



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**6:00pm, Tuesday, February 27, 2024**  
**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 Hahn, Bogosian, Anderson, Ward, Miars, Pierce, Campsen, Carroll, and Mayor Pounds

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Director Kerr, City Attorney McQuillin, various department heads

**2. Citizen's Comments**

Gary Nestler, 17 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, spoke about his concerns regarding public safety in the community. He asked questions of Council: why hire skilled paramedics when they cannot provide advanced life support, why allocate funds for non-essential items if the personnel are not getting their pay increases, what is the impact of automatic aid on the personnel and City apparatus, and why was the volunteer firefighter program ended. He would like to see a Public Safety Advisory Committee formed and he is willing to run the committee. He requested there be no retaliation against him and his family for his comments.

**3. Approval of previous meetings' minutes**

- A. City Council Meeting – January 23, 2024**
- B. Special City Council Meeting Executive Session – January 23, 2024**
- C. Special City Council Meeting Workshop – February 13, 2024**
- D. Special City Council Meeting – February 20, 2024**

**MOTION: Council Member Bogosian made a motion to approve the minutes, and Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**4. Special Presentations**

**Presentation of request for City-sponsored event status for LOWVELO Bike Ride on Saturday, November 2, 2024 – Chris Winn, MUSC Hollings Cancer Center**

Mr. Chris Winn of the Hollings Cancer Center said there is a planned expansion of the LOWVELO event this year, hoping they have 1900 riders and raise \$1 million.

Administrator Fragoso said staff will work with Mr. Winn to ensure City resources can support such an increase in participation.

**MOTION:** Council Member Ward made a motion to approve City-sponsored status to the LOWVELO event on November 2, 2024. Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Old Business -- none**

7. **New Business**

A. **Consideration of change order from The Bastion Group for additional pipe bedding based on revised geotechnical recommendations in the amount of \$83,749 [South Carolina Office of Resilience to cover \$23,000; City's share will be \$60,749]**

Administrator Fragoso said this expense will be covered by the remaining marina bond proceeds.

**MOTION:** Council Member Bogosian made a motion to approve, and Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. **Consideration of granting easement to the Isle of Palms Water & Sewer Commission for new effluent line through marina property adjacent to 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue ditch**

**MOTION:** Council Member Bogosian made a motion to approve. Council Member Miars seconded the motion.

Council Member Hahn asked why the piping for the effluent line could not be put inside the other larger piping going into that same area. Mr. Mark Yodice of Thomas & Hutton explained that would require larger piping which then causes elevation issues.

Council Member Bogosian asked if the “over, under, and through” language in the easement agreement is appropriate. City Attorney McQuillin said, “Yes, it is, and we have got a separate intergovernmental agreement that sort of gets all of Douglas and Desiree’s administrative asks that makes sure the City is protected as well.”

Administrator Fragoso added that this easement allowance will not lead to any amendments for the restaurant lease.

**VOTE:** A vote was taken with all in favor.

C. **Consideration of 2024 applications for surf instruction on the beach**

Administrator Fragoso said the instructors who have requested space closer to the south end of the island have selected spots further north in the event they are affected by the beneficial use project.

**MOTION:** Council Member Miars made a motion to approve, and Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Boards and Commissions Reports**

A. **Board of Zoning Appeals** – minutes attached

B. **Planning Commission** – minutes attached

- C. **Accommodations Tax Advisory Board** – no meeting in February
- D. **Environmental Advisory Committee** – minutes attached

8. **Ordinances, Resolutions, and Petitions**

A. **Second Reading** – none

B. **First Reading** – none

C. **Resolutions and Petitions**

i. **Resolution 2024-01 – to oppose Bill H3253 and Bill S953 which would restrict municipalities’ ability to regulate short-term rentals**

**MOTION:** Council Member Pierce made a motion to approve and waive the reading. Council Member Bogosian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. **Resolution 2024-02 to honor Betsey Smiley**

**MOTION:** Council Member Ward made a motion to approve, and Council Member Anderson seconded the motion.

Mayor Pounds read and presented the resolution. Council Member Ward made remarks about Mrs. Smiley from a prepared statement.

**VOTE:** A vote was taken with all in favor.

9. **Executive Session** -- in accordance with South Carolina Code Section 30-4-70(a)(2) to receive legal advice regarding DHEC v Reddys.

**MOTION:** Council Member Miars made a motion to enter into Executive Session in accordance with South Carolina Code Section 30-4-70(a)(2) to receive legal advice regarding DHEC v Reddys. Council Member Campsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

City Council entered into Executive Session at 6:22pm.

City Council returned from Executive Session at 6:54pm.

**MOTION:** Council Member Miars made a motion to allow the City Attorney to respond to allegations made by the Reddys. Council Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **Adjournment**

Council Member Ward made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane  
City Clerk