

**SPECIAL MEETING
Of
CITY COUNCIL**

5:00 p.m., Monday, August 29, 2016

A Special Meeting of City Council was called to order at 5:00 p.m., Monday, August 29, 2016, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Bettelli, Carroll, 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. Councilmembers Bergwerf and Ferencz were absent. Attending via telephone was Alicia Stamps of Magilla Entertainment representing the television production company.

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. **Purpose**

**Consideration of giving City-sponsored event status to HGTV for the filming of
“Beachfront Bargain Hunt”**

MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to grant City-sponsored event status to film an episode of “Beachfront Bargain Hunt” on the Isle of Palms between September 9th and 12th; Councilmember Bettelli seconded.

Administrator Tucker explained that “Beachfront Bargain Hunt” is a weekly real estate reality show on the HGTV network; the show follows a couple or family as they and their real estate agent tour properties in order to find their dream waterfront home for a modest budget. If given City-sponsored event status, a minimal crew of seven (7) would be as unobtrusive as possible; they would not need any assistance from the Fire or Police Departments; the production team and equipment fit into two (2) regular sized minivans. Their plan is to film on the island September 9th through 12th, and possibly one (1) additional day, and locations will include the County Park, local restaurants, the marina, the beach and six or seven (6-7) residences. They also plan to get some aerial photographs of the island and its beach.

Councilmember Bettelli asked what kind of shots would be filmed on the beach, and Ms. Stamps responded that it would be a couple or family enjoying the beach and the water.

Councilmember Kinghorn stated that he has worked with HGTV in the past and found them to be easy to work with and very professional.

Councilmember Carroll asked if there would be any impact on the neighbors, and Ms. Stamps said that they may not even know that a television show is being filmed right next door. The Administrator said that she would contact neighbors when she learns where the residences are as well as provide a “heads up” for the film crew if the City believes that the neighbor(s) might be a problem.

Mayor Cronin said he thought this would some very positive exposure for the City and a positive experience for all involved.

VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Councilmember Ward moved to close the meeting at 5:08 p.m.; Councilmember Carroll seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk