

April 28, 2020

A Special Meeting of Town Council was held on the above date at approximately 9:00 a.m., all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied.

Present were: Patrick M. O'Neil, Mayor
Chauncey Clark, Mayor Pro-Tem
Sarah Church, Councilmember
Greg Hammond, Councilmember
Tim Reese, Councilmember
Bachman Smith, IV, Councilmember
Kaye Smith, Councilmember

Mayor O'Neil called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and stated the press and public had been notified in accordance with State Law. There were approximately sixty (60) members of the public present with no members of the media present. This meeting was conducted via virtual meeting as a result of COVID-19 Pandemic.

Discussion and possible revisions of the Emergency Ordinance regarding checkpoints (current Ordinance 2020-04 expires April 30, 2020) and other current emergency ordinances and proclamations:

Motion was made by Councilmember Sarah Church, Seconded by Councilmember Tim Reese, to approve proposed Ordinance 2020-05.

Councilmember Tim Reese expressed concerns regarding the proposed time change (from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.), beach enforcement and suggested restricting coolers, chairs and umbrellas on the beach.

Police Chief Griffin stated he recommends the checkpoint hours remain from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Kaye Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Greg Hammond, to amend the original motion to add item 2. h) No public gatherings are allowed; people cannot stop, stand, or lay down at the beach; people cannot bring chairs, blankets or coolers; people cannot bring sports equipment or play sports activities. Councilmember Kaye Smith withdrew her motion.

Motion was made by Councilmember Kaye Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church, to amend the original motion to add item 2. h) No public gatherings are allowed

over three (3) people unless they are related; beach goers shall remain six (6) feet apart from each other; the beach is for exercise only; beach goers shall remain moving at all times; chairs, blankets and coolers are prohibited.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Greg Hammond, Seconded by Councilmember Bachman Smith, IV, to amend the Ordinance so the hours remain 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. unless otherwise agreed upon by Town Council in order to maintain operational consistency with the Isle of Palms.

Motion passed with a vote of 6-1, with Mayor O'Neil opposed.

The original motion as amended passed unanimously.

Discussion of FY2021 Budget: Comptroller Jason Blanton presented the FY2021 Budget Highlights (Attachment 1). Public Hearing and Second Reading for the FY21 General Fund Budget and FY21 Water and Sewer Budget is scheduled for May 19, 2020.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark, Seconded by Councilmember Tim Reese to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Courtney Sottile