

**City Council
Special Meeting**

9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 2, 2017

A Special Meeting of City Council was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2017 in Council Chambers of City Hall, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Bergwerf, Bettelli, Carroll, 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.

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.

2. **Discussion of unregulated, “NO PARKING,” and residential parking on 41st Avenue**

Mayor Cronin stated that this meeting was called to clarify a prior discussion and motion coming from the November 1, 2016 meeting to review the first season of the beach parking management plan. The motion made at that meeting was “to designate as “Residential Parking Only” the residential area of 41st Avenue and “NO PARKING” on the ditch side of 41st Avenue.” Aerial pictures of 41st Avenue have been distributed and are also on the screen to facilitate the discussion.

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to proceed to create “NO PARKING” along the ditch and just passed the waste treatment facility on the west side of 41st Avenue, to create “Residential Parking Only” area along the areas of the east side of the road where there are private residences and to leave the balance of 41st Avenue unregulated; Councilmember Carroll seconded.

When Councilmember Ferencz asked for the reason for the clarification, Administrator Tucker replied that the original motion was unclear as stated; it was “to designate as “Residential Parking Only” for the residential area of 41st Avenue and “NO PARKING” on the ditch side of the street.” When work began on the sign plan to be submitted to SCDOT, staff opined that the term “residential areas” needed to be more defined. Looking at the site, the ditch side, abutting the water treatment plant, has sufficient space for parking without falling into the ditch and is not hazardous. The opposite side of the street, based on the motion, would have been “Residential Parking Only;” that is the area where the Yacht Harbor parking lot is found that has a sufficiently wide right-of-way and no residences. Therefore, staff questioned whether it was Council’s intent to have it designated “Residential Parking Only,” and that was the reason for the meeting.

Councilmember Ferencz asked why the area from Marginal Road to Palm Boulevard would not be designated “Residential Parking Only.”

The Mayor responded that would be the designation, but the City did not want people to think they could park near the ditch. He reminded Council that, if all of the tires were off the roadway, the vehicle was legally parked.

Councilmember Ferencz questioned how the signage was going to work, because currently at an intersection, there are four (4) signs that say “Residential Parking Only.” Based on the new motion, this intersection will have a “Residential Parking Only” sign, a “NO PARKING” sign and no sign.

Since the majority of people parking in that area will be going to the marina, Councilmember Ferencz thought it should be marked marina parking.

The Administrator noted that the parking management plan does not have a category for "Marina Parking."

VOTE: The motion PASSED on a vote of 7-2 with Councilmembers Carroll and Ferencz casting nay votes.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Councilmember Bettelli moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 a.m.; Councilmember Kinghorn seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk