

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE 3:30pm, Wednesday, May 4, 2022 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, Hahn, and Ward

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Director Kerr, Director Pitts, Asst. Director Asero

2. Approval of previous meeting's minutes – April 6, 2022

Council Member Hahn made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2022 meeting, and Council Member Bogosian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Citizens' Comments -- none

4. Department Reports – Director Pitts and Assistant Director Asero

Director Pitts said garbage collection and yard debris collections are both down a bit for April. 42 tons of miscellaneous garbage was taken off the island. Vehicle maintenance was \$4,300 in April.

Asst. Director Asero gave the highlights of Public Works activities in April including ordering the valves for the project at 25th Avenue. He reported that the cost came in much lower than budgeted, for a savings of \$22,000. Facilities maintenance projects included the repair of the broken exterior sign at the Public Safety Building, A/C repair and replacement of ceiling tiles at the Public Works building, and the repair of Public Works washing station.

Work at the Front Beach focused on litter cleanup at the municipal lots. An extension of the irrigation was completed in municipal lot B for the new trees in that area. A Fill-A-Bag pole and cigarette urns were installed at the front beach and parking flags were installed on the kiosks.

An additional 100' of MobiMat was installed at 42nd Avenue. The MobiMat at 9th Avenue was removed and reinstalled. New cedar fencing was installed at the golf cart path at the Carmen R. Bunch Park.

The compactor pad and recycling area are being cleaned weekly now. Bait stations for the rat trips have been set around the perimeter of the area. Staff continues to work with Mr. Jones on the best alternatives for keeping the area cleaner and rodent free.

5. Old Business

A. Update on Phase III Drainage Project [Strategic Plan Priority 5, Goal c]

Director Kerr reported that the contractor for the project is onsite this week and work is proceeding as expected. He said they will be working on the golf course at 30th and Waterway Boulevard first. Staff is still negotiating with the contractor on ways to mitigate the effects of the road closures anticipated in the summer. The contractor has said the road closures could last up to six weeks.

He also reported that grant writers feel positive about the amendment being made to the funding request for the 41st Avenue outfall project to add the piping over of the ditch at Waterway Boulevard and 41st Avenue to create more parking. Modifying the permits will require a bit of additional expense. Staff anticipates the cost of piping over the ditch to cost approximately \$500,000 and will bring the proposals back to the Committee for consideration.

B. Update on the installation of improvements to golf cart path along Ocean Park Plaza and intersection improvements at Ocean Boulevard and JC Long Boulevard [Strategic Plan Priority 1, Goal b]

Director Kerr reported that contracts for these projects have been executed. They anticipate the work at Ocean Park Plaza to begin around May 14. A pre-construction meeting for the other improvements has been set up, but there is no start date for that project yet.

C. Discussion of request from The Dinghy to relocate existing compactor located at the Small Municipal Parking Lot

Director Kerr said staff is monitoring the effectiveness of a more rigorous cleaning regimen in this area to determine next steps. The exterminator recommended building a cinderblock wall to deter the rodents.

Director Pitts said Mr. Jones is supportive of the City's efforts to keep the area clean. He said moving the compactor forward 15-20' may help and result in the loss of only one parking space. More decisions will be made after time has passed to determine the success of current efforts.

Council Member Ward would like this item to be kept on the agenda for future updates.

6. New Business

A. Presentation of status update on Phase 4 Drainage Comprehensive Master Plan by Davis & Floyd

Representatives of Davis & Floyd gave an overview of the work that has been completed to date on the Master Drainage Plan as well as some conceptual highlights of options to enhance drainage in the areas most prone to flooding.

The survey of the City's drainage infrastructure is complete, and staff has possession of that. Three monitoring stations have been installed on the island to quantify existing conditions, "looking at water level and rainfall and things that are going to contribute to flooding or exacerbate existing conditions."

They have identified 8 high priority areas across the island where at least 6" of water remains standing for more than 30 minutes. They are looking at and pricing solutions for each of those areas.

The report will account for some level of sea level rise. The project is on schedule and is anticipated to be complete in the fall.

7. Miscellaneous Business

The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 3:30pm.

8. Adjournment

Council Member Bogosian made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane City Clerk