

PUBLIC HEARING

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 22, 2008
Isle of Palms, South Carolina

A Public Hearing for the City of Isle of Palms was held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 in Council Chambers of City Hall, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Present were Mayor Sottile, Council members Bettelli, Buckhannon, Cronin, Duffy, Piening, Rice and Taylor, as well as Zoning Administrator Kerr, Assistant to the Administrator Dziuban and City Clerk Copeland.

1. Introduction of Meeting

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

2. Ordinance 2007-22 – An Ordinance Amending Title 5, Chapter 4, Article 8, Flood Damage and Prevention, Sections 5-4-155 and 5-4-169, to add the Definitions of “Recreational Vehicle” and “Violation,” and to add Standards for Recreational Vehicles.

Mayor Sottile asked that Zoning Director Kerr explain the reasons for the amendment and the changes that are included in it. Director Kerr noted that each year the Department of Natural Resources performs an audit for FEMA where they look at new construction on the island and review the City's flood regulations. In a follow-up letter, there are recommended changes to the flood regulations, and this amendment is reflective of that letter.

Director Kerr remarked that the major change is the inclusion of recreational vehicles, which previously had not been mentioned in the flood regulations. Since there are areas of the country where recreational vehicles are becoming permanent residences, there is a need for them to meet flood regulations.

The Director noted that the new requirements included in the amendment are as follows:

- (1) A recreational vehicle must be ready for highway use;
- (2) A recreational vehicle must be licensed;
- (3) A recreational vehicle must have no permanently attached additions; and
- (4) A recreational vehicle must not be permanently attached to utilities.

He added that there is also a secondary change to the term “violations” stating that anything that is not compliant constitutes a violation.

When the Planning Commission reviewed the amendment, they recommended it for approval by the City Council.

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There were no comments from the public.

There were no questions, comments or discussion on the amendment by City Council; therefore, the Mayor concluded the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland, City Clerk