

**Public Safety Committee**  
**Special Meeting**  
2:00 p.m., Monday, June 26, 2017

A Special Meeting of the Public Safety Committee was held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 26, 2017 in the City Hall conference Room, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Bergwerf and Carroll, Chair Bettelli, Administrator Tucker, Fire Chief Graham, Police Chief Buckhannon, Assistant Administrator Fragoso and City Clerk Copeland; a quorum was present to conduct business.

1. Chair Bettelli called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the press and public were duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.
2. **Purpose**

**Consideration of "Swim for SEALKids" as a City-sponsored event**

Troy Pusateri, Director of Development for SEALKids attended the meeting, representing SEALKids to answer questions and fill in the details of the event he would like to hold on the island on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. He stated that SEALKids is a 501(c)3 charity that exists to help the kids of SEAL team members reach their full potential in life. The fund-raiser in September will be a 5K and 10K swim starting at 8:00 a.m. on the beach at the Windjammer and VFW to be followed by a concert and silent auction; all of the proceeds will go to the charity. Mr. Pusateri distributed a summary of the event, detailed description of the swim, the emergency action plan and registration form for the Committee to review. The goal is to have two to three hundred (200-300) swimmers and to raise forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000). He has already arranged for assistance from the Coast Guard, DNR, water support from Sullivan's Island and eighteen (18) military paramedics; Chief Graham stated that she would prefer to have IOP Fire Department personnel on jet skis in the water for the event as well. Although this is the first year for the event, if approved, Mr. Pusateri stated that he would like to make it an annual event here on the island.

When Chief Buckhannon asked if the music would be inside or outside, Mr. Pusateri said that he would prefer to have it outside in the Windjammer's volleyball area; he added that he has been told that, if the music is outside, it must end by 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Pusateri said that all swimmers must wear swim caps and the various colors will signify the age groups. Chief Graham asked that the swim caps be as brightly colored as possible to make them easy to spot.

When asked about liability insurance naming the City as an "additional insured," Mr. Pusateri stated that all he needs to do is issue the check for the insurance; the Administrator asked that he provide the City with a copy of the Certificate of Insurance.

**MOTION: Councilmember Carroll moved to approve the "Swim for SEALKids" as a City-sponsored event; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded.**

In the discussion of parking for the event, Mr. Pusateri informed the Committee that he has already rented two (2) school buses for the day and plans to run them as shuttles across the Connector to parking at the shopping center. He was told that participants who drive onto the island will Special Public Safety Committee

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have to pay-to-park in the municipal lots and that on a typical weekend after Labor Day the lots are seventy-five percent (75%) full.

**VOTE: The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chair Bettelli told Mr. Pusateri that the motion had to be approved by City Council as well, that the meeting would be at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> in Council Chambers and that he should plan to attend.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland City  
Clerk