

## **SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

June 19, 2007

Isle of Palms, South Carolina

A special meeting of the Isle of Palms City Council was held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, 2007 in City Hall Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Sottile, Council members Bettelli, Buckhannon, Cronin, Hanbury, Marino, McMackin, Rice and Taylor, as well as City Administrator Tucker and City Clerk Copeland. There was a quorum present to conduct business.

### **1. Introduction of Meeting**

Mayor Sottile called the meeting to order and stated that members of the press and the public had been duly notified of the meeting in accordance with State and Federal law.

### **2. Second Reading and Ratification of Ordinance 2007-9: 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, 2007 and Ending June 30, 2008.**

**MOTION: Councilman Taylor moved that City Council approve Ordinance 2007-9 for Second Reading and Ratification; Councilman Bettelli seconded.**

At Mayor Sottile's request, Administrator Tucker read the ordinance in full.

Councilman Taylor thanked the City Council for their hard work on what he believes to be one of the most difficult budgets in many years; there were special thanks to Administrator Tucker, Treasurer Suggs and the department heads. He also repeated Councilman Buckhannon's words that the Council does work hard, plan ahead, look to the future and work toward making the best decisions long term for the entire City.

Councilwoman Hanbury lamented on the drainage issue in that there is not included in this budget an equal amount of improvement throughout the island, rather than the hundreds of thousands which have been put aside for a very small part of the island which has a serious drainage problem. She stated that there are drainage problems all over the island.

Councilman Bettelli countered that the area between 54<sup>th</sup> and 57<sup>th</sup> has no outlet for drainage. He agreed that there are other problem areas, but they do have drainage into the waterway, even if not the best. He stressed the importance of building up the infrastructure all over the island and that there is a five (5) year drainage improvement program that is on-going for the remainder of the island. He noted that efforts are to include portions of the island which have not been included previously.

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Councilman Cronin thanked Ways and Means Chairman Taylor his guidance and leadership through the budget process as well as the chairmen of the other standing committees. He commented to the fact that the job is difficult on the committee and Council levels; he stated that it is a job that all have attacked vigorously. On the subject of the millage increase, he stated that it is prudent, it is overdue and it was planned for and now well executed.

Councilwoman McMackin commented that she was very gratified to see the Public Safety Building in the budget and that some facets were eliminated. She was pleased with the way the Council came to agreement.

Mayor Sottile thanked Administrator Tucker and Treasurer Suggs stating that he knew it have been a difficult budget through which to work.

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

With no further business to come before the Special Meeting, it was duly adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Copeland, City Clerk