

## **CITY COUNCIL**

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 27, 2015

The regular meeting of City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 27, 2015 in Council Chambers of City Hall, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Bergwerf, Bettelli, Buckhannon, Carroll, Ferencz, Harrington, Loftus and Ward, Mayor Cronin, Administrator Tucker, Attorney Halversen, Assistant Administrator Fragoso and 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; following a brief invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Clerk Copeland called the roll.

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

**MOTION:** Councilmember Bettelli moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 22, 2015. The Regular meeting of September 29, 2015, the Public Hearing of September 29, 2015 and the Special Meeting of October 6, 2015 as submitted; Councilmember Carroll seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **3. Citizens' Comments**

#### **Public Restrooms Replacement – Grant Funding Research Results, Vonie Gilreath, BCD Council of Governments**

Ms. Gilreath reviewed the letter she had sent to the Administrator Tucker relative to funding opportunities available to the City as it continues to seek funding to replace the public restrooms on Front Beach. (A copy of the letter is attached to the historical record of the meeting.) She informed Council that the deadline for the SC DHEC Control Public Access Grants has been extended and that future and existing applicants were notified they could apply for an additional project or amend an existing project application. This grant is through the State Budget and Control Board; she noted that requests for assistance cannot exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total eligible costs for the project; typical projects range between ten and fifty thousand dollars (\$10,000-50,000). Other grants she believes the City could qualify for are the Community Development Block Grant administered by Charleston County and the Parks and Recreation Development Fund (PARF) grants administered by the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Ms. Gilreath concluded that the BCDCOG was available for further assistance to the City as needed.

#### **Presentation of FY15 Financial Audit by David Phillips of Greene Finney and Horton**

David Phillips and Genia Kornegay of Green Finney and Horton attended the meeting to present the financial audit to Council. (A copy of the audit results, the PowerPoint representation and the management letter are attached to the historical record of the meeting). Mr. Phillips explained that FY15 was the first year that the City had to include its share of the shortfall in the State's pension plans; the City's share of the liability was seven million three hundred thousand dollars (\$7,300,000). The City again achieved the best audit opinion available, an unmodified

opinion; he noted that the auditors noted no findings, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in

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the audit process. In addition, he reported that the City was in a strong financial position as of June 30, 2015,

## 5. Reports from Standing Committees

### A. Ways and Means Committee

From the meeting of October 20, Mayor Cronin noted that at September 30, the City was one-quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) through the fiscal year and revenues and expenditures are as expected. Total cash on-hand was one million dollars (\$1,000,000) higher than in FY15, and the increase can be attributed to the tourism funds. General Fund expenditures for all departments were at twenty-two percent (22%) of budget.

Municipal Accommodations tax collections were six percent (6%) ahead of the same period in FY15, and Hospitality Tax collections were nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) less than the prior year.

Treasurer Suggs provided Council with a schedule of positive net results over recent years, how those funds have been moved to the Capital Projects Fund and how the funds have been used from the Capital Projects budget. Based on the information, the Treasurer had calculated what the Capital Projects need would be in coming years.

Administrator Tucker updated the Committee on flooding to the island during and after the thousand year flood. Since the Ways and Means Committee meeting, the Mayor reported that he and City Administrator have met with FEMA in the public assistance branch; the City continues to update them on the activities that are happening, especially the beach. In the meeting the Mayor learned that any project that gets funding from FEMA will be at seventy-five percent (75%) from the federal government with the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) to come from the City. He encouraged individuals to file any damages they suffered from the flooding with FEMA whether insured or not; the link to FEMA is on the City's website for the individual filings.

1. Award of a contract to Carolina Fence Company in the amount of \$14,000 to replace tennis court fencing

**MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to award a contract to Carolina Fencing Company in the amount of \$14,000 for replacement fencing at the tennis courts; Councilmember Carroll seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Consideration of the payment, via a transfer-in from the Capital Projects Fund, for employee bonuses in the amount of \$63,000 for FY15 full-time and regular part-time (30 hrs/week x 52 weeks) employees

The Mayor commented that this initiative had come from Councilmember Loftus; the topic was discussed and recommended by the Personnel Committee and discussed and approved by the Ways and Means Committee.

**MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to approve the employee bonus in the amount of \$63,000; Councilmember Bettelli seconded.**

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Councilmember Carroll noted that the bonus was a one-time action that will not be repeated going forward.

Mayor Cronin commented that to have had such a successful year was driven by additional work for all City employees and Council wants to recognize them with the payment of bonuses.

**VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Award of a contract to Spirit Communications for \$44,400 annually state contract pricing, for new telephone and internet service

**MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to award a contract in the amount of \$44,400 annually for a new telephone and internet service; Councilmember Harrington seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Award of a sole source contract to T2 Systems in the amount of \$18,828.66 for four (4) handheld ticket writers for the Parking Management System.

**MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to award a sole source contract to T2 Systems as detailed above; Councilmember Bettelli seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Discussion of allocation of funding for NPDES improvement at  
Public Works site

The Committee also discussed the various options open to the City to meet NPDES regulations at the Public Works site, and the Mayor stated that the new schedule for the various funding scenarios because the price has increased.

At the Ways and Means Committee meeting, the Administrator explained that the actual cost estimates for the renovations were considerably higher than the budgeted amount. In the past week, staff has reached out to the engineer to get answers to questions raised at that meeting. The total figure for Option C, which was favored by both the Public Works Committee and Ways and Means, has increased to six hundred twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$628,500); the increase of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) comes from the electrical activities needed for the site.

In addition, staff questioned the engineer about the timing for the project, phasing the project and the bid climate currently; the engineer stated that, if the permitting agencies were to

expedite their process, the project could be completed by spring. When staff asked about a different set up where the water was made clean and allowed to flow with the stormwater, rather than the sanitary sewer; the engineer stated that to do that would be even more expensive; a system that could do that would have to meet the requirements for testing and permitting and on-going requirements associated with it.

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If Council were to approve one (1) of the funding scenarios, staff opined that the City should proceed with bidding out the project; if the bids are high because it is an expensive bid climate now, the City has the option to reject the bids and delay at that time.

Councilmember Ward voiced concern that moving forward without thinking about the removal of the underground storage tanks would be a mistake; he asked how much money was needed to take care of all of the issues at the Public Works site.

Director Pitts stated that the date for the tank removal continued to be moved farther and farther into the future; at this time the deadline for removal is December 2018. Treasurer Suggs reported that one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) has been budgeted for the tank remove at Public Works, and there is a like amount in the Marina Fund for the tank removal there.

Councilmember Ward was concerned that, by the time everything is done at Public Works, the City will have invested one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in it, and there is still the question about the condition the fuel tank despite Director Pitts annual testing.

The Mayor and Administrator assured Council that none of the work to be done for the site to be NPDES compliant would be impacted by the removal of the underground tank.

The Mayor reviewed the scenarios presented:

- #1 to stay with the current plan to pay one-third from Municipal ATAX and two-thirds from the Capital Projects Fund
- #2 to use the funds in the FY16 budget as allocated and to fund the additional funds evenly between Municipal ATAX and the Capital Projects Fund
- #3 to use the funds in the FY16 budget as allocated and to allocate the additional funds with one-third from the Capital Projects Fund and two-thirds from Municipal ATAX

**MOTION: Councilmember Carroll moved to go with Scenario #3 to fund the additional funds needed for the Public Works site to be NPDES compliant; Councilmember Harrington seconded.**

Councilmember Ward reiterated that this motion would allow staff to go out for bid on this project.

The Mayor agreed and added that, if the bid comes in at or below the estimated six hundred twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$628,500), the City would proceed with the funding as presented in Scenario #3.

**VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The next Ways and Means Committee meeting will be 5:45 p.m., Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Public Safety Committee**

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Reporting on the meeting of October 8<sup>th</sup>, Councilmember Bettelli stated that an island resident, Dudley Spangler, came before the Committee offering to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for the Fire and Police Departments and any other employees who might be working.

In addition, Mr. Spangler expressed his appreciation of the services done by the City's public safety personnel; he stated that, from his viewpoint, "everything went off without a hitch" during the recent flooding.

The Public Safety Committee has been discussing the possibility of having a crosswalk at Merritt and Palm Boulevard, but Chief Buckhannon stated that would not be a good location because it would be on a curve and the spot on the ocean-side was very narrow. The Committee agreed to defer this subject to a later date.

Other issues discussed were the proposed golf cart path between 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Avenues and the need for a quick response vehicle (QRV). The next move for the golf cart path was to get a SCDOT representative to come to the site, talk about the concepts and get recommendations before moving forward. On the subject of a QRV, Chief Graham stated that the patient would be getting the same level of training/experience and the same equipment carried in a different vehicle. The QRV will remain on the agenda while Chief Graham accumulates additional information.

The Committee unanimously approved the new telephone and internet provider and the purchase of four (4) handheld ticket writers for the Parking Management Plan.

From the Fire Department monthly report, Councilmember Bettelli recounted that personnel responded to the report of a possible drowning of an eighteen (18) month old child; after clearing the child's airway, oxygen was administered and the patient was transported by Charleston County EMS. On September 23<sup>rd</sup> personnel responded to a residence on Carolina Boulevard and found a large volume of water flowing from the ceiling; personnel secured water at the meter, vacuumed as much water as possible, covered furniture and other belongings and advised the owner that the water could not be turned back on until the broken pipe was repaired. In the month, twenty-six (26) inspections were conducted and twenty-three (23) violations were found. Training included forcible entry and personal protective training, and medical in-service training covered airway management. Chief Graham, Captain Eagle, Lt. Nester and Firefighter Stickney successfully completed FEMA's three (3) day Wide Area Search course. The ladder truck had to be taken out of service to replace aerial cables and a couple of

other services which were quite expensive; the ladder truck also needed the replacement of two (2) tires. The invoice has not yet arrived for the work done on the air conditioning at the Public Safety Building, but Chief Graham expects it to be quite high. Personnel responded to a total of seventy-six (76) calls and thirty (30) of the calls were for EMS. In the month, twenty-six (26) inspections were conducted and twenty-three (23) violations were found. Chief Graham, Captain Eagle, Lt. Nester and Firefighter Stickney successfully completed FEMA's three (3) day Wide Area Search course. While off-duty, Chief Graham, Engineers Bolen, Meador, Pesature, Puckhaber and Richardson, and Firefighters Crisp, Douzanis and Rousse participated in the 9/11 Silent Walk across the Ravenel Bridge in full gear. The Department took advantage of opportunities to give station tours, assist residents and visitors and to install smoke detector batteries.

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Councilmember Bettelli stated that on September 9<sup>th</sup>, IOP officers assisted Sullivan's Island Police Department with a possible suicidal subject; the tragedy was averted and the person was transported to a hospital for evaluation. In the month, officers issued four (4) "You could have been a Victim of a Crime" notices and forty-five (45) property security check notices. The Command Staff recognizes the Animal Control Officers Fitzpatrick and Enourato for their efforts in enforcing ordinances and, at the same time, building positive relationships with citizens. In addition to their daily duties, they can be depended upon to complete any task assigned and assist with maintenance of equipment and facilities. The City would not have been prepared for the rains and subsequent flooding without their help. They do an outstanding job and are courteous and professional in their demeanor; the Department appreciates their efforts. Officers issued ten (10) citations for alcohol on the beach. In the month of September, dispatchers responded to forty-six hundred three (4,603) calls with thirty-six hundred eighty-three (3,683) for the Police Department. Officers had two hundred forty-five (245) traffic stops, and seventy-one (71) of those stops were ticketed. The City has experienced a fifty-three percent (53%) increase in DUI tickets from 2014. Officers wrote one hundred thirty-seven (137) incident reports in September; they made twenty-seven (27) arrests for the month. Three (3) arrests were narcotics related, and ten (10) were for liquor law violations. Animal Control wrote six (6) citations in the month and picked up fourteen (14) animals. In September, the Department received twenty-four (24) noise complaints and nine (9) citations were written.

Councilmember Bettelli announced the City of Isle of Palms has been named number twenty-two (#22) of the thirty (30) safest cities in South Carolina.

Administrator Tucker stated that literature on coyotes has been placed on the table at the rear of the room; she encouraged those attending the meeting to take and read them. Some residents have reported coyote sightings on the island, and information in the handouts explain what to do if someone has an encounter with one.

The Public Safety Committee will hold its next meeting at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> in the Training Room of the Public Safety Building at 30 JC Long Boulevard.

Administrator Tucker announced that Chief Buckhannon recently celebrated thirty-five (35) years with the City.

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

From the regular meeting of October 7<sup>th</sup>, Councilmember Ward reported that debris collection has gotten caught up, and the volume was slightly ahead of last year. The reduction in garbage that started in August has continued through September; Director Pitts continues to support the City reducing twice a week garbage collection in 2016 by two (2) weeks, i.e. start one (1) week later in the spring and end one (1) week earlier in the fall. The Committee discussed the purchase of a pickup truck and a hopper; the matter was deferred to the next meeting in order for Director Pitts to get additional information. After discussing the flooding at the handicap parking space on 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue with Charleston County, the Administrator reported that the recommendation from the County had been to submit a request for correction to the flooding at 9<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Avenues to the Transportation Sales Tax (TST) Committee; they assured the Administrator that such a request would not take funding away from the City's other priority projects because the funds

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would come from a different "bucket" of money. Mark Yodice of Thomas and Hutton attended the meeting to review the design for the NPDES improvements needed at the Public Works site, and this subject was discussed earlier in this meeting. The Committee also received an update on the proposed golf cart path between between 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the Island Center and efforts to get funding for new public restrooms. After discussing the cutting at the intersection of Cedar and 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the possibility of an increased frequency of recycling, the Committee digressed to septic tanks versus sewer. Councilmember Ferencz stated that only thirty percent (30%) of the island's residences outside of Wild Dunes are on sewer. The Committee requested that the Planning Commission to research the recommendation to require residences to be on sewer, grandfathering the existing septic systems; once the property changed ownership, the new owner had to tie in to the sewer system.

The next Public Works Committee meeting has been scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

At the meeting of October 12<sup>th</sup>, Councilmember Carroll read an email from Jerry Gaeta stating his thanks to the City for the refurbishment of the athletic fields at the Recreation Center and complimenting the Recreation Department for their good work in recruiting teams – a total of seven (7) softball teams this year. September at the Recreation Department means the start of the season with programs and activities. As always, fitness classes are going strong. Tennis classes are offered for youths between the ages of three and twelve (3-12), and all classes are full. For the first Keenagers meeting of the year, forty-seven (47) seniors joined together for a potluck lunch. Fifty-one (51) employees participated in the Community Wellness Fair, and fifty-five (55) residents signed up for cholesterol screenings and lipid profiles; this year the event drew nineteen (19) vendors. The year's first Middle School Dance held on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> welcomed one hundred nineteen (119) students; the new policy of presenting school identifications at the door was initiated. Upcoming events include *Ghostly Tide Tales* on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., the Halloween Carnival on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m., and the Holiday Street Festival on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:00 p.m. Youth basketball registration began Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> for residents of the Isle of Palms and Sullivan's Island. Assistant Ferrell reiterated that January 2016 will be island history month; four (4) programs are planned, i.e. one (1) for each week. Staff wants to conclude the series with storytelling by long-time

residents of their memories of the island. The Committee unanimously approve the contract award for new fencing at the tennis court. Staff will be researching how old photographs of the island can be archived and displayed at the Rec Center.

The Recreation Committee will hold its next meeting at 9:00 a.m., Monday, November 2, 2015 in the Conference Room.

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

Reporting on the Personnel Committee meeting of October 12<sup>th</sup>, Councilmember Harrington stated that the first order of business had been consideration of appointments to boards and commissions. Two (2) seats need to be filled immediately; they are a Lodging seat for ATAX since Franny Russell has moved off the island and a seat on the Planning Commission because

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Bev Ballow has resigned for medical reasons. After a brief Executive Session and much discussion, the recommendations were made to appoint Matt DeAntonio to the ATAX Committee and Dr. Lewis Gregory to the Planning Commission. In communications since the meeting, Mr. DeAntonio informed the Chair that he was not interested in serving on the ATAX Committee.

**MOTION: Councilmember Harrington moved to appoint Dr. Lewis Gregory to the Planning Commission to serve the unexpired term of Bev Ballow; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded.**

Councilmember Ferencz asked whether Mr. DeAntonio had voiced interest in other boards or commissions; Councilmember Harrington said that he had indicated the Planning Commission or the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Councilmember Bettelli explained that, in the interviews of new candidates for boards and commissions, the candidates are told that the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals get the most applicants and they are asked whether they would be willing to serve on other boards of commissions if selected.

Responding to Councilmember Ward's question, Administrator Tucker reported that seven (7) candidates expressed their preference for the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Bergwerf said that she was familiar with Dr. Lewis Gregory and that he would be an asset to the Planning Commission; he cares a lot about the environment and the beach, plus he is a long-time resident of the island.

**VOTE: The motion PASSED on a vote of 6 to 3 with Councilmembers Carroll, Ferencz and Ward casting the dissenting votes.**

Mayor Cronin noted that the positions are often difficult to fill because candidates must fill seats representing specific areas of tourism and lie on the island.

Other recommendations were as follows:

Reappointments:



ATAX Board of Zoning Appeals	Margaret Miller Arnold Karig Glenn Thornburg
Code Board of Appeals Planning Commission	Bill Mitchell Ron Denton Lisa Safford Noel Scott
Filling an Unexpired Term: ATAX	Judith Bleecker
Appointment: Code Board of Appeals	Phillip Smith

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The Committee also approved Councilmember Loftus' recommendation for an employee bonus of five hundred dollars for employees in good standing at June 30, 2015.

The Committee heard from Chief Graham about the staffing of a quick response vehicle for the City; Chief Graham was tasked with preparing a cost analysis of the City having its own vehicle and staffing it with an IOP EMT and one (1) County paramedic.

Employee vacancies in City departments are for a Parks and Facilities Specialist at the Recreation Department, a Communications Specialist for the Police Department and one (1) firefighter for the Fire Department.

Safety Sweepstake winners of September were Aaron Sweet of the Recreation Department, Michael Smart of the Fire Department, Jane Stewart of the Police Department and Charles Williams for the Public Works Department.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> in the Training Room of the Public Safety Building.

**F. Real Property Committee**

Reporting from the Committee meeting of October 6<sup>th</sup>, Councilmember Loftus noted that Morgan Creek Grill did not come forward with proposal for a lease amendment for the restaurant; staff will communicate with them regarding the November meeting. Director Kerr was complimented for the professional job he had done on a grant request for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue handicap beach access improvements; the grant will be announced in mid-November. Administrator Tucker presented a new design for the commemorative sign for the Mayor Carmen R. Bunch Park, and the Committee chose the sign with black on silver lettering. The Administrator informed the Committee that Kirby Marshall and others from ATM were making progress at the marina and the project website should be online soon. The Chair announced that all tenants were current with their rents.

The Real Property Committee will hold its next meeting at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> in the Training Room of the Public Safety Building.

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

- A. Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee** – no meeting in October
- B. Board of Zoning Appeals** – no meeting in October
- C. Planning Commission** – minutes attached

Administrator Tucker called Council's attention to the Planning Commission discussion relative to the marina master plan project; she noted that the discussion is of special importance for the Real Property Committee given that Morgan Creek Grill will be requesting a change to their lease at the November meeting. The Planning Commission expressed some very specific opinions and input about the lease renewal with Morgan Creek Grill as it relates to the marina master plan.

**7. Reports from Special or Joint Committees – None**

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**8. Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of**

Mayor Cronin reported that the City is in receipt of the petition generated by Morgan Creek Grill; he added that Morgan Creek Grill and the City Attorney will be looking at ordinance changes needed to move forward.

**9. Bills Already in Possession of Council**

Second Reading of Ordinance 2015-12 – An Ordinance Amending Title 5, Planning and Development, Chapter 4, Zoning, Article 8, Flood Damage Prevention, of the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances to Update the City's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance in Accordance with the Requirements of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Flood Mitigation Program

**MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to amend Ordinance 2015-12, Section 5-4-157 to include "Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and"; Councilmember Carroll seconded and the amendment PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to suspend the reading and adopt Ordinance 2015-12 as amended; Councilmember Ward seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10. Introduction to New Bills, Resolutions and Proclamations**

First Reading, by title only, of Ordinance 2015-13 – An Ordinance Amending Title 8, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, of the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances to Provide for New Resident Parking District Regulations, New Beach Parking Regulations, and to Prohibit Parking Within Four Feet of the Pavement on Both Sides of Palm Boulevard.

**MOTION: Mayor Cronin moved to approve for First Reading, by title only, Ordinance 2015-13; Councilmember Ward seconded.**

The Mayor commented that this was an extensive ordinance that puts into reality the beach parking management plan that Council has agreed upon and also takes action pursuant to Council's action requiring everyone to park four feet (4 ft.) from the pavement on both sides of Palm Boulevard. In addition, this ordinance explains the details of the resident parking district and how a resident gets a parking pass for himself and his guests.

Administrator Tucker noted that the sign plan for the parking management program has been depicted in two (2) ways, color coding of the parking restrictions for the entire island and the sign plan has the placement of the signs according to SCDOT requirements.

Stantec is currently discussing the placement of signs saying "No Parking on Ocean Boulevard" to eliminate the misinterpretation of signs saying "No Parking This Side of Street;" often visitors think these signs give them the okay to park on the opposite side of the street.

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Councilmember Ferencz recalled reading that parking would be allowed on 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue, and she asked whether that meant parking would be allowed the length of 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

Administrator Tucker commented that Concept C left Breach Inlet, the Recreation Center and the marina area parking as they are today – the plan is completely silent on these areas. Director Kerr confirmed that 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue from the marina to Palm Boulevard remain unchanged

Councilmember Carroll asked for clarification on whether Waterway Boulevard from Intracoastal Court to 41<sup>st</sup>, which is residential, would be open to parking.

Director Kerr confirmed that, on the map, Waterway Boulevard from Forest Trail to 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue would be available for parking, i.e. unchanged from today.

When Councilmember Ferencz asked why neither 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue nor Waterway Boulevard were in the list of roads/streets open to parking, Administrator Tucker explained that these streets are not on the list because the list is composed of street available for beach access parking.

**VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

First Reading, by title only, of Ordinance 2015-14 – An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Isle of Palms to Rezone Certain Properties from the PDD Planned Development Zoning District to a new SR-3 Residential Zoning District and a new P-3 Preservation Overlay Zone.

**MOTION: Councilmember Ward moved to approve First Reading, by title only, of Ordinance 2015-14 as stated above; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded**

Mayor Cronin explained that this ordinance deals with the lots and properties after 53<sup>rd</sup> and through 56<sup>th</sup> Avenues that are now unencumbered by any covenants or restrictions; they had originally been in the PDD zoning district and are now being brought into the City under the new

SR-3 Residential Zoning District with the associated controls assigned to it. The new SR-3 district will mirror, where possible, the prior covenants under which these properties existed.

**VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

First Reading, by title only, of Ordinance 2015-15 – An Ordinance Amending Title 5, Planning and Development, Chapter 4, to the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances to Provide for a new SR-3 Residential Zoning District and a new P-3 Preservation Overlay Zone, to add “Beach Renourishment” as a permitted Use to the P-1 and P-2 Preservation Overlay Zones, and to Amend Certain Regulations to Include Reference to the new SR-3 Zoning District.

**MOTION: Councilmember Ward moved to approve, by title only, Ordinance 2015-15 for First Reading; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded.**

The Mayor commented that this was a companion ordinance to the previous one relative to the City’s official zoning map

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Administrator Tucker stated that the Wild Dunes Community Association has notified, as best they could, the fifty-one (51) properties involved, but , in addition, the property will be posted as being re-zoned; therefore, she anticipates that some Councilmembers will be contacted about it.

Mayor Cronin added that he and the Administrator have a meeting with several of the property owners next week.

**VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **11. Miscellaneous Business**

### **Consideration of citizen request, made to Councilmember Ward, that the City facilitate assistance in re-building school on Long Island, Bahamas which received heavy damage from Hurricane Joaquin**

Councilmember Ward commented that the Isle of Palms weathered Hurricane Joaquin and heavy flooding much better than other parts of the state and of Long Island, Bahamas; Long Island was “pretty much devastated” and was brought to the Councilmember’s attention by Jim and Betsy Smiley. Mr. Smiley was not suggesting a lot of money, but help with supplying the schools there and getting them re-opened. Councilmember Ward suggested sending fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) out of the Disaster Preparedness Fund once the City has a contact person on Long Island.

Mayor Cronin said that he has a problem because there are parts of South Carolina that are in bad shape and need funds also; he add that, personally, he does not like committing City funds for things that do not benefit the citizens of the island. If the City could accumulate funds that citizens wanted to contribute in their own name, he would not oppose that.

Councilmember Carroll suggested putting the information on the City's Facebook page that the City would accept citizens' contributions for this purpose.

Councilmember Loftus voiced his agreement with the Mayor as did Councilmember Bergwerf.

The Mayor stated that he would look into the matter further; he liked to be charitable, but did not want to consume a lot of staff time.

**Next Meeting Date: 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 17, 2015**

**12. Executive Session – not needed**

**13 Adjournment**

**MOTION: Councilmember Buckhannon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted:  
Marie Copeland, City Clerk