

City of Isle of Palms, SC

Public Comments - August 2022

Date Submitted	Name	Address	Comments for Council Meeting	Meeting This Comment is Intended For:	Email Address
8/18/2022 2:25 PM	James Smiley	16 44th Ave, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	I'm sure I'll be tarred and feathered for objecting to the ATax funding requested by the local VFW, but here goes anyway. The VFW is a private, membership only bar. Last year the City granted the VFW \$12,000 for general mainenance of their private club including, as I remember, repair of the club's elevator. The funds instead were used to help improve a walkway and to constuct a patio honoring veterans of foreign wars. This year the VFW is asking for a grant of \$30,000 for ill defined projects including funding (I think) for the same walkway and patio that was funded last year. I do not think public ATax funds should be gifted to the general budget of this applicant, but rather, if at all, funds should only be granted for specific projects which meet the criteria for ATax funding.	Accomodations Tax Advisory Committee	smileyj@isleofpalmssc.net
8/11/2022 1:49 AM	Dawn Sloan	3900 Hartnett Blvd, Isle Of Palms, South Carolina 29451	Signage on Palm stating that golf carts are prohibited.	Public Safety Committee	dawnee84@gmail.com
8/5/2022 4:10 PM	Stan Brown	316 palm Blvd., Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	Safety concerns	Public Safety Committee	stanbrow@gmail.com
8/2/2022 2:13 PM	James Smiley	16 44th Ave, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>Dear Council,</p> <p>Would someone on Council please explain the process my Council has used to craft, behind closed doors, the extensive modifications, amendations and emendations of the leases to be assigned to a new marina tenant. From the outside looking in, it appears that the process is one where attorneys for the City and the prospective tenant have been making wholesale changes to the existing leases without prior consultation with City Council. It is possible that these extensive changes are explained to Council in executive session, but it seems not to be in the purview of Council to accept or reject or modify these changes. Typically after a lengthy executive session there follows a short return to open session where our Mayor announces that no decisions were made followed by a successful move to adjourn. If what I have just described is the process Council is using, I would argue that decisions are indeed being made in executive session. The end result is a lease document which is a mishmash of redlining, blue lines, yellow highlighting which is not quite ready for prime time and is nothing remotely like the original document the City is required to approve. In my opinion, in almost every case the altered document is detrimental to the best interests of the City and her residents. Our position as Landlord is harmed.</p> <p>As a recent example of what I am writing about, consider the new item 10 of the 4th amendment: Prepayment of Base Rent. Notwithstanding anything in the lease to the contrary, Tenant shall, on a one time basis, prepay to landlord the annual base rent due for the succeeding twelve (12) full calendar months occurring from and after the Effective Date. In Consideration of this prepayment of Base Rent, Landlord waives any guaranty required by the lease. So, in lieu of a personal guaranty, the tenant agrees to pay his first year's rent in advance. Big deal! The City might earn several thousand dollars in interest on the prepayment, but in return it gives up 22+ years of a lease guaranty from a tenant who refuses to produce documentation requested by the City as part of its due diligence investigation of the prospective tenant's financial condition. I can't imagine Council accepting anything short of a</p>	City Council	smileyj@isleofpalmssc.net

8/2/2022 1:31 PM	Suzi Wheeler	3205 Hartnett Blvd, Isle Of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>I urge Council to operate within the bounds of their fiduciary duty. This lease is not a simple transfer as has been portrayed. Council must make sure the City is not harmed in this transaction. The granting of a parcel of land known as the "private lot" for no consideration damages the City. If, as the Mayor said, "nothing changes" with the lot, then there is no reason to give that parcel away.</p> <p>The material changes in Amendments constitutes anything but a simple transfer and this harms the City. The absence of following basic Due Diligence as prescribed by expert legal advisors, is contrary to fiduciary duty and thus harms the City. Do not make the same mistakes as previous Councils have done and give away the residents assets.</p>	City Council	slajas@aol.com
8/1/2022 6:30 PM	Mrs Beatrice Love	9 Sand Dollar Dr, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>The whole Marina is owned by the City (residents) The parking area is owned by the City, therefore should be controlled by the City. The city should not charge residents to park on the property.. They also should not outsource policing.</p>	City Council	badlove1@att.net
8/1/2022 10:32 AM	Mrs Carolann Con	2 Fairway Village Lane, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>I, like everyone, was horrified to hear of the attack by the dogs who live at Yacht Harbor Court. Please do the right thing to protect our community by ensuring that these two dogs are not allowed to return and that the owners, who showed gross negligence and appalling lack of human decency, are severely reprimanded and held accountable.</p> <p>Further, our community needs assurances that dangerous/vicious dogs are not welcome here. Encourage reporting of threatening pet behavior, ensure follow up by appropriate agencies, and enforce the ordinances and rules.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	Public Safety Committee	willinghams@att.net