

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 4, 2016  
IOP Recreation Center

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at the Recreation Center, 24 Twenty-eighth Avenue, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmember Rice, Chair Carroll, Administrator Tucker, Director Page, Assistant Administrator Fragoso and Clerk Copeland; a quorum was present to conduct business. The absence of Councilmember Kinghorn was excused.

1. Chair Carroll 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.

2. **Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

**MOTION: Councilmember Rice moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 6, 2016 as submitted; Chair Carroll seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **Citizens' Comments – None**

4. **Departmental Report – Director Page**

Director Page reported that children's classes are wrapping up until the fall, but the fitness classes continue with good participation. On April 16<sup>th</sup>, the City hosted a Tae Kwon Do tournament with eighty (80) participants. The Keenager had forty-five (45) seniors at their last meeting; they will have their last meeting before the summer break today. The Middle School Dance on April 8<sup>th</sup> drew eighty-five (85) young people. Camp Summershine is completely full and begins the first week of June; there will also be athletic camps over the summer. The Director said that the annual Yard Sale was another big success with fifty (50) booths; she reported that the assistance they received from the Police Department was "awesome."

Councilmember Rice asked there could be more booths by going around the corner, but the Director said that fifty (50) was a manageable number.

Councilmember Rice also suggested having a second yard sale in the fall of the year.

Upcoming events include Music in the Park on May 14<sup>th</sup> with the Charleston Chew and Miracles Tasty Express food trucks on hand, the sand sculpting contest on June 4<sup>th</sup> and the Beach Run on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Administrator Tucker noted that the unveiling of the marker for the Mayor Carmen R. Bunch Park will be at 10:00 a.m. on May 14<sup>th</sup>, and the Methodist Church barbecue will be from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. that day.

Director Page reported that she has become the substitute race chair for the Connector Run; she stated that it was in the best interest of the Isle of Palms if the race is run correctly and smoothly because the City would get "a black eye" if it did not go well.

Baseball for all ages will be winding down in May.

Miscellaneous tasks that the Recreation staff has assisted with are continuing to paint the white lines along the ocean-side of Palm Boulevard with the assistance of BSOs; helping with the preparation work in the municipal parking lots, scheduling employees to work the parking lots on the weekends and holidays.

On the subject of the municipal lots, the Director said that the major complaint has been that people cannot see the kiosks, so flags are going to be put up, like the ones on a golf course, on the top of the kiosks to help visitors locate them. The Director also opined that more kiosks are needed; Administrator Tucker commented that Chief Buckhannon has made the same observation, and additional kiosks are in the FY17 budget.

The Administrator reminded the Committee that Council has increased the fines for everything to fifty dollars (\$50) except a meter violation. The employees in the parking lot have been asked to educate people to make sure the receipt is visible and has not blown off the dash when the door closed. The Administrator also reminded the Committee that the Front Beach kiosks are hourly while the parking lot kiosks are daily.

According to Councilmember Rice, many residents of the island think that their residential parking permit or hurricane re-entry sticker allows them to park in the lot at no cost, but they can park for free after 6:00 p.m. and before 9:00 a.m.

Staff is hopeful that the municipal parking lots will be fully automated and that, with the exception of the first weeks of operation, employees will not be needed in the lots.

Chair Carroll suggested having *The Island Eye* and *The Moultrie News* write articles about the parking lots, how they are working and what is happening.

The Chair stated that he had been taken aback by how much summer camps across the area are charging and that in the fall the Recreation Department should consider increasing its camp fees. Director Page noted that the information about summer camps goes out in the Recreation Guide for January, and she would consider an increase from sixty-five dollars (\$65) per week to eighty-five dollars (\$85).

Director Page noted that typically the summer camp fills up with island residents, and people with multiple children should be a consideration if the fees are increased.

When this subject came up before, nothing changed because of families with multiple children participating in camp; therefore, the Administrator suggested a graduated scale to mitigate an increase for these families on the island only.

Director Page said that she would discuss an increase with her staff and bring recommendations to the next meeting.

The Administrator commented that the reason the parents love summer camp is because the children love summer camp.

The Director said that the major field trips for summer camp will be to the aquarium and to Splash Zone and every week has its own theme; she added that Andy Sinwald has added a lot to the summer camp program having attended a couple of innovative programming workshops.

## **5. Old Business**

### **A. Review of Proposed FY17 Budget**

Administrator Tucker explained that Draft 2 of the FY17 budget is the budget that was passed for First Reading and the one that was advertised in *The Post and Courier* on May 1, 2016; for the Public Hearing and Second Reading on May 24, 2016, staff is proposing several changes for Council's consideration that will not affect the millage.

Those changes include:

- The possibility of any of the positions that did not make it through the budget workshop get restored to the budget via committee action.
- An increase of \$129,000 in parking meter revenue based on the increase of the hourly rate to \$1.50.
- Considering the possibility of either assuming responsibility of handling the City's own NPDES program or asking Mount Pleasant to do it, the City must have a third party assessment by an engineering firm to determine the state of the City's drainage system; staff has estimated an additional \$30,000 in expense.
- The NPDES improvements for the Public Works site have become much more complex since originally conceived; therefore, staff recommends approving a change order of \$10,500 to have bid assistance and construction oversight by Thomas and Hutton.
- Since the buildings and grounds person was eliminated from the budget, an idea gained from Mount Pleasant was to hire a construction company to assess the City's facilities and to generate a list of future maintenance issues for the City to address. The amount to be added to the budget is \$12,000.
- Based on conversations with the County, staff recommends adding back to the FY17 budget the cost of engineering and design for the public restrooms.
- The County has approached the City about two (2) FEMA projects that would require the City to commit to paying the 25% local share; one (1) is a cleanout and assessment of all of the City's drainage pipes costing \$159,000; the second is the replacement of the pipes crossing Ocean Boulevard between 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Breach Inlet for which the cost is unknown. The County's representatives for these programs will attend the Public Works meeting to explain the projects and to provide the cost estimates.
- The Public Safety Committee voted to add back to the budget the two (2) additional police officers.
- Based on experience this year, the vehicle maintenance for the Fire Department will be increased.
- Four (4) additional surveillance cameras will be added to the budget, the cameras will be deployed at the municipal lots, at the compactor (may be done in FY16) and at the IOP Water and Sewer Commission's property on Waterway that is being considered for marina employee parking. A camera, installation and technical aspects cost about \$1,700 each.

**B. Departmental Survey**

Director Page distributed copies of the survey staff has been distributing to all classes, the athletic teams and the dog park; attached to it were the results received. The Director reported that the majority of respondents were over sixty (60) years of age. (These documents are attached to the historical record of the meeting.)

**6. New Business – None**

**7. Miscellaneous Business**

**Next Meeting Date: 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 2, 2016 in the City Hall Conference Room**

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION: Councilmember Rice moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m.; Chair Carroll seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland  
City Clerk