

City of Isle of Palms, SC
Public Comment - September 2022

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9/16/2022 6:27 PM	Sondra Hines	624 Carolina Blvd, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>Council Members</p> <p>It has taken me 3 sleepless nights going over in my head about the actions that took place at the Sept. 13 council meeting. I want to emphasize that in this letter is my opinions!</p> <p>In my opinion, I feel Katie Miars needs to resign from the council. By her own omission by writing the opt ed piece, she disclosed confidential information from executive session. In my opinion, she has acted like a spoilt child and when she did not get what she wanted had a fit and divulged confidential information. The state allows for executive sessions to be exempt from the Freedom of Information Act for a reason – you need a safe place to ask questions and receive advise from your attorney. This is something Ms. Miars should be intimately familiar. What happens in executive sessions should be disclosed to no one. In writing her article, it confirmed to me the rumors about a “secret” meeting where 4 council members attended were true. The 4 of you that attended this meeting did so knowing that you needed 5 for a quorum preventing the enactment of the Freedom of Information act – this was not a mistake on your part or those planning the meeting. This smacks of a “political backroom meeting” that the voting public was not privy. Since some of you seem to be unaware of the implications of this let me give you the definition:</p> <p>“A place where powerful or influential persons, especially politicians meet to plan secretly or from which they exercise control in an indirect manner.”</p> <p>Shame on the 4 of you! Let me make this clear Randy Bell does NOT speak for me! I speak for myself!</p> <p>The four claim they want transparency – WHERE WAS THE TRANSPARENCY IN THE POLITICAL BACKROOM MEETING. Also, where is the transparency in Miars divulging her personal relationship with the owner of the restaurant. In addition, it is no secret that Randy Bell dislikes Brian Berrigan, but as a part of council you should not put personal dislikes/friendship ahead of doing your responsibility to the residents. This lease should have been reassigned months ago. The city had an opportunity to correct problems everyone was having with the marina and you 4 tried to stand in the way of that. I have read the lease it could not be changed until 2045 but with negotiations we could get a better lease, the new owner was willing to work with us, Berrigan never did.</p> <p>To the 4 of you (Katie, John, Pierce, and Jan) acted, in my opinion, without thought to any resident but a small select few, I am disappointed an appalled at your actions. I supported each of you and you each have ruin the trust I had placed in you with your secret backroom meetings. I had high hopes of not continuing the nightmare we lived through with the pandemic but I guess those hopes have been dashed. In my opinion with your actions, you have continued to pit resident against resident and not bring peace to our island.</p> <p>I would like to commend the other Council members on the thoughtfulness they have put into the marina lease and not being swayed by those, in my opinion from what I watched, seeking to derail the lease because of personal reasons. I did not like the parking plan presented by restaurant owner. Only 5 trailer parking and including parking space count that is not his to consider and that actually is not currently paved/graveled for parking. Also, under his lease he does not have control of that parking lot. In my opinion, he has not in good faith tried to negotiate.</p> <p>A final thought, public officials routinely are threatening with lawsuits – that is why you follow the rules (duh), they are there for a reason – if you can’t take the heat or follow the rules get out of the seat!</p>	Hinessf57@gmail.com
9/13/2022 2:19 PM	Mr David French	4202 Palm Blvd, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451	<p>In the new proposed Marina managed blue parking area, it appears that all the large trailer parking area has been eliminated. Please correct if I am reading this wrong, or explain why if I am correct.</p>	davefrenchgm@aol.com
9/13/2022 11:54 AM	LARRY H PAUL	#1 46TH AVE, Isle of Palms, Tennessee 29451	<p>1. While watching sunset near dark on the beach a teenager zipped by on e-bike at about 30 MPH. Please consider a ban e-bikes on the beach.</p> <p>2. Rental umbrellas become projectiles in high winds and storms. There have been reports of serious injuries and at least one death this year on east coast beaches from flying umbrellas. I have found umbrellas blown into the dunes on IOP multiple times.</p> <p>These issues seem more dangerous than filling in holes on the beach.</p> <p>IOP may have liability on both of these.</p>	lhpaul@comcast.net