

#### Administration Committee Meeting Thursday, April 4, 2024, 4:30pm 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC and broadcasted live on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms

### **MINUTES**

#### 1. Call to Order

Present: Council members Bogosian, Campsen, and Carroll

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Director Kerr, Director Hamilton

### 2. Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes

**MOTION:** Council Member Bogosian made a motion to the minutes. Council Member Carroll seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Citizen's Comments none
- 4. Old Business

# A. Discussion of City Code section 5-4-138 (d) which regulates placement of political signs in the public right of way

Council Member Campsen noted that City Council seems interested in the Committee offering changes to this section of City Code. She said the intent of the entire sign ordinance is "to establish limitations on signage to ensure that they are appropriate to the land, building, or use to which they are pertinent and adequate but not excessive for their intended purpose."

Council Member Bogosian would like to see the Isle of Palms restrict politicial signage in the public rights of way similar to surrounding communities. He would like to see a draft of the Mt. Pleasant ordinance sent to City Council for further discussion.

Council Member Carroll spoke about her concerns for limiting political signage in the public rights of way. She asked if aesthetics is enough of a reason to give up part of the democratic process and limit political engagement. She believes the signs remind people of the need to vote and also inform them about possible referendums. She believes the lack of signage could affect voter turnout. She suggested a compromise of allowing signs for 2 weeks prior to an election rather than 30 days.

Council Member Campsen said that having the signs in the public rights of way is a safety issue and this change would push them out of the line of sight. She also believes that candidates speaking to citizens and developing relationships has a bigger impact on voting.

**MOTION:** Council Member Bogosian made a motion to recommend that staff draft an ordinance limiting political signage to private property for up to 30 days prior to an election. A vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Bogosian, Campsen Nays: Carroll

#### The motion passed 2-1.

# B. Review of FY25 10-year capital plan budget for Mayor and Council, General Government, Building and Court

Administrator Fragoso reviewed the items in the 10-year capital plan for Mayor and Council, General Government, Building, and Court. She said the second draft of the budget assumes debt will be issued for the renovations to City Hall, adding that the proposed telephone system could be included in the City Hall renovation costs.

Committee members agreed there was nothing to be changed in the 10-year capital plan at this time.

### 5. New Business

### 6. Miscellaneous Business

The Administration Committee will have its next meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 4:30pm.

#### 7. Adjournment

Council Member Bogosian made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Carroll seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane City Clerk