



EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

6:45pm, Friday, March 27, 2020

City Hall Council Chambers

1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Present: Council members Popson, Streetman, Moye (telephonically), Ward, Buckhannon, Bell, Pounds, and Smith, and Mayor Carroll

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Asst. Administrator Hanna, Attorney Copeland, Chief Cornett, Treasurer Suggs

2. Discussion and possible action regarding Attorney General Opinion issued March 27, 2020

MOTION: Council Member Bell made a motion to move into Executive Session according to §30-4-70 to receive legal advice concerning the discussion and possible action regarding the Attorney General’s Opinion issued March 27, 2020. Council Member Popson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Mayor Carroll reported that no decisions were made concerning the discussion of possible action regarding the Attorney General’s Opinion issued on March 27, 2020.

Mayor Carroll stated that measures previously put in place by City Council has reduced the number of calls and the risk of exposure to residents and staff.

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion for City Council “stay the course that we are currently on.” Council Member Streetman seconded the motion.

Council members expressed their support of the motion. Council Member Moye asked citizens to reach out to Governor McMaster “to urge him to be a strong, firm leader in this dire situation we find ourselves in.”

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Buckhannon did not vote as he recused himself from the discussion and vote on the matter.

3. Consideration of Resolution to Governor Requesting a Stay-at-Home Order

Mayor Carroll read Resolution R2020-01 requesting the governor to issue a mandatory Stay-at-Home Order for the state for a minimum of 14 days.

MOTION: Council Member Bell made a motion to approve and Council Member Ward seconded the motion.

MOTION: Council Member Bell made a motion to adjust the Stay-at-Home Order timeframe to extend to April 30, 2020. Council Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council members discussed the reasons and importance of sending this resolution to the governor, which communicates to him “how critical it is we think it is that he take the stand and enforce some of the regulations that are going to protect our state.” Council Member Pounds wondered if there would be unintended consequences to making such a request. Administrator Fragoso said it would be up to Governor McMaster to determine which businesses would be exempted from such an order. Council members feel such a statewide order would provide clarity and strong direction to citizens.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

Council members encouraged citizens to visit the City’s website for more information and for a transcript of the March 25, 2020 meeting with Dr. Ed O’Bryan from MUSC.

5. Adjournment

Council Member Pounds made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Buckhannon seconded the motion. The time of adjournment was not recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk