



**Planning Commission Meeting
4:00pm, Wednesday, June 12, 2024
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC and
broadcasted live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Present: Ron Denton, Sue Nagelski, David Cohen, Rich Steinert, Sandy Stone, Tim Ahmuty, Jeffrey Rubin

Staff present: Director Kerr, Zoning Administrator Simms

2. Approval of minutes

MOTION: Mr. Cohen made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2024 meeting. Ms. Nagelski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. New Business

Discuss and develop recommendation for Ordinance 2024-03 prohibiting political signs in the right-of-way

Director Kerr explained that City Council has passed 2024-03 at First Reading and it now comes to the Planning Commission for their recommendation. He noted that State law prohibits political signage in the public right-of-way, and most of the roads on the island are State-owned roads.

Discussion ensued as to the conflict between Section 5-4-138(d) in Ordinance 2024-03 and sections 5-4-136(a) and 5-4-141(14). Mr. Cohen noted the conflict: "I think the intent behind this was right, but when they changed this paragraph [5-4-138(d)] now to say temporary signs having a 30-day limit, it is in conflict with the one that says I can have them at any time."

Commissioners discussed ways to make the intent of the ordinance change clearer for administrative purposes but also for the end user to understand the rules involving signs.

MOTION: Mr. Stone made a recommendation that City Council amend Ordinance 2024-03 by replacing the text under 5-4-138(d) with references to 5-4-136(a) and 5-4-141(14). Ms. Nagelski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Old Business

Update regarding 2024-05 stormwater management requirements

Director Kerr reported that the stormwater management recommendations made by the Planning Commission went through the Public Services & Facilities Committee who recommended that pools be included in the square footage that would trigger the need for a stormwater management plan. City Council has passed the recommendations with that change at First Reading. There will be a Public Hearing prior to Second Reading.

He also mentioned a concern expressed by one Council member about allowing low lying lots to elevate up to 7.4'. He and Zoning Administrator Simms are preparing internal administrative policies following the passing of the ordinance.

5. Miscellaneous

Dr. Rubin asked about the status of the changing of the striping on the Isle of Palms Connector. He expressed concern about the safety of the Connector. Director Kerr stated that the City shared its preference of wanting two lanes exiting the Isle of Palms. However, when SCDOT approached the Town of Mt. Pleasant with that preferred change, the Town of Mt. Pleasant did not support it. Director Kerr said that SCDOT was very supportive of the City during their efforts to make a change, but they will not make any changes when there is a conflict between neighboring towns.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 4:00pm.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Stone made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Cohen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk