

Recreation Committee
5:00 p. m., Monday, May 5, 2014

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held at 5:00 p.m., Monday, May 5, 2014 in the City Hall Conference Room, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmember Harrington, Chair Carroll, Administrator Tucker, Director Page, Assistant to the Administrator Dziuban and City Clerk Copeland; a quorum was present to conduct business. Councilmember Buckhannon's absence was excused.

1. Chair Carroll called the meeting to order and acknowledge 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 Harrington moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 7, 2014 as submitted; Chair Carroll seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Citizens' Comments – None**

4. **Department Report for April 2014 – Director Page**

Commenting on the highlights of activities for April, Director Page noted that adult sports will end with tournaments on June 3; these include softball, basketball and soccer. Table tennis will conclude May 13th with a double elimination tournament. The Fast Start baseball for three and four (3-4) year olds ended in April, but baseball for other age groups continues into May. Registration for boys' lacrosse for ages eleven through fourteen (11-14) began today and continues through the summer. The Recreation staff provided organized and supervised School's Out Activities for island children on spring break from April 14th through April 18th. The 2014 Isle of Palms Beach Run is scheduled for Saturday, July 19th, and the 16th Annual Half Rubber Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, August 16th and August 17th if necessary. Children's ballet has seven (7) participants and will end on May 12th. Fifteen (15) people attended the boater education course presented by DNR pm Saturday, April 12th. BOSU will carry on through the summer, and the BOSU offered at the Public Safety Building continues to have good employee participation. The Keenagers met on April 2nd with thirty-nine (39) seniors in attendance; many stayed after the meeting to assist staff in stuffing candy bags for the Easter Egg Hunt. The last meeting before the group disbands for the summer will be on Wednesday, May 7th. The last Middle School Dance for this school-year will be Friday, May 30th. Participation in tennis continues to go very well. Participants in the "Writing from Memory" classes had their readings for family and friends on Friday, April 11th. Twenty (20) children enjoyed the Egg-cellent Craft on April 17th as they dyed and decorated three (3) eggs each. Despite the less than perfect weather, approximately six hundred (600) children came to the Easter Egg Hunt which took place under Plan B, moving the activity to the Recreation Center. The annual Yard Sale had a great turnout on April 26th; only a few booths were unoccupied. "Music in the Park" drew more than a hundred people on Saturday, May 3rd for "Sweet Potato Pie" to serenade; Chair Carroll stated that he thought this could become an annual event. Piccolo Spoleto Sand Sculpting Contest will take place at Front Beach on Saturday, June 7th beginning at 9:00 a.m., and judging will take place in seven different categories from Young Adult to Best in Show. All sessions of Camp Summershine are full, and the Director is in the process of hiring two (2) camp counselors. On Wednesday, April 23rd, sixteen (16) employees

participated in friendly games of volleyball and corn hole as part of the City's Employee Wellness program; a new activity for Employee Wellness, boot camp, will begin on May 1st. Shelia Redmon does an excellent job at keeping the building clean; most visitors to the Rec Center comment on the cleanliness of the building. Nick Bako has been kept very busy since it is the growing season, plus "white line fever" has come again.

When Administrator Tucker was escorting Channel 4 staff through the Rec Center in preparation for their live broadcast, their first comment was to the cleanliness of the building.

Old Business

Review of FY15 Budget

The Administrator noted that this is a final round for Committee's to review the FY15 budget; the version of the budget in meeting packets reflects the changes made at the April Ways and Means meeting. The major change made to the Recreation Department Capital budget was the Recreation Building Fund taking on half of the one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) budgeted for the rehabilitation of the ball-fields.

Chair Carroll recalled that, at the Council meeting, Councilmember Harrington had asked about the use of Hospitality Funds in the Recreation Department. Administrator Tucker referred Committee members to the third page at the very beginning of the budget to review the Hospitality Fund. The Administrator reminded the Committee that these funds come as a result of the sale of prepared food and beverages on the island, and it is smallest of the tourism funds. Whereas the proposed ending balance for FY14 is about four hundred thousand four hundred dollars (\$400,400), if the FY15 budget is adopted in its present form, the projected ending balance for FY15 is only forty-seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$47,200). According to the Administrator, the issue is not so much that that Hospitality Funds could not be used to support personnel in the Recreation Department, but more that, with the planned uses for that fund, the fund is already being tapped quite heavily. The Administrator commented that the Hospitality Fund could be used in that manner, but it is a much smaller fund when compared to receipts from Municipal and State Accommodations Taxes. Administrator Tucker added that Recreation Department programs are supported through State Accommodations Taxes. As times change with any of the tourism funds, it might become appropriate to make a transfer to support Rec Center personnel. Director Page voiced her opinion that a case could be made for parks and maintenance with the tennis courts, playground and open fields; they are in use all the time.

Members of the Committee indicated that they have no additional questions.

6. New Business – None

7. Miscellaneous Business

Next Meeting Date: 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 2, 2014 in the City Hall Conference Room.

Before adjourning the meeting, Chair Carroll asked how staff would feel to have all Committee meetings on one (1) day; the Administrator said that she had worked for communities that do

that. Administrator Tucker added that staff would be willing to anything that compresses the time frame; she noted that, in a typical month, staff has one (1) week and maybe only a few days to get the work done before the Ways and Means Committee meeting. Meetings during the day work well since the full staff is available and access to everything during the day, which is not true for meetings after 5:00 p.m.; meetings back-to-back free up more days for staff to get the work done. Currently, Committee meetings take place in the first two (2) weeks; the third week Ways and Means meets, and the fourth week City Council meets, which leaves staff only a week to execute assigned tasks before the process starts over again. Staff would be receptive to holding meetings during the day or all in one (1) day. The Administrator cautioned that having meetings back-to-back with other councilmembers arriving for the subsequent meeting, they must understand that they cannot participate in the meeting, because if they participate in the meeting, it could result in a full meeting of Council that was not noticed.

Chair Carroll stated that he would like to see this discussed by full Council.

The Administrator remarked that others have suggested moving up the time for City Council meetings, which must be changed by ordinance, to 6:00 p.m.; it did not go forward.

Chair Carroll expressed his opinion that Council's meeting at 6:00 p.m. would not influence citizen participation. Director Page commented that there is very little citizen participation currently, but she was confident that people will arrange to come any time there is an issue that affects them or that they feel strongly about.

8. Adjourn

MOTION: Councilmember Harrington moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m.; Chair Carroll seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk