



**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**4:00pm, Friday, April 16, 2021**  
**1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC 29451**  
**broadcasted live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to order**

Present: Council members Buckhannon, Bell, Popson, Streetman, and Ward,  
Mayor Carroll

Absent: Council members Pounds and Smith

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Asst. Administrator Hanna, Chief Cornett

**2. Citizen's Comments**

Ted McKnight, Isle of Palm resident, said he would like the email sent to the City Council earlier in the day from the Barrier Island Preservation Group to be part of the meeting record. That email is attached to these minutes.

Speaking as a citizen, Mr. McKnight, said he does not believe the 60-degree angled parking will work. He expressed this concern when he attended the meeting with SCDOT held on Monday, April 14, 2021. He asked City Council to slow down the process so it could be studied further and so that the public could be better educated about the change to parking along Palm Boulevard.

**3. Purpose**

**Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-04 – An Ordinance Amending Title 8, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 2, Stopping, Standing, and Parking of Vehicles, Article C – Beach Parking**

Council Member Bell gave a brief chronology of events that have led to today's meeting. He said the ultimate goal is to provide optimal and safe parking on the island. He said Monday's meeting with SCDOT and Secretary Hall was productive. Parking spaces will be 10' wide and moved 1' closer to the sidewalk so that there is sufficient space to back out of the parking space without needing to enter the lane of traffic. The parking stops that will be placed there are temporary for this year. He noted that while the City does not have full control over this change or process, there has been a lot of cooperation with SCDOT.

**MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve, and Council Member Bell seconded the motion.**

Leland Colvin of SCDOT spoke about the City and SCDOT working together at the April 14 meeting to make adjustments to the parking along Palm Boulevard. He believes this is the best plan under the current conditions and would like to understand how Palm Boulevard needs to look moving forward.

Council Member Streetman asked about the ease with which golf carts may proceed along Palm Boulevard between the parking stops and the sidewalk. Chief Cornett said that golf carts should not be on Palm Boulevard at all and should be using the secondary roads to cross Palm Boulevard. He said the City will be working with SCDOT to create safe crossing areas at the avenues for golf cart crossings. Mr. Colvin noted that there will be no angled parking at 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue and golf carts could safely cross at that intersection. Council Member Streetman said that the issue of yard debris placement and additional handicapped parking along Palm Boulevard still need to be addressed in this new parking plan.

Mr. Colvin indicated installation of the parking stops will begin next week. Council Member Ward expressed concern that there has not been enough time to educate the public about this change. He said he would have liked this level of cooperation from SCDOT with regards to the changes on the Isle of Palms Connector.

Council Member Moye noted the great collaborative effort that has gone into this change, but he would like some assurance and commitment from SCDOT that they will be reviewing this throughout the season and be willing to make adjustments if needed. Mr. Colvin said, "Secretary Hall has drafted a letter to Senator Campsen to talk about a review and looking at traffic overall as part of the Isle of Palms Connector and looking at the overall traffic. We are going to do that. We are going to actually hire a consultant to help us do that. So through that letter that is going to be in writing going out here to Senator Campsen that we are going to do a review of traffic after the summer season, and you have got our commitment that we are going to do that."

A video from the April 14 meeting showing a Suburban-type vehicle backing out of an angled parking space and driving onto Palm Boulevard was shared.

Discussion ensued about the parking stops. Administrator Fragoso said that it is important to have front and side parking stops in place to ensure proper parking, adding it will be good to have them all in place before the summer season begins. She commended SCDOT for their efforts to work with the City. Staff supports the changes to parking along Palm Boulevard and sees it as a huge improvement.

Council Member Bell showed a sample of a True Grid product that could be installed in these parking spaces that will make it easier to maintain the area and make it aesthetically pleasing. It is possible the product could be installed in a one-block test area this season and then more added later.

Mayor Carroll said that creating safe parking along Palm Boulevard will help to keep the traffic out of the residential streets.

**VOTE: A vote was taken as follows:**

Ayes: Streetman, Popson, Moye, Buckhannon, Bell, Carroll

Nays: Ward

**The motion passed 6-1.**

**4. Adjournment**

Council Member Buckhannon made a motion to adjourn and Council Member Moye seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane  
City Clerk

**From:** Desiree Fragoso <desireef@iop.net>  
**Date:** April 16, 2021 at 10:10:00 AM EDT  
**To:** "Perry, Robert E." <PerryRE@scdot.org>, "Colvin, Leland D" <ColvinLD@scdot.org>  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Fwd:

Hi Leland and Rob – See below as discussed this morning.  
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**From:** Ted McKnight <tedmcknight8@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 16, 2021 9:20 AM  
**To:** Randy Bell <rbell@iop.net>; Susan Hill Smith <shsmith@iop.net>; Ryan Buckhannon <rbuckhannon@iop.net>; Jimmy Ward <jward@iop.net>; John Moyer <jmoyer@iop.net>; Jimmy Carroll <jcarroll@iop.net>; Kevin Popson <kpopson@iop.net>; Rusty Streetman <rstreetman@iop.net>; Phillip Pounds <ppounds@iop.net>; Desiree Fragoso <desireef@iop.net>; Kevin Cornett <kcornett@iop.net>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd:

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Mayor & Council,

The Barrier Island Preservation group (BIP) has reviewed currently available plans related to the implementation plan for sixty (60) degree angled parking on Palm Boulevard. BIP has also performed testing, had multiple meetings/discussions with SCDOT personnel, State representatives, and IOP city officials.

Based on the vehicle testing, provided plan documentation, and meetings, BIP opposes the current plan, as it does not adequately satisfy compliance with SCDOT's own published safety guidelines for angled parking and parking space measurements.

BIP supports a safe angled parking solution on Palm Boulevard, and recommends the following modifications, or enhancements to the current plan:

- For safety, compliance and enforcement, each parking space should be a clearly marked rectangle, measuring 10 feet wide, by 19.5 feet long - per SCDOT's communicated dimensions. The Isle of Palms Parking Layout document provided by SCDOT does not designate a complete rectangle or the stated dimensions. Only three sides of the four are defined;
- While 30 degree or 45 degree angled parking could provide a safer solution, as recommended by SCDOT's published guidelines, ensure all 60 degree spaces have adequate maneuvering space to exit safely, without oncoming traffic interruption, via encroachment on Palm Boulevard;
- Ensure the IOP Ordinance indicates only one vehicle is allowed in each space;
- Test this solution during the 2021 summer season - Memorial Day to Labor Day - and provide assurances that all parties (SCDOT/IOP) will quantifiably assess impacts to traffic flow/volume, emergency response/delays, accident/injury incidents and enforcement results, and if required, adjust accordingly.

BIP appreciates your consideration.

Thank you,

Ted McKnight  
Barrier Island Preservation Group