

## **CITY COUNCIL**

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 26, 2016

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 26, 2016 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; Clerk Copeland called the roll after a brief invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**MOTION: Councilmember Carroll moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 15, 2016 and the regular meeting of March 22, 2016 as submitted; Councilmember Ward seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **3. Swearing in of New Employees**

**MOTION: Councilmember Carroll moved to appoint Howard McCarthy and Henry (Butch) Skinner as new employees of the Police Department of the City; Councilmember Ferencz seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

After swearing in Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Skinner, Mayor Cronin welcomed them to the IOP family.

### **4. Citizens' Comments**

Bryan Kowert and Stephanie Gabosch, of the South Carolina Aquarium, approached City Council about the possibility of holding a 5K run on the beach at sunset on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Since speaking to the Public Safety Committee, they have made arrangements for parking for participants at the County Park, plotted the route and secured race logistics, expertise and sponsorship dollars. The proceeds of the run will go towards the sea turtle hospital that will break ground in September as well.

Stuart Colman, 10 Live Oaks Drive, again stated to Council that a drystack boat storage does not fit at the IOP Marina; he believes that the height will exceed the City's height ordinance and that there is no demand for drystack storage by the residents of the island. He finds the space required for a drystack storage would make the marina area more cramped, and he believes that the proposal is revenue-driven and not by the original purpose of providing water access to residents. He stated that he hoped Council would follow the recommendations of the Planning Commission. He indicated that he supports the relocation of the boat ramp for both vehicular and pedestrian safety.

On the topic of the Tri-County Hospitality Center, Mr. Colman asked that Council first develop a vision for the replacement of the Front Beach restroom facilities and avoid "going down the rabbit hole as it had with the marina."

### **5. Reports from Standing Committees**

**A. Ways and Means Committee**

Being three-quarters ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) through the fiscal year, the General Fund revenue was running at one hundred four percent (104%) of the prior year, and property tax collections are at ninety-seven percent (97%) of budget, anticipating to be at one hundred percent (100%) by year's end. General Fund expenses are running at seventy-three percent (73%) of budget against a target of seventy-five percent (75%). March Municipal Accommodations Fees were lower than the same month last year, but it is typically a slow month, and the Treasurer did not think it was a concern; collections year-to-date are running five percent (5%) ahead of FY15. State Accommodations for the quarter ending March 31, 2016 have not been received, and the second semi-annual payment from the Charleston County Accommodations Tax Pass-through will not come before the end of the fiscal year. Although Hospitality Taxes for March were lower than in FY15, the fund is running six percent (6%) ahead of FY15. The Beach Preservation Fee has generated about one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in its first year. The cash balance in the General Fund is at thirty percent (30%) of budgeted General Fund expenditures; total cash is two million dollars (\$2,000,000) more than the same time in FY15 and is primarily attributable to the Beach Preservation Fee collections and the tourism funds. The Mayor reported that the City had re-financed the debt on Fire Station 2 at a rate of 1.88% with no prepayment penalty through BB&T saving the City approximately two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$240,000) in interest over the remaining life of the debt.

The Committee reviewed the proposed FY17 budget in anticipation of First Reading later in this meeting; the Mayor announced that Council was presented a balanced budget requiring no tax or fee increase. The Mayor complimented both staff and the Committees who have worked diligently over recent months. The addition of four (4) additional personnel was discussed at length, and the Ways and Means Committee decided that they will not be funded at this time; if the Committees can justify any of them in the future, Council may ask for re-budgeting or consideration next year. Costs for a dune walkover were transferred to the Beach Preservation Fund which is one (1) of the allowable uses for those funds. Having re-financed Fire Station 2, the bond expense for FY17 was lowered by several thousand dollars, and costs associated with the Front Beach restrooms was removed from the budget on verbal indication from Charleston County that their Parks and Recreation Commission might be moving towards funding it through a bond offering they are preparing. The Unassigned Capital Projects Fund is lower than it has been in past years as projected at the end of FY16, but a positive net results at the end of this year will allow the Capital Projects Fund to reach an acceptable level for FY17. As projected, the tourism funds will close out FY16 with all-time-high balances in excess of four million dollars (\$4,000,000). Continuing work in Committees to refine the budget will take place over the coming month. Charleston County Council was also meeting this evening to decide on the NPDES fee structure they are proposing; currently the City has an agreement in place that says the City will follow their fee structure. IOP staff members are attending their meeting to request that the City be exempt from their fee structure and free to establish a fee that would be unique to the City, yet meet the requirements of the NPDES program.

According to the Treasurer, revenue from the Front Beach kiosks was not properly accounted for in the proposed FY17 budget since the meter rate was increased to one dollar fifty cents (\$1.50) per hour; revenue will increase by one hundred to one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$100,000-130,000) in the next version of the budget.

1. **Award of a contract to Display Sales for 1 holiday tree for Front Beach in the amount of \$16,999.76**

**MOTION:** Mayor Cronin moved to award a contract to Display Sales as stated above; Councilmember Carroll seconded and the motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

2. **Affirmation of an out-of-budget expenditure of \$2,539.99 from the Capital Projects Fund for a failed ice machine**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ward moved to affirm the ice machine out-of-budget purchase of an ice machine for \$2,539.99; Councilmember Bettelli seconded and the motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

3. **Award of a contract to SAM Pyrotechnics dba Munnerlyn Pyrotechnics for \$25,000 for July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks show**

**MOTION:** Mayor Cronin moved to award a contract to SMA Pyrotechnics dba Munnerlyn Pyrotechnics as detailed above; Councilmember Bettelli seconded.

Councilmember Carroll reported that the business owner had given the City a one hundred percent (100%) satisfaction guarantee and that the City would have a video for viewing before the show.

The Mayor added that the program will be scripted with a patriotic theme. The fireworks were originally budgeted at nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,750) from the State ATAX Fund, and the shortfall will also come from State ATAX.

**VOTE:** The motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

4. **Award of a contract to BenAssist for actuary fee of \$3,000 to evaluate the OPEB liability for GASB45 and 57 (Retiree Health Insurance)**

**MOTION:** Mayor Cronin moved to award a \$3,000 contract to BenAssist for actuarial fees to evaluate the City's OPEB liability for GASB 45 and 75; Councilmember Carroll seconded and the motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

5. **Approval for ATM to generate Scenario C for the Marina Redevelopment Master Plan at a cost of \$4,500**

**MOTION:** Mayor Cronin moved to approve \$4,500 for ATM to produce Scenario C for the Marina Redevelopment Master Plan; Councilmember Ferencz seconded.

Councilmember Kinghorn asked whether Scenario C would have accompanying cost estimates, and the Administrator replied that ATM was planning to have them.

**VOTE:** The motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**6. Consideration of a grant request in the amount of \$200,000 for a water side amenity at 2301 Palm Boulevard to the IOP Community Corporation**

Mayor Cronin stated that Council had received a letter and a presentation at the Ways and Means Committee meeting requesting a donation of \$200,000 for their development of the water-side activity. The City is not in a position to make donations to worthwhile charities or ventures like the Exchange Club; the City cannot seek funds from citizens and give it away to other charitable groups or organizations. On the other hand, the Mayor did think that the City could enter into an exchange or discussion to find some way that citizens can benefit and the City can participate in some meaningful way to provide water access for non-motorized water activities.

Councilmember Ferencz asked whether the ATAX Committee could issue the grant.

The Mayor recalled that ATAX funds are to “put heads in beds,” and there must be a clear and unequivocal benefit to tourists visiting the island.

Councilmember Bergwerf commented that she interpreted this as the City putting money in a private marina without sufficient parking and no place for people to tie up a boat. She noted that she did think it would be wonderful for residents to have access to the Intracoastal Waterway for paddleboards and kayaks. She opined that the City could not make a donation without clear evidence that it would be a gain for the residents.

Mayor Cronin noted that Council had been supplied with a couple of the Attorney General’s opinions and that, after they had been digested, the City could enter into a meaningful dialogue with the Exchange Club.

Councilmember Kinghorn stated that the City has set precedent in the past with contributions to non-profits, and Administrator Tucker responded that, when there are situations where services are provided to the citizens, the City does have money to help to provide those services. Two (2) examples are the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy that responds when citizens have a crisis at their home to render assistance to the family and the Island Shore Birds that takes in injured shore birds found by citizens and nurses them back to health.

In Councilmember Kinghorn’s opinion, the benefit to the City was infrastructure and parking for some arrangement at a reasonable cost in some for sort of partnership to gain availability to Hamlin Creek for paddleboards and kayaks that does not now exist. In an effort to move forward, Councilmember Kinghorn suggested that the presidents of the two (2) organizations, the Exchange Club and the IOP Community Corporation and the Mayor and Administrator enter into conversations.

Councilmember Ward commented that many citizens were aware of this request and that the majority do not believe this to be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds.

Councilmember Carroll stated that public funds should be open to all of the public.

Councilmember Kinghorn stated that, if the Exchange Club develops this amenity alone, access would be only to members of the Exchange Club and the City will have lost an opportunity.

## **B. Public Safety Committee**

From the meeting of April 9<sup>th</sup>, Councilmember Bettelli reported that the Committee had discussed encroachments in the rights-of-way; Chief Buckhannon added that he has requested the list of permitted encroachments on the island and to-date has received nothing. The Committee unanimously approved the bid for the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks display and the Turtle Trot Beach Run planned for Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at sunset.

**MOTION: Councilmember Bettelli moved to approve the Turtle Trot Beach Run as a City-sponsored event; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Coyote sightings in March numbered fourteen (14); the City has traps set, but has not caught any yet.

The camera overlooking the Connector is live and on the SCDOT 511 feed; the Councilmember thanked Chief Buckhannon, Captain Usry and Brian Holt for their efforts to get this done. The City will continue its Twitter alerts about the traffic to and on the island.

In reviewing the requirements to obtain a residential parking sticker, the subject of golf cart registrations also came up; Chief Buckhannon reminded everyone that to legally operate a golf cart on the roads in South Carolina, the driver/owner must have the registration on the cart and must possess a driver's license.

Residents were reminded that the Managed Beach Parking Plan will go into effect on May 15, 2016.

The Committee discussed the FY17 budget, and, pursuant to the Budget Workshop, the Committee will discuss the need for additional police officers at the May meeting. Although the upgrade to Phase II radios is no longer mandatory, the Fire Department will replace all of their radios in the FY17 budget and other departments will upgrade their radios as they fail. Vehicle maintenance in the FY17 budget might need to be increased; as a result of the flooding in October, several apparatus sustained serious damage, and, added to that, is the fact that that apparatus were stored outside as the Public Safety Building was constructed. They have deteriorated more than was expected and are not expected to be reliable until the end of their useful life; therefore, they will require more maintenance in the near future and the savings fund for their replacements has been increased because the equipment has been rolled forward for replacement.

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, fire personnel reported to a call on 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue where a construction worker had accidentally cut his arm with a chain saw; the bleeding was controlled by a tourniquet until Charleston County EMS arrived for transport. Fire Department personnel responded to seventy-four (74) calls in the month; thirty-five (35) of them were EMS calls. The City's Fire Inspector has resigned, and the Chief is currently advertising for his replacement. Fire-ground simulations training was held at the IOP Public Safety Building; personnel got experience as on-scene incident commanders. The truck that was towed to the shop when the Committee met last month has returned to the shop for a second time, and the repair bill at this time is approximately seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000). The City accepted delivery of the new rescue truck on March 15<sup>th</sup>;

also on the 15<sup>th</sup>, Battalion Chief Maibach served as a controller for the annual disaster preparedness exercise that simulated the aftermath of an earthquake. In the month of March, personnel replaced smoke detector batteries, conducted several station tours and attended the annual Easter Egg Hunt, conducting a static display of equipment.

The scamming to get credit card information is happening again in Wild Dunes; when this happened before, the City worked with the FBI to locate the caller, and this may be the same person. Several personnel were recognized for their outstanding performance; they were Pfc Couche, Pfc Storen, Detective Tarr and Pfc Hardy. On March 18<sup>th</sup>, Pfc Hardy and Sgt. Ambros attended Career Day at Sullivan's Island Elementary School, and Pfc Hardy and Pfc King attended Lunch Buddies at the school. Communication Specialists responded to four thousand nine hundred forty-five (4,945) calls, of which three thousand eight hundred eighty-nine (3,889) were for the Police Department. Two hundred ninety-five (295) traffic stops were made in the month with ninety-six (96) tickets being issued. Chief Buckhannon reported that March was a busy month for DUIs, and officers wrote one hundred forty-one (141) reports in the month. Officers made forty-three (43) arrests; twelve (12) arrests were for liquor law violations. March had a total of twelve (12) noise complaints; two (2) citations were issued, seven (7) warnings were issued and three (3) were unfounded.

Councilmember Bettelli reported that as Charleston County Quick Response Vehicle (QRV) is based on the island twelve (12) hours a day seven (7) days a week; in July the QRV presence on the island will be twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. The service is being paid for by your Charleston County taxes.

The next meeting date for the Public Safety Committee will be at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the City Hall Conference Room.

### **C. Public Works Committee**

Representatives of Charleston County NPDES attended the meeting of April 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the reasons behind the upcoming fee increase proposed by the County; basically, the increased federal mandates are requiring the increase, but those can be met at forty-eight dollars (\$48) per residential unit. The County proposes a rate of seventy-two dollars (\$72) per residential unit in an effort to allow Charleston County Public Works to do some drainage projects in the unincorporated areas where the acquisition of easements is necessary. The Committee also discussed improvements to the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue beach access. Director Pitts noted that more than thirty-nine and a half tons (39.5 T.) of miscellaneous debris were taken to the Bees Ferry landfill in March. Right-of-way maintenance got started, and some beach paths were mowed, but many were still too wet to mow. Vehicle maintenance was only routine for the month, but the Director anticipates purchasing some new tires next month. Yard debris collection was up considerably this year over last year, but household garbage was up only slightly. In the review of the golf cart path between 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the Island Center, at this point, SCDOT has not asked for anything that would stop the golf cart from being constructed. This was not a budgeted project, but, with the added requirements from SCDOT, staff does not think the project will be complete by the end of the fiscal year, so the path will be built into the FY17 budget. The only expenses to-date have been the survey, land disturbance and the design to be submitted for the permit.

Administrator Tucker has re-read the Greenbelt Agreement and conferred with her staff contact at the County to make sure that the path does not jeopardize the grant in any way, and it does not. In a discussion about the Front Beach restrooms and beach access, Councilmember Kinghorn introduced the Committee to his concept of a Tri-County Hospitality Center. The justification in the title Tri-County Hospitality Center is to create something that has added value for all of the communities. It would be “a twelve thousand square foot (12,000 sq. ft.) two or three (2-3) story, class A multi-use facility that will maximize its value and serve the Charleston region’s growing population by improving beach access and providing flexible multi-use facilities.” Partners for the venture who would find benefits for their residents were listed as the City of Isle of Palms, the Town of Mount Pleasant, Charleston County, Berkeley County, Dorchester County, South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism, and possibly others. As the Mayor has mentioned, since the Committee meeting, the City has gotten a verbal commitment that Charleston County Parks and Recreation will include funding for the public restrooms in a bond issue. On the NPDES improvements to be made to the Public Works site, the Administrator reported that the City was in receipt of the bid specifications; once they are reviewed, the project will be put out for bid. A brief ceremony to unveil the plaque has been scheduled for Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.; the marker is ready and will be installed on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Administrator Tucker reported that the City is lacking an easement from the IOP Water and Sewer Commission and one from the Morgan Cove Marina Association for the Phase II drainage project; the temporary easement requested on Frank Sottile Lane is not being granted because the property is for sale. The work will likely begin at the end of the peak golfing season since the outfall will be at the back of the golf course. A copy of an email from Westy Westmoreland estimated the cost for undergrounding power lines; on Palm Boulevard from Breach Inlet to 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue the estimate is twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000), and Palm Boulevard from 11<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue is six million dollars (\$6,000,000). In the balance of his email, he detailed six (6) smaller projects; the Administrator has asked him to estimate the cost for these projects which he believes he can have in thirty (30) days to present to the Committee. Like other committees, the Public Works Committee reviewed the FY17 operating budget. As was done earlier, the Committee unanimously approved the out-of-budget purchase of an ice machine. The meeting concluded with a discussion of paving Palm Boulevard between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenues.

The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in the Conference Room.

#### **D. Recreation Committee**

From the meeting of April 5<sup>th</sup>, Councilmember Carroll reported that the Recreation Department is going to celebrate another Island History Evening where residents can share their interesting experiences before, during and after Hurricane Hugo at 5:30 p.m. on May 10<sup>th</sup>; during the evening, the Rec staff will promote the Disaster Expo to be held from 5:00 p.m. til 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> in the bay of Fire Station 1. In March, fifty-three (53) Keenagers attended the group potluck lunch meeting; the next meeting will be April 6<sup>th</sup>. The Front Beach fest was a huge success with approximately two thousand (2,000) people in attendance; staff will closely duplicate the event again next year keeping with the beach music theme that appeared to be the draw this year. For the Egg-cellent Craft Easter egg decorating activity, the staff boiled eggs the day before for children who saw no reason for the tool to remove the eggs from the dye when their hands fit

into the dye cups just fine. The inclement weather brought the annual Easter Egg Hunt into the gym, but it did not dampen the fun of the fifteen hundred to two thousand (1,500-2,000) attendees. Summer camp registration began Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and will continue through the week for residents. According to the Director, a man arrived Sunday night with his sleeping bag and pillow and more people joined him around 3:00 a.m. to ensure that their children got enrolled; by the time the Director arrived at 6:00 a.m., parents were lined down the sidewalk. The last Middle School Dance will be held Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>; the Yard Sale will be Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>; Music in the Park will be Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and the Sand Sculpting Competition will be Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m. The IOP Beach Run is scheduled for Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Survey about the Recreation Center and the Department's programs are being distributed to users at every opportunity; results to-date are coming primarily from senior participants (age 60+), are IOP residents, express that the activities, programs and facilities are excellent and indicate that they hear of new programs via word-of-mouth, not social media. The Committee had a lengthy discussion about a Grounds and Buildings Specialist who would be responsible for all City-owned buildings and properties and who would report to the Recreation Director; the position was to be further vetted by the Personnel Committee. The Committee reviewed the FY17 budget, and the Administrator reported that a generator for the Recreation Center had been added to the Capital Projects budget as a result of the emergency preparedness exercise on the aftermath of an earthquake. The final page of the budget showed the full Recreation Department FY17 proposed budget spread by funding source; the box at the bottom of the page indicates that eighty-five percent (85%) is expected to come from the General and Capital Projects Fund and the remaining fifteen percent (15%) is to come from the tourism funds. The Committee unanimously approved the expenditure of approximately seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) for a new holiday tree.

The next Recreation Committee meeting will be at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in the Conference Room.

Mayor Cronin reported that the River Dogs game was well attended by the City's employees.

#### **E. Personnel Committee**

The FY17 operating budgets for the Building Department and General Government were reviewed by the Committee at their meeting of April 6<sup>th</sup>; in so doing the Committee unanimously approved a one percent (1%) COLA and a two percent (2%) merit increase for employees in FY17. The Personnel Committee also discussed additional personnel, i.e. a human resource/payroll person in General Government, two (2) patrol officers in the Police Department and a Grounds and Buildings Specialist at the Recreation Department. The Committee also discussed efficiency and how Council might reduce the demand on staff by having fewer meetings and considering the time managers spend at meetings; it was noted that Council has been working to streamline expenses, time, energy and effort by being more electronic and reducing study and effort by the Committees. Councilmember Harrington said that he also hoped other committees would consider ways to be more efficient and possibly to reduce the attendance of personnel to give them more time to do their jobs. The Committee discussed the four (4) new positions and the Treasurer's move to full-time. The Committee unanimously approved the payment of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for an actuary to determine the City's OPEB liability



for GASB45 and GASB75 as they relate to retiree health insurance. The meeting concluded with a brief discussion about ways that people who own property, but do not live, on the island could have a voice in the City; Councilmember Harrington thought that these people could bring an interesting perspective to the table.

The Personnel Committee will hold its next meeting at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in the Conference Room.

Safety Sweepstakes winners for March were Laura McLellan from General Government, Kim Tapply of Public Works, Jeff Stickney of the Fire Department and Matt Storen of the Police Department.

#### **F. Real Property Committee**

Reporting from the meeting of April 6, Councilmember Bergwerf reported that the Committee discussed the two (2) projects the City has outstanding with FEMA; the two (2) projects are the damage to the beach from the October storms for one and a half million dollars (\$1,500,000) and the damages to the 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue beach access. The City has been notified that it will receive seventy-five percent (75%) of the damages claimed (\$15,000) for the beach access. A long discussion on the marina redevelopment occurred that included drystack, gas tanks, the configuration of the docks, redesign of parking, access for paddleboards and kayaks, and others; these topics will be discussed by the full Council on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Rice brought up the loss and the shifting of sand behind the bulkhead at the marina which could be an indicator of a serious problem; the Committee unanimously agreed to have an engineer provide a cost assessment of the bulkhead. The Committee discussed the possible redevelopment of the Front Beach restrooms with a three million dollar (\$3,000,000) facility to be paid for by surrounding counties. In an update on the 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue beach access, the Committee was told that it has received the SCDOT encroachment permit and is in the process of getting asphalt pricing for the handicap parking space. Like other committees, the Real Property Committee reviewed the operating budgets under its purview. The possibility of establishing a property acquisition fund was brought up for discussion, but no action was taken. All City tenants were current on their rents.

The next meeting of the Real Property Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> in the Conference Room.

Mayor Cronin announced that the City has received funds from FEMA for the 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue beach access, but the City does not yet have the OCRM permit, and some citizens in that area want more done than was in the request sent to OCRM for approval.

#### **6. Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions**

- A. Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee** – minutes attached
- B. Board of Zoning Appeals** – minutes attached
- C. Planning Commission** – minutes attached

#### **7. Reports from Special or Joint Committees** – none

8. **Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of**  
Beach Parking Petition to Place "Resident Only Parking" Signs at Top and Bottom of Streets Only
9. **Bills Already in Possession of Council – none**
10. **Introduction of New Bills, Resolutions and Proclamations**
  - A. **First Reading, by title only, of Ordinance 2016-05 – An Ordinance to Raise Revenue and Adopt a Budget for the City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017**  
**MOTION:** Mayor Cronin moved to approve Ordinance 2016-05 for First Reading, by title only; Councilmember Bettelli seconded and the motion PASSED on a vote of 5 to 3 with Councilmember Carroll, Ferencz and Ward casting Nay votes.
  - B. **Resolution authorizing an Application for FEMA Mitigation Grant Funding to Acquire a Generator for the Recreation Center**  
**MOTION:** Mayor Cronin moved to adopt the resolution and to suspend the reading of a Resolution Authorizing an Application for FEMA Mitigation Grant Funding to Acquire a Generator for the Recreation Center; Councilmember Ward seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
  - C. **A Proclamation in Support of National Safe Boating Week**

Administrator Tucker read the proclamation into the record, and a copy is attached to the historical record of the meeting.

**MOTION:** The Mayor moved to adopt the Proclamation in support of National Safe Boating Week; Councilmember Bettelli seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 11. **Miscellaneous Business**

### **Discussion of holding a future Council meeting in Wild Dunes**

Councilmember Kinghorn mentioned the idea at the last meeting of possibly holding one (1) Council meeting per year in Wild Dunes; in his opinion, it would provide Council an opportunity to provide leadership, bring the island together, and interact directly with the residents and businesses in the resort. He recommended that Administrator Tucker work with the managers to set a date for this meeting.

Councilmember Ward asked if other local governments held meetings at other locations in the community, and the Mayor replied he had not heard of this happening before.

Councilmember Ferencz asked whether the same outcome could be obtained by making a personal invitation to residents inside the gates; Councilmember Kinghorn remarked that they, as all residents of the island, have an open invitation to attend Council meetings. He said this action would be a gesture for both residents outside of the gates to see what an asset it is; it is also a greater opportunity for residents inside the gates to interact with Council and for Council to learn.

As an example, Mayor Cronin reported that, on Monday morning, the City had gotten notice of a meeting on Monday night of members of the South Carolina Senate and House that would be held at the Citadel Beach House to talk about substantive matters for low country constituents.

Considering himself a traditionalist, Councilmember Ward stated that Council should meet in Council Chambers.

The Mayor suggested hold a special meeting of purpose in Wild Dunes and invite all of the island.

**MOTION: Councilmember Kinghorn moved to empower the Administrator to enter into a dialogue with the managers to determine a date that would be suitable to hold a regular Council meeting within the Wild Dunes resort; Councilmember Harrington seconded.**

Councilmember Bettelli stated that, for years, Council has strived to bring the community together and that all residents of the island are welcomed to attend Council meetings and to hear island-wide issues.

The Mayor said that he did not think any more residents would attend a meeting there than do at City Hall.

According to Councilmember Kinghorn, the thought of bringing the island residents together was behind his recommendation; it is less or equal about the residents of Wild Dunes but that other island residents go into the resort, see the value of it and understand it.

Councilmember Carroll voiced an understanding of Councilmember Kinghorn's idea, but he hoped that the Wild Dunes' residents realize that Council works hard to work with them for the Isle of Palms to be one (1) community.

Councilmember Ward noted that Council has everything it needs here in City Hall; he commented to the number of times that Assistant Frago has to go upstairs in a meeting to get a question answered.

**VOTE: The motion FAILED on a vote of 2 to 6 with the aye votes cast by Councilmembers Harrington and Kinghorn.**

**Next Meeting Date: 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> in Council Chambers.**

**12. Executive Session – not needed**

Administrator Tucker announced that Directors Kerr and Pitts have notified her that County Council has approved forty-eight dollars (\$48) for the NPDES fee for the Isle of Palms with only one (1) objection.

**13. Adjournment**

**MOTION: Councilmember Carroll moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.; Councilmember Kinghorn seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland  
City Clerk