

TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND
Town Council Special Called Meeting
March 12, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

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The March 12, 2021 Town Council special called meeting was conducted as a video conference using Zoom and was simultaneously made available to the public via YouTube live stream and by conference call, all in keeping with practices adopted to address the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Mayor Gregg, Councilmembers Crane, Finke, Fox and Goldstein, Town Administrator Cronin and Town Clerk Allbritton participated in the meeting. Mayor Gregg called the meeting to order. The Town Clerk confirmed that notice of the meeting was properly posted, and the requirements of the SC Freedom of Information Act had been met.

- **Temporary Use Permit: Sea Islands Chamber Art Show (April 1, 2021)** – Mayor Gregg indicated that Council had been provided with an application for the Temporary Use Permit for an Art Walk event that will be held on April 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. A sketch of the location indicates that the event will be held under a 30' x 45' tent that will be in the parking lot of the NV Realty Co. building, which is now vacant. A listing of COVID-19 protocols was also included. The Mayor indicated that the applicant, Karen Thompson, from the Sea Islands Chamber of Commerce, was participating by way of videoconference.

Ms. Thompson thanked Council for holding a special meeting to address the application for the Art Walk. She indicated that she has held this event for 11 years and the cost to the participants covers the tent that is provided for the event. She added that the event is not done to make a profit, but she is doing it for the community and artists involved. Ms. Thompson stated that this is an outdoor event and there will be more than 6 feet between the artists and hand sanitizer and masks will also be available.

Mayor Gregg polled Council for questions or comments:

- Councilman Crane asked if everyone would be required to wear masks. Ms. Thompson indicated that they would; and, if someone did not have a mask, one would be provided.
- Councilwoman Finke stated that, if everyone was required to wear a mask and there were no food vendors involved, she did not have a problem with the event.
- Councilwoman Fox asked how Ms. Thompson intended to publicize the event. She responded that she usually used the City Paper and The Island Connection and posters were placed in businesses and along roadways. Councilwoman Fox indicated, if Ms. Thompson would provide the information to her, she would get it published on Tidelines, the SIPOA blog, so that residents were aware of the event.
- Councilman Goldstein – no questions
- Mayor Gregg asked if the tent would be open on the sides and would have limited ingress/egress. Ms. Thompson stated that the vendors ask for a tent that has sides that can be closed in case of rain, but the sides are pulled up so that, under normal conditions, about 75% of the tent is opened. In response to a question about the number of people attending, she added that, in 2019, the total number of people attending was about 100. When asked if volunteers would ask attendees who were not wearing a mask to put one on, she said yes and that there would be signs indicating that a mask was required. She also added that each artist would have a table and there would be hand sanitizer on each table and at the ends of the tent, probably about 15 sites for hand sanitizer.

Councilwoman Finke made a motion to approve the Temporary Use Permit for the Sea Islands Chamber Art Walk to be held on April 3, 2021 as presented. Councilwoman Fox seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.



Town Clerk

Date: March 23, 2021