

City Council Special Meeting
5:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 5, 2013

A Special Meeting of City Council was held at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 5, 2013 in Council Chambers of City Hall, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Bettelli, Buckhannon, Carroll, Loftus, Stone, Thomas and Ward, Mayor Cronin, City Administrator Tucker, City Attorney Halversen, Assistant to the Administrator Dziuban and City Clerk Copeland; Councilmember Bergwerf's absence was excused. A quorum was present.

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. Old Business

Second Reading of Ordinance 2013-02 – An Ordinance Authorizing the City Administrator of the City of Isle of Palms to Execute the Necessary Documents to Enter into a Lease Agreement Between the City of Isle of Palms and the Successful Bidder Selected Pursuant to the City's two Municipal Parking Lots

MOTION: Councilmember Carroll moved to approve for Second Reading and to waive the reading of Ordinance 2013-02; Councilmember Ward seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION: Councilmember Ward moved to re-order the *Agenda* to go into Executive Session at this juncture in the meeting; Councilmember Bettelli seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **Executive Session** for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual agreements

Council went into Executive Session at 5:33 p.m. Council returned to regular session at 5:42 p.m., and Mayor Cronin announced that Council had taken neither action nor vote in Executive Session.

3. New Business

Recommendation for Award of a Lease for the Municipal Parking Lots.

MOTION: Councilmember Bettelli moved to award the Lease to the highest bidder William F. Schupp; Councilmember Ward seconded.

Councilmember Bettelli commented that he was glad that two (2) island residents had submitted bids for the parking lot lease.

Councilmember Loftus voiced the opinion that the bids were not equal in that the added value of the second high bidder should be considered; this bidder was planning to give a new look to the lots with landscaping and signage, to use the internet to draw visitors to the parking lots on week days and to encourage more spending in Front Beach businesses. He stated that the bid submitted by Jeff Evans of IOP Beach Club offered a better value for the City.

Councilmember Buckhannon expressed the opinion that the spirit of the City's procurement code had been circumvented by this re-bid and the lease should have been awarded at the last meeting. He indicated that he would not support the motion.

VOTE: The motion PASSED on a vote of 5 to 3 with Councilmembers Loftus, Thomas and Buckhannon dissenting.

5. Adjournment

MOTION: Councilmember Buckhannon moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m.; Councilmember Bettelli seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk