

PUBLIC HEARING

6:45 p.m., Tuesday, April 26, 2011

The City Council of the City of Isle of Palms held a Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 in Council Chambers of City Hall, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the hearing were Councilmembers Bergwerf, Bettelli, Buckhannon, Duffy, Loftus, Piening, Stone and Thomas, Mayor Cronin, Administrator Tucker, Building and Planning Director Kerr, Attorney Halversen, Assistant to the Administrator Dziuban and City Clerk Copeland.

1. Mayor Cronin called the hearing to order and acknowledged that the press and public had been duly notified of the hearing in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

2. Public Hearing

- A. **Ordinance 2011-01 – An Ordinance Amending Title 5, Planning and Development, Chapter 4, Zoning, Article 7, Signs, of the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances to Provide for Regulations Pertaining to Sandwich Board Signs.**
- B. **Ordinance 2011-02 – An Ordinance Amending Title 5, Planning and Development, Chapter 4, Zoning, Article 1, General Provisions, Section 5-4-20, Communication Tower and Antennae Regulations, of the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances to Provide an Exception and Certain Additional Requirements for Communication Towers and/or Antennae Modified or Constructed for Public Safety Uses by Governmental Agencies.**

After reading the title of the ordinances into the record, Mayor Cronin asked Director Kerr to review the key points for discussion.

Director Kerr reminded Council that these two (2) ordinances had been the subject of a public hearing in March. Ordinance 2011-01 was sent back to the Planning Commission for further study, and Ordinance 2011-02 was deferred at the request of staff to allow for additional refinements.

Director Kerr explained that a primary concern at the March Public Hearing about Ordinance 2011-01, which deals with sandwich board signs, was that a business could set out a series of signs close to the road to attract vehicular traffic rather than pedestrian traffic which was the intent of the ordinance. In addressing this issue, the Planning Commission recommended amending the ordinance by adding the statement

“. . . shall be located no more than fifteen (15) feet from the primary public entrance to the business establishment. . .”

The ordinance dealing with cellular towers, Ordinance 2011-02, was amended in several ways by staff; the primary changes being the following:

- The ordinance, as modified, only applies to existing free-standing towers;
- The list of agencies allowed to construct a tower has been narrowed to only the City;

- The zoning district has been restricted to GC-1, General Commercial, only; and
- In Section 2, paragraph (11)(c), language was added requiring that the design and location of any new tower applied for under this amendment be specifically reviewed and approved by the City Council.

Mayor Cronin thanked Director Kerr and opened the floor for public comments; no one stepped forward to comment on the two (2) ordinances.

3. Conclusion

Mayor Cronin closed the Public Hearing at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk