



**Administration Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 1, 2024, 4:30pm
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC and
broadcasted live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Present: Council members Bogosian, Campsen, and Carroll

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Director Kerr

2. Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes

The minutes of the January meeting will be voted on at the next meeting.

4. Citizen's Comments – none

5. Old Business

Review of applicants for Accommodation Tax Advisory Committee vacancy

Administrator Fragoso said she received two new applications for the opening on the ATAX Committee. One applicant is eligible for the lodging position and the other applicant could fill the at-large position.

After a brief discussion, the Committee asked Administrator Fragoso to reach out to Ms. Nelms who had previously applied and been interviewed. Interested applicants will be interviewed by the Committee at their March meeting.

6. New Business

A. Discussion of City Code section 1-3-13 which regulates public participation during council meetings

Administrator Fragoso said she has heard that citizens want more clarity on what they can address to City Council at Council meetings. She pointed out that the City is not statutorily required to allow for citizens' comments during a meeting. She also shared that comments could be placed at the end of the meeting and not at the beginning.

Council Member Bogosian agreed there needs to be clarity on how citizens can address Council members. He said that naming a Council member does not necessarily equate to a personal attack on that person. Both Council members Campsen and Bogosian agreed that citizens can address Council on issues that do not appear on the current agenda.

Discussion ensued as to the order people speak during Citizens' Comments. Administrator Fragoso will prepare a draft ordinance that prioritizes speakers by residents, property owners, business license holders, and those speaking to items on the agenda. She will also remove Section E as discussed. These changes will be brought to the March meeting for further discussion and also be added to the March Council workshop agenda.

B. Discussion of City Code section 5-4-138 (d) which regulates placement of political signs in the public right of way

Administrator Fragoso said that the City is one of the few municipalities that allows political signage in the public right of way. They are permitted 30 days in advance of an election. She said that other municipalities allow political signs on private property and do not allow them in the public right of way as it is considered visual clutter.

Council Member Campsen said she received citizen feedback in favor of limiting political signage. Council Member Carroll asked if changing the ordinance would limit candidates' ability to get their message to voters, especially those who may be newer to the island. Council Member Bogosian would like time to discuss the issue with citizens. This item will be on the March agenda for further discussion.

7. Miscellaneous Business

The Administration Committee will have its next meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 4:30pm.

8. Adjournment

Council Member Bogosian made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Carroll seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk