,200 for the installation of 2 concrete foundation pads for additional kiosks in the municipal lots**

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to award a contract to Lowcountry Custom Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,200 for the installation of 2 concrete foundation pads in the municipal parking lots; Councilmember Ferencz seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Authorize up to \$8,000 for 1 large and 4 small stainless steel bike racks to be installed at City Hall, the Public Safety Building, Front Beach and the public restrooms.

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to authorize up to \$8,000 for 1 large and 4 small stainless steel bike racks for installations at Front Beach and municipal buildings; Councilmember Bettelli seconded and the motion PASSED on a vote of 7 to 1, with Councilmember Ward dissenting.

Mr. Klemm, the resident who asked to be allowed to speak to Council during *Citizens' Comments*, arrived and was given the opportunity to speak before proceeding with the meeting.

Mr. Klemm described himself as a commercial developer living at 3 Sand Dollar who has had a persistent flooding problem on his property and who has been seeking resolution by the City for some time. In his opinion, progress was being made in November 2016, but, since that time, he has seen a change in attitude that has not been in his favor. He said that, every time it rains, his property floods to the extent that, when exiting a car, one's feet are covered by water. He opined that the problem originated with the design of the storm drain; he explained that the process begins with re-enforced concrete pipe with compacted fill surrounding it. When the fill and the pipe work in concert, they support the "live load;" if there is compromise in the embedment of the fill, it causes the pipe to move or shift. He commented that a certain amount of fracturing in concrete that is fine; what it does not provide for is a break in the line. Mr. Klemm stated that when a pipe breaks, there is some kind of compromise in the embedment or the pipe is dropping on one (1) end, causing it to bend until it breaks. At the same time, the soil of the property creates a giant dish because, when there is a storm, the water from every impervious surface sheet flows to the low point, i.e. his property. He expressed the opinion that this is the reason that the palmetto trees in his yard have been undermine, and his concrete driveway has separated.

He reported that the City hired a contractor to scope the pipe that services his property; the camera hit a large mass of mud, which was "jetted" out and cleared, and the camera was re-inserted, finding a break in the line. The equipment malfunctioned at the time and no DVD was produced.

Since Mr. Klemm was there when the line was scoped and saw what the contractor saw, an agreement was reached in the field that the system was failing, which is very obvious in a rain event. He explained that there are two (2) ways to correct a break in the concrete pipe; it can be "sleeved" or cut it, remove it and put a new pipe in its place. On his property, he believes that the grade must be raised to at or above the street level so that water does not collect and that an inlet drain needs to be installed. When he viewed the break in the pipe, he saw what looked like corrugated plastic that was placed over the opening in the pipe; he opined that it would hold back soil for a period of time but ultimately find the opening because it is not a solid fix to the break. He recalled that the conclusions reached in November were that a sink hole is forming under the

driveway and that the depression in his yard was from the water flow that needed to be removed. He stated that the opening in the pipe that is comprising the system is four to five (4-5) inches wide.

Mr. Klemm was puzzled when the engineer, hired by the City, came to his property and stated that the system appeared to be working fine and nothing more needed to be done. He thought that such a declaration could not be made without looking into the pipe to see if the fix was holding.

Mr. Klemm stated that it was about this time that he received a letter from the City stating that the system was working properly. He contends that is not the case and he wants resolution to the problem.

Based on his experience, the City needs to remove the broken section of pipe and, at the same time, install an inlet drain on the upside of the property and bring in fill material to build up the area where the water flows to the low point.

Mayor Cronin stated that the drainage at his property was on the Agenda for the Public Works Committee.

B. Public Safety Committee

From the meeting of February 6, Councilmember Bettelli reported that Robert and Cassie Hess appeared before the Committee seeking City-sponsored event status to hold the Chucktown Showdown Paddleboard Race on the IOP beach; they have since withdrawn that request. Continuing in the effort to remove encroachments from the rights-of-way, Chief Buckhannon reported that forty-two (42) hazardous encroachments have been identified between 41st and 57th Avenues, and letters would be going out to those property owners this week. In addition, thirteen (13) hazardous encroachments have been identified from Breach Inlet to 10th Avenue. For golf cart parking on Front Beach, Chief Buckhannon said a curb cut was needed to make it legal for the golf carts to access the grassy area across from The Windjammer although they have been parking there for a long time; the purchase order calls for a six foot (6 ft.) wide cut. Once the work is done, the appropriate signage will be installed indicating "Golf Cart Parking Only;" he stated that bicycle parking was also planned for that space. The Committee continues to gather information relative to the 2017 Fireworks Show. Efforts to have the overgrown lots on Wills Way cleaned have been partially successful; the owner of one (1) lot has agreed to clear it in the next couple of weeks. The owner of the other two (2) lots is an absentee landowner; the original letter sent to him was returned to the Police Department, but they have since gotten a corrected address and a second letter has been sent to him. Under New Business, the Committee approved the purchase of two (2) parking kiosks with foundation pads and the bike racks voted on earlier in the meeting; the Committee also approve the disposal of surplus analog radios by Chief Graham.

In the monthly report from the Fire Department, Battalion Chief Smith noted that, on January 17th, personnel responded to a call indicating a structure fire on Waterway Boulevard; the oven was the source of the fire, it was secured by the crew, and the owner was instructed to keep power to the oven off until the burner could be replaced. In January, two (2) firefighters completed the written and practical testing for the position of engineer, and will, therefore, be eligible for promotion when a position becomes available. Fire Department personnel are required to get

sixteen to twenty (16-20) hours of fire training each month based on rank; IOP personnel received an average of thirty-nine (39) training hours in January. Chief Graham noted that EMT training would be over and above the required fire training, and those hours were not included in the report; two (2) members of the Department continue on extended leave. Battalion Chief Smith stated that several firefighters/engineers have completed Instructor Orientation Workshops (IOW) that qualify them to teach certain training courses. Frequently classes are held at Station 1 with IOP personnel teaching courses that are attended by personnel from other jurisdictions in the tri-county area.

Reporting on the Police Department's activities in January, Chief Buckhannon stated that it had been a relatively quiet month. On the last day of the month, officers were called to a significant attempted theft on Waterway Island Drive. Items of jewelry that were taken were valued at approximately one hundred twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$128,000) along with four hundred dollars (\$400) in cash. The victim had seen the subject rifling through her car; when she confronted him, he removed some jewelry from his pocket and started to run from the scene, but was placed under arrest still possessing some of the jewelry and the cash. The Chief recognized both Sergeant Storen and Pfc. Reynolds who have been nominated for the 2016 DUI Hero Pin Award with the SC Law Enforcement Network for their dedication and actions in making the roadways safer through DUI enforcement. In January, the City's Communication Specialists received forty-five hundred ninety-one (4,591) calls, and, of that number, thirty-six hundred eighty-four (3,684) were for the IOP Police Department. Two hundred eighty-four (284) traffic stops were made with fifty-four (54) of them being issued traffic tickets. Eighty-one (81) service tickets were written, seventeen (17) arrests were made, and the Animal Control Officer wrote three (3) citations. Five (5) noise complaints were made in January; three (3) were unfounded; one (1) received a ticket and the other a warning. Citizens reported three (3) coyote sightings. In conclusion, Chief Buckhannon reported that three (3) patrol officers have been hired, leaving three (3) openings; advertising for BSOs is on-going with a start date in March.

The Public Safety Committee will hold its next meeting at 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 6th in the City Hall Conference Room.

C. Public Works Committee

Councilmember Ferencz reported that, on February 1, Ann Mahon of 7 Wills Way had attended to ask why nothing has been done about the three (3) overgrown lots on the corners at 31st Avenue and Wills Way since she attended a meeting in October about the same issue. The Administrator told her that the matter had been turned over to the Livability Officer, and she was confident that letters were sent to the property owners. Administrator Tucker said that she would follow up with the officer and inform Mrs. Mahon of the current status. Ms. Mahon concluded that the rental agencies should inform their renters about the existence of coyotes in the neighborhoods. Following the Director's report, a discussion ensued regarding an attempt to get a full picture of everything that Public Works personnel do in the performance of their jobs; the Chair was particularly interested in knowing the amount of garbage and debris collected on the island in the various categories as well as the approximate cost to the City to provide these services. The Committee received a report on Sand Dollar Court, and they advised the City Administrator to send Mr. Klemm the letter the City received from the engineer. In addition, the Committee received updates on the NPDES project at the Public Works site, the Phase II

Drainage Project and the flapper valve for Tabby Lane, which are all ongoing projects. Other topics of discussion were the benefits and possibility of outsourcing public works in the future; staff was asked to gather data from the Municipal Association or Council of Governments on the subject of performing the job in house versus outsourcing. Any discussion of the FY18 Public Works Capital Budget was deferred to another meeting since Director Pitts had not yet met with the Administrator and the Treasurer.

The Public Works Committee will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, March 1st in the City Hall Conference Room.

D. Recreation Committee

Reporting on the meeting of February 1, Councilmember Rice stated that “Doggie Day at the Rec” had been a huge success on February 4th. The Front Beach Fest will be Saturday, March 4th and there will be music by The Tams, a variety of vendors and activities geared especially for the children; the Yard Sale will be Saturday, March 25th, at the Rec Center from 8:00 a.m. until noon. The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 15th, and, if you arrive late, the whole thing will be over. The Committee engaged in a lengthy discussion about a proposed fitness room; the Committee concluded that new construction would be necessary. A space approximately the size of the High Tide/Low Tide Room could be constructed across the hall from that room. Director Page has a meeting with Kelly Thorvalson with the Sea Turtle Rescue Program at the SC Aquarium to discuss program possibilities. The remainder of the meeting was spent talking about the event planned around the total solar eclipse on August 21st.

The Committee will not meet in March; the next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 5th in the City Hall Conference Room.

E. Personnel Committee

From the meeting of February 23rd, Councilmember Harrington reported that, after considerable discussion, the Committee agreed to revise the Administrator’s personal goal for 2017. Unanimous approval was given to changing the goal to the development of a contingency plan for the continuation of services in each department, starting with the identification of vulnerabilities on a departmental level.

Administrator Tucker recalled that a part-time position in City Hall was discussed and approved in the meeting of November 1, 2016 when Council discussed the ups and downs of the rollout of the parking plan and the changes needed to be made before the 2017 season. Staff envisions this person working forty (40) hours a week during the busy summer months of May through September.

MOTION: Councilmember Harrington moved to approve the job description and wage range as presented; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded.

Councilmember Kinghorn asked whether the City has ever used interns, and the Administrator replied that the City had done that, but it was a long time ago. He continued that he has had good

experience with interns; he added that the City would likely get a variety of skills. In his opinion, internships are good for the student and good public relations for the City.

Councilmember Ferencz noted that AmeriCorp has a special program for administrator volunteers.

VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilmember Harrington informed Council that he had sent a memo to the Mayor stating that:

“In late January, Councilmembers were requested to complete the City Administrator’s 2016 evaluation; all members completed their respective evaluations in a timely fashion. I am pleased to report that a tally of the scores from the nine (9) members of Council was 4.29 out of a possible 5. This excellent rating speaks to the overall high regard Council has for Linda Tucker’s performance as the City Administrator. Her service to Council and the City of Isle of Palms is commendable and is much appreciated.”

Councilmember Kinghorn agreed that it was a very good evaluation, but he was surprised that the score was not higher, and he asked for the range of scores.

Councilmember Harrington indicated the range was from one (1) meaning unacceptable to many fives (5). He added that there was only a single one (1).

When a Councilmember gives a bad score, is he/she required to provide an explanation was Councilmember Kinghorn’s next question?

Councilmember Harrington answered that a score of three (3) or below was to be accompanied by an explanation.

In Councilmember Kinghorn’s opinion, a score as low as a one (1) would have to be extraordinary, but he did not think there were instances of wrongdoing, malfeasance or dereliction of duty; he then asked if these had been identified in the evaluation that contained a response of one (1).

Councilmember Harrington stated that they were not, but an explanation was given.

MOTION: Councilmember Kinghorn moved to acknowledge the fine work the Administrator is doing; it is a twenty-four (24) hour a day job and the City does not close, and, by association, recognize the professionalism of both her, as well as the dedicated work of the staff; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded.

Councilmember Ferencz noted that five or six (5-6) members of Council who gave fives (5s) to every question on the Administrator’s evaluation; she opined that, in those cases justification should be provided as well. In her opinion, a score of five (5) means that the work is above and beyond what is expected. She explained that, if one does not have to justify what he/she is saying, then it is very easy to just go down the form and write in fives (5s); she stated that she thought that the annual evaluation should be a learning tool and that the Administrator would appreciate the positive comments.

According to the Personnel Committee Chair, many questions that were ranked with a five (5) were accompanied by comments as to why they had scored so highly.

VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

On the subject of staffing vacancies, Councilmember Harrington informed Council that the Human Resources position has been filed; Wynette DeGroot will start to work on Tuesday, April 4th. Two (2) police officers will start with the City next week, and a third candidate will be interviewed next week. Two (2) Beach Service Officers who worked last summer will be returning for 2017.

Safety Sweepstakes winners for February were Robert Asero from the Recreation Department, Pfc. Louise Hardy of the Police Department, Engineer Curtis Helm of the Fire Department and Joseph Ancrum of the Public Works Department.

The Personnel Committee will hold its next meeting on April 5th in the City Hall Conference Room.

F. Real Property Committee

From the meeting of February 2, Councilmember Bergwerf reported that Jay Clarke, owner of Morgan Creek Grill (MCG), had indicated that he was anxious to amend his existing lease for a longer term; the existing lease has three (3) years remaining. He reiterated that he needs the renewal in order to get financing for improvements to the building. When the MCG lease was discussed, Councilmembers Rice and Harrington stated that they needed more time to familiarize themselves with the discussion held a year ago. In order to move forward with the renewal, the Chair told Mr. Clarke that he needed to provide the Committee with updated financial information and a clear proposal, stating exactly what they hope to achieve with the renewal; the Administrator added that, if MCG has anything that it expects the City to pay for or to share the expenses of, it should be clearly stated in the proposal, as well as things MCG is willing to pay for that the City should know. Kirby Marshall of ATM presented graphics that looked promising, but the Committee did make a few tweaks. Citizen Bill Campbell attended the meeting and voiced three (3) areas of concern with the most recent marina conceptual drawing; they are as follows:

- He thought that the location and positioning of the upland fueling station made it impossible for a large truck, pulling a twenty-five foot (25 ft.) trailer to access it;
- He questioned that, when boats were launched and were staging, there would not be sufficient space for the ingress and egress of other boats;
- In his opinion, the pedestrian walk over the boat ramp would impede launching a sailboat with a nineteen foot (19 ft.) mast.

Mr. Marshall has indicated that he will have a reliable cost estimate for the project at the March meeting. Councilmember Bergwerf stated that the City is depending on the receipt of grant funds to proceed with the redevelopment plan. Discussions were held earlier in the meeting regarding the improvements to the public restrooms. Director Kerr reported that the repairs to the 49th Avenue beach access have been completed and that the final survey has been submitted to OCRM for their approval; OCRM must now confirm, that the work was done, documented and met the terms of the permit. The Administrator told the Committee that the final updated version of the Local Comprehensive Beach Management Plan is expected to go before Council for approval in March. On the beach restoration project, Administrator Tucker stated that the entire

five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from the stakeholders has been collected so the next step was to demonstrate to SCPRT that the local share was in place so the grant application can be completed and submitted to them. The City is seeking six million dollars (\$6,000,000) from PRT, but no one knows whether the City will receive all or part of the funding requested. Councilmember Bergwerf stated that the citizens want the project to begin in the fall. The Committee unanimously recommended that Council approve a contract to Coastal Science and Engineering for managing the project. Responding to the Chair's question about the impact to the project if the City did not get the state grant, the Administrator replied that the scope would have to be re-evaluated and scaled back. The last piece of business to come before the Committee was improved signage at beach access paths; the Committee agreed that the proposal from Stantec was much too high and asked Director Kerr to develop a prototype modeled after the access signs on Sullivan's Island that would consolidate the information now posted on multiple individual signs at each beach access.

The next Real Property Committee meeting will be at 9:30 a.m., Monday, March 6th in the City Hall Conference Room.

Consideration of re-naming Memory Park

MOTION: Councilmember Ward moved to rename the park at the corner of the Connector and Palm Boulevard from Memory Park to The Leola Hanbury Memorial Park; Councilmember Rice seconded.

Councilmember Ward stated that Ms. Hanbury had been instrumental in creating Memory Park; she had the idea and did the work.

Councilmember Bergwerf noted that ideas were being discussed about realigning the park for the bike path off the Connector to pass through it, allowing cyclists to safely access Palm Boulevard.

VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilmember Ferencz directed attention to page 4 of the Real Property minutes and to the discussion about the misconception by Fish and Wildlife that the dock for the restaurant, a for-profit business, was only for their use only. The resolution to the issue was that the City dedicated two hundred ninety-one feet (291 ft.) of additional dock space for transient boats; therefore, the fishing pier grant was put on hold until the City learns about the BIG grant. The Councilmember's question was that all of the docks at the marina affect for-profit operations.

Based on his understanding, Mayor Cronin stated that all of the other docks are designed for transient boaters; the MCG dock is only for patrons on the restaurant and, as such, cannot be considered for transient boats.

The Administrator added that the western end of the docks, where the City was considering the fishing pier, had to be eliminated in order for there to be enough space to capture two hundred ninety-one feet (291 ft.) of transient dockage. She explained that the money from the BIG grants comes from fees paid by boaters with boats twenty-six feet (26 ft.) and longer; when the grant fees are paid out, the whole idea is to make facilities better for vessels twenty-six feet (26 ft.) and longer. At this time, no fishing pier is identified at the marina.

Based on the budget discussions earlier in the month, Councilmember Kinghorn asked that the Real Property Committee re-examine the money being allocated for the maintenance and upkeep of City-owned properties; with the Recreation Center identified as the benchmark, he did not think the amount budgeted would be sufficient to attain that goal.

Councilmember Kinghorn's next question was when the public restroom maintenance had last gone out for bid, and he was told that it has been more than sixteen (16) years. Based on the information, he asked that the Committee investigate the situation and come back to Council with alternative ideas.

5. Report from City Officers, Boards and Commissions

- A. Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee** – no meeting in February
- B. Board of Zoning Appeals** – minutes attached
- C. Planning Commission** – minutes attached

6. Reports from Special or Joint Committees – None

7. Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of – None

8. Bills Already in Possession of Council

Second Reading of Ordinance 2017-01 – An Ordinance Amending Title 1, Government and Administration, Chapter 10, Purchasing Procedures, of the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances to amend the procedures for the approval of expenditures and competitive procurement requirements; to add exceptions to the competitive procurement requirements; to amend the methods of source selection to include definitions, requests for information and competitive sealed proposals; to amend the procedures for construction contracting; to provide new procedures for architect-engineering services; to provide for multi-term contracts and additional projects completed under existing contract terms; to amend procedures for sale and disposal of surplus property and seized assets; to provide for intergovernmental purchasing; to provide for compliance with federal contracts and financing documents; and to provide procedures for real property transactions.

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to waive the reading and to approve for Second Reading Ordinance 2017-01, the amended Procurement Code; Councilmember Bettelli seconded.

The Mayor noted that the changes made at the last meeting have been incorporated into this final version.

VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilmember Kinghorn referred to the Planning Commission and asked if he was correct in stating that the IOP Water and Sewer Commission pays no taxes or fees in lieu of taxes to the

City. The Mayor confirmed him that he was correct. The Councilmember stated that he thought it was significant for Council to note that the Commission is receiving all of the City service that are afforded citizens and other businesses on the island.

9. Introduction of New Bills, Resolutions and Proclamations

A. Proclamation to Adopt Revised Local Comprehensive Beach Management Plan

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to waive the reading and to adopt the Revised Local Comprehensive Beach Management Plan; Councilmember Rice seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. First Reading, by title only, of Ordinance 2017-02 – An Ordinance Amending Title 8, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 2, Stopping, Standing and Parking of Vehicles, of the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances to Provide for an Exception to the to the General Prohibitions of Parking for Vehicles with Attached Boat Trailers under Certain Circumstances; to Provide for a \$25.00 Penalty for Violation of Any Regulation Related to Paid Parking; to amend the Definitions; to Amend the Provisions for Issuance of Resident Parking Permits and Special Permits; to Provide for Obedience to Specific Parking Regulations; to Amend the Ares Designated as Resident Parking Districts and Beach Parking Zones; to Amend the Penalties for Violations; and to Provide Additional Exemptions to the Resident Parking Permit Requirements.

Mayor Cronin stated that this amendment includes a revised sign plan that, upon approval, will be submitted to SCDOT for their approval.

Councilmember Rice recalled that this year the parking decals were to be placed on the exterior of the rear window of the vehicle; she then asked if there was any concern that the decals might be stolen off one (1) vehicle to be placed on another. The Mayor commented that to remove a decal requires a scraper and the removal virtually destroys it.

Additionally, Councilmember Rice asked why staff had decided against a two (2) year replacement cycle on the decals because getting them is so burdensome for residents.

Administrator Tucker replied that staff had discussed this issue at length, but the annual renewal of the decals is one (1) way to insure that people who receive them do not owe the City any fines or fees.

Councilmember Kinghorn asked the Administrator if there would be lost revenue to the City if the decals were to be replaced every two (2) years and, if so, how much would it be.

No estimate of loss was calculated by staff, according to the Administrator, but she indicated that she sees the process as an issue of enforcement. From staff discussions, the desire was evident to stay on the path with things that were working well with the parking plan for a while. She remarked that, if the same concerns were voiced next year, additional changes could be made.

This process will insure that properly credential vehicles have stickers and that all money has been collected by the City.

Since the name and address of everyone who got stickers in 2016 are in a database, the Mayor asked if residents would be notified that they must come back to the Public Safety Building (PSB) with the same information; Chief Buckhannon stated that would not be necessary because residents who got decals in 2016 would be able to renew on-line. Residents will then have the opportunity to pick up the 2017 decal at the PSB or have it mailed to them.

Assistant Fragoso clarified that the twenty-five dollar (\$25) tickets would be issued only in metered parking areas.

VOTE: The motion PASSED UMNANIMOUSLY.

10. Miscellaneous Business

Budget Meeting – 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 21, 2017
Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 21, 2017

11. Conclusion/Adjournment

MOTION: Councilmember Harrington moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland