

#### **City Council**

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 23, 2025 City Hall Council Chambers 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

#### **Public Comment:**

All citizens who wish to speak during the meeting must email their first and last name, address, and topic to Nicole DeNeane at <a href="mailto:nicoled@iop.net">nicoled@iop.net</a> no later than 3:00 p.m. the business day before the meeting. Citizens may also provide public comment here:

<a href="https://www.iop.net/public-comment-form">https://www.iop.net/public-comment-form</a>

#### **Agenda**

- **1. Call to Order** and acknowledgement that the press and public were duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.
  - a. Invocation

- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call
- **2.** Citizens' Comments- Citizens must state their name and address. All comments will have a time limit of three (3) minutes.

#### 3. Special Presentations

- a. Proclamation 2025-02- to declare September 26, 2025 as Kathryn Magruder Day [p3]
- b. Consideration of Signal 30 Award to Robert Heaton and Brandon Blackwell for rescuing the occupants of a sinking vehicle [p4]
- c. Meaghan Silsby, Executive Director of the Lowcountry American Red Cross

#### 4. Approval of previous meetings' minutes

- a. City Council Meeting- August 26, 2025 [p79]
- b. City Council Workshop- September 9, 2025 [p5-12]
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#### 5. Old Business

#### 6. New Business

- a. Consideration of FY26 millage rate of 0.0201 and Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor of 0.00019 [p24-25]
- b. Consideration of distribution of FY25 positive net result [p26]
- c. Consideration of wage study- \$16,500, Evergreen (unbudgeted expense) [p27-33]

#### 7. Boards and Commissions Report

- a. Board of Zoning Appeals- minutes attached [p34-36]
- b. Planning Commission- no meeting in September



- c. Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee- minutes attached [p37-39]
- d. Environmental Advisory Committee- minutes attached [p40-42]
- 8. Ordinances, Resolutions and Petitions
  - a. **Second Reading Ordinance 2025-10-** Golf Cart Path designation [p43-44]
  - a. First Reading
    - i. **Ordinance 2025-11-** Glyphosate ban on City-owned property [p45-48]
    - ii. Ordinance 2025-07- Fishing Regulations [p49-54]
  - b. Resolutions and Proclamations
- **9. Miscellaneous-** Consideration of accepting the dedication of five new drainage easements for phase 1 of the Waterway Boulevard flood barrier project (TMS 571-00-00-001 and 571-06-00-129) [p55-78]
- **10. Executive Session-** Executive Session pursuant to SC Section 30-4-70(a)(2) to receive legal advice related to a potential claim. Upon conclusion of the Executive Session and return to public session, the Council may vote on any matter related to Executive Session.
- 11. Adjournment

#### **PROCLAMATION 2025-02**

To declare September 26, 2025, as Kathryn Magruder Day

WHEREAS, Kathryn Magruder is the eldest member of our community and will achieve the age of 106 on September 26<sup>th</sup>; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn was born in Siler City, North Carolina, and graduated from Greensboro College. After college she worked for Liberty Mutual as a claims adjuster and then with Duke Hospital where she met and married William Magruder. He took her to occupied Berlin where he was an Army physician; and

WHEREAS, she returned to Baltimore with William where they raised a family until she joined her daughter Kathy on the Isle of Palms in the summer of 2018. She is a founding member of LENS and active in the IOP Exchange Club. She spends her leisure time playing Duplicate Bridge, solving crossword puzzles and exercising with her personal trainer; and

WHEREAS, she has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren (to date); and

WHEREAS, she can be found partying at the Refuge, Windjammer, Islander 71, or the Dinghy on any given night; and

WHEREAS, she continues to amaze us with her charm and sense of humor.

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Isle of Palms do hereby proclaim September 26, 2026, as

#### Kathryn Magruder Day

on the Isle of Palms and encourage our community to join us in celebration of this day. Proclaimed by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Isle of Palms in meeting duly assembled this 23rd day of September 2025.

Phillip Pounds, Mayor	
Nicole DeNeane, City Clerk	

#### INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: DOUGLAS KERR, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

ISLE OF PALMS CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** CHIEF KEVIN CORNETT

**SUBJECT:** SIGNAL 30 RECOMMENDATION

**DATE:** 9/11/2025

CC:



This memorandum is being sent to officially recommend that Robert Heaton and Thomas "Brandon" Blackwell be recognized for their heroic actions on August 23, 2025. I am recommending that they be awarded the Isle of Palms Signal 30 award.

The Isle of Palms Signal 30 award is a rare award and is awarded to an individual or individuals who demonstrated a special citizen service.

On, August 23, 2025, an individual driving through the parking lot of the IOP Marina accidentally drove his vehicle down the boat ramp into Morgan Creek. Robert Heaton and Thomas "Brandon" Blackwell observed the incident and instantly sprang into action. Without hesitation they got into the water and worked to rescue the occupant from the vehicle that was quickly sinking. They were able to assist the driver from the vehicle and got him to safety on dry land. Mr. Heaton and Mr. Blackwell took actions that were truly heroic and without question resulted in saving a person from what could have been a very tragic incident.

Their actions are the example of what the Signal 30 award is meant to recognize and they should both be commended for their actions.



#### SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING -- WORKSHOP

#### 5:00pm, Tuesday, September 9, 2025 City Hall Council Chambers 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

#### **MINUTES**

#### 1. Call to Order

Present: Council members Streetman, Anderson, Bogosian, Ward, Hahn, Carroll,

and Mayor Pounds

Absent: Council Member Miars and Pierce

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, various department heads

#### 2. Citizens' Comments

Mr. Randy Bell's comments are attached to these minutes.

Mr. Brian Duffy said he felt "compelled to be here" to address the unethical behavior of the city Council. He believes Council Member Carroll has a conflict of interest being a member of the Family Vacation Rental Group while advocating for a change for short-term rental properties.

MOTON: Council Member Ward made a motion to suspend the rules of order to reorder the agenda so that the update on the marker for Malcolm Burgis Plaza could be heard first. Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. Update on Malcolm Burgis Plaza marker

Administrator Kerr stated that the City has created a temporary marker marking the plaza while a permanent marker is being made. The permanent marker is being paid for with privately raised funds. Once the permanent marker is available, a ceremony will be scheduled.

Council Member Ward said fundraising efforts have exceeded the goal of \$7500, and he would like to see the excess funds used for landscape improvements around the marker.

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to suspend the rules of order to allow Kevin Popson to speak about the marker. Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Popson said that \$8500 has been raised for the marker. He believes it will be ready in 60 days.

#### 4. Special Presentations -- none

#### 5. Dashboard of City Operations and Short-Term Rental Report

Administrator Kerr reported a Zoning Administrator has been hired. The search for a Deputy Administrator continues. There are two police officer, two firefighter, and one paramedic vacancies.

The number of permits stands at 1,684, with 8 more pending. This represents an increase of 35 permits from the previous year.

#### 6. **Departmental Reports**

#### 7. Financial Review

#### Financial Statements and project worksheets

Director Hamilton stated that for the first two months of the fiscal year, total revenues are \$1.2 million on a \$30 million budget, and total expenses are \$3.3 million on a \$30 million budget. The city holds \$54 million in cash and the City earned \$380,000 in interest in August.

Municipal Accommodation taxes and Beach Preservation taxes are up 22% year-over-year. Hospitality tax is down 2% for FY2025 compared to FY2024. State ATAX and the County pass-through have not been received yet, but they were up 7% and 22% respectively over last year as of the end of FY25. LOST in FY25 was 2% higher than in FY24.

The county has conducted its five-year reassessment. The City's total millage rate will decrease from 22.1 mills to 20.1 mills to remain revenue-neutral. She said, "Based on these numbers, our projected revenue will be 6.832 compared to our budget of 6.00." The vote on the millage rate will happen at the September meeting.

The auditors will arrive on October 6. The completed audit should be presented at the November workshop. She estimates that there will be \$2.2 million in surplus. Staff is proposing that 15% remain in the General Fund, 30% be deposited into Disaster Recover, and the remaining 55% into Capital Projects.

Director Hamilton introduced Vedant Patel, now working in the Finance Department.

#### 7. **Procurement**

#### 8. Capital Projects Update

Administrator Kerr noted a correction to the Waterway Boulevard costs spreadsheet -- the cost of Phases 1 and 1A is \$1.43 million, not \$2 million, for a total project cost of \$5.8 million. The project is underway, with all 22 required easements obtained and the contract with Truluck Construction executed. They believe they can meet the Wild Dunes' timing. Wild Dunes continues to be very flexible and will redirect the golf course path, if needed. There has been no report from FEMA yet if the grant for Phase 2 has been extended.

Mayor Pounds pointed out the significant amount of Administrator Kerr's time and work that it took to get to this point.

Phase 4 of the project is in the review process. He believes work will begin in 2026.

Restaurant tenants have requested a budget and financing plan for proposed improvements in the Marina parking lot before agreeing to lease modifications. The least expensive option will be ground-up asphalt extended over the existing pavement of the lot.

State and Federal permits have been received for the marina dredging project. Regarding the spoil site, Administrator Kerr said, "The permit included several spoil sites, but the most cost-effective one is one on Goat Island. There's kind of a back side of that island that we use for a spoil site. But there are repairs that need to be made to hold the material, and those repairs have not yet been made. So, ATM is having discussions with the ownership group to see where they are with that, to see if they're going to be a viable option for that project. That really needs to be buttoned up. Once that's buttoned up one way or the other, either we're going to go to Goat Island or go to a different site and pay more. That's the beauty of the Goat Island site. It's less expensive. But we need to figure out where that spoiled material is going to go. Once we have that figured out, then we'll release the request."

The installation of the sandbags approved by City Council at their August 26 meeting began at Breach Inlet last Thursday. They hope to be done by the end of this week or the beginning of next week. The contractor is hopeful that they will complete the work at Seascape and Beachwood East before the end of the month.

Regarding the USACE project, Administrator Kerr reported, "They are switching their method, removing the spoils material from the dredge sites. They are going to a dredge within the spoils site. They had to crane that dredge into, over the embankment and into the area. They did that work the end of last week, so the dredge is now on the island to be dredged, but they need to now flood the island with water to make a slurry to make it available. To date, that project has placed three, 350,000 cubic yards of material still left to place is 350,000 cubic yards, so they're really at the halfway mark. They have indicated to us that all of their soils analysis have indicated that this last placement area has the highest quality sand, so this is more hopeful that this sand will, stay around a bit longer than the initial sand, which we knew did have some silt in it, and subsequently did not stay on the beach as long as we would have liked. They're currently between 5th and 6th Avenue, so they'll be in that area for up to 350,000 cubic yards. About half of it goes between 5th and 6th, the other half will go between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, there is, after that 350,000 cubic yards, there will be an additional, and they're approximating it at 260,000 cubic yards through a different contractor moving the sand that they shoaled in at the Intercoastal Waterway where it meets Breach Inlet. That work will also be happening on that end of the island. They are indicated that's out to bid now. They're getting bids back I believe it's next week. But they anticipate that work beginning just before the new year but they would be on the Isle of Palms until early 2026."

The semi-annual beach monitoring survey is complete, and data is being compiled now. Mr. Traynum is pulling together the notifications to give to property owners adjacent to the large offshore renourishment project and it will be submitted soon.

The sidewalk project at 21st Avenue is being wrapped up now.

#### 9. Strategic Plan Policy Initiatives and Priorities

#### A. Livability

#### i. Discussion of golf cart path designations

Administrator Kerr reminded the Council that a new State law now allows for official designations for golf cart paths. Staff recommends the area around 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue and another in front of Carmen R. Bunch Park be designated as golf cart paths.

#### ii. Discussion of shark fishing ordinance

Council Member Bogosian said the new draft of the shark fishing ordinance keeps in a ban on the use of drones for fishing lines. He added that police officers have the discretion to keep people from fishing in an area they feel is unsafe to those in the water or on the beach. Administrator Kerr said DNR supports this discretionary aspect of the ordinance.

Administrator Kerr added that DNR says they are the authority on casting and baiting. They said the City can add generic language to ban chumming and the use of drones.

Chief Cornett would like any gray areas in the ordinance cleaned up. He believes if the ban on drones is on legally shaky ground it should be taken out.

Council Member Hahn would like to see stronger enforcement in the ordinance. Discussion ensued as to what Council Member Hahn would like to see in the next draft of the ordinance. He suggested adding "only cast for fish from the shore" and "no mechanical aid in casting." Council Member Bogosian agreed to those changes.

#### iii. Discussion of license strikes being citations instead of founded complaints

Mayor Pounds said this matter needs to be discussed by the Public Safety Committee and Chief Cornett before being discussed by the full Council.

#### B. Environmental – Update on offshore drilling

#### i. Discussion of City-wide glyphosate ban

Administrator Kerr explained how this ordinance came from the Environmental Advisory Committee. He said Asst. Director Asero rarely uses glyphosate, and he has no issues with the ordinance. The City's landscape contractors have been spoken to about it and also have no issues with it. This ordinance would ban the use of glyphosate products on City property. If passed, there will be an educational campaign about the substance.

#### ii. Discussion of proposed lighting ordinance

Administrator Kerr explained the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) proposed this new ordinance to combat light pollution, which affects wildlife and human health. Todd Murphy of the EAC presented data showing the local light footprint has increased by approximately 50% since 2013. A comparative analysis of neighboring municipalities was presented, noting Folly Beach's strict approach.

The new ordinance offers the following: require fixtures near natural areas to be shielded and directed downward; prohibit directing light onto adjacent properties; allow architectural uplighting only with low wattage and a timer for an automatic shutoff; and a recommended maximum color temperature of 3,000 Kelvin.

The ordinance would be enforced through the permitting processing and eventually moving to Code Enforcement for non-compliance.

Chief Cornett said that well-lit areas deter crime.

Council Member Anderson said this ordinance may cause "more angst" among residents. Council members Ward and Hahn believe some will see it as government overreach.

The ordinance will go to the Planning Commission for discussion as it is a zoning ordinance.

#### C. Public Services – discussion of EV charging stations on 13th Avenue

Administrator Kerr said the City has been approached by Dominion Energy about installing some EV charging stations on the island. The venture could generate a small amount of income for the City, but it is more of a community service. The suggested location is at the edge of the City parking lot along 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Council members Ward and Hahn suggested Dominion Energy speak to private entities like the marina or the gas station about installing them. Mayor Pounds said there can be further Council discussion if the Public Services & Facilities Committee wants to make a formal recommendation.

#### D. Personnel – discussion of wage study update

Administrator Kerr reminded Council of its earlier commitment to engage in a wage study every other year. While there is 5% pay increase in this year's budget, the salaries for Public Safety personnel are not keeping up with the area. The Administration Committee recommends an interim study be done so that those figures will be available for the FY27 budget planning process. The cost to have the previous company do an update is \$16,500 and would be an unbudgeted expense. The matter will be voted on at the regular Council meeting.

#### E. Other items for discussion -- Discussion of USTA Grant to upgrade tennis court

Director Ferrell said the tennis courts are currently multipurpose. A USTA grant of up to \$20,000 per court is available but requires the courts to be dedicated exclusively to tennis. The total project cost is estimated at \$220,000. The budget for two new tennis courts is \$190,000, with \$60,000 from the Capital Projects fund. The Public Facilities Committee recommended "to dedicate one tennis court which we would use the grant for, and the other one would continue to be multi-purpose."

Mayor Pounds would like both courts to be dedicated for tennis.

#### 10. Legislative Report

Administrator Kerr said that Thorne Run Partners are helping with the grant extension. They have reviewed all of the City's Master Plans and see a path forward through a Section 219 Water

Resources Development Act authorization. This long-range plan would bundle water, stormwater, and erosion issues into a massive project of approximately \$150 million with a "75% federal, 25% local match." It could be a 2-3 year approval process. The City of Charleston is using this program to help fund all of its stormwater and flooding projects.

Mayor Pounds added that at the state level, Parks, Recreation, and Tourism (PRT) has \$1 million that can be applied for this fall for beach projects. Additionally, the State has a budget surplus of \$700 million, which needs to be allocated. The SC Beach Advocates is already working on securing funding for beach renourishment.

#### 11. Adjournment

The next City Council Workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 5pm.

Council Member Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane City Clerk Randy Bell 22 41st Avenue

Citizen comments for 9/8/2025 IOP Council Workshop

Conflicts of Interest and required Recusal sourced from S.C. Code and the Municipal Association of S.C.

A key requirement of South Carolina's ethics laws is that public officials, members of public bodies and public employees must not use their offices in a way that provides themselves, members of their family, or businesses with which they are associated with financial gain.

To prevent officials from taking acts that benefit them financially, state law addresses situations where they must recuse themselves from voting on an issue, or even deliberating on an issue as represented in SC Code Section 8-13-700.

Yet, in the wrong venue, two members (Ward and Carroll) of the Administrative Committee with an orchestrated 2-1 vote introduced tonight's agenda item (9.a.iii) Discussion of license strikes being citations instead of founded complaints thus allowing Councilmember Carroll to blatantly violate S.C. state ethics law. For Ms. Carroll, owner of Carroll Realty, the discussion and subsequent vote could not be more clear. Mayoral "leadership" should not have placed this item on the agenda and zero debate should take place that includes Councilmember Carroll.

A reminder to Council, and particularly those advocating enforcement over numerical limitations on short-term rentals, you did finally take an appropriate step by passing the ordinance now unpopular with the "Family Vacation Rental Group" which Councilmember Carroll openly states she is representing, and "meets regularly to discuss these types of things..."

"We're proposing" is Councilmember Carroll's exact quote from the committee meeting. I'll repeat, "We're proposing....." as clear representation of commercial interest, not the elected position on Council

Recusal from a vote involves several steps.

Step 1: Prepare a written statement.

The law requires them to make a written statement describing the matter requiring action and the nature of the conflict.

Step 2: Submit the statement by providing it to the Mayor as presiding officer

Step 3: Place into public record

Step 4: Avoid taking any further action.

Avoiding any official action means not voting and not deliberating. The member is not required to leave the meeting, but the SC Ethics Commission advises that members of public bodies who recuse themselves physically leave the room for the portion of the meeting concerning the conflict of interest to avoid any perception of undue influence.

#### **Ethics Commission Sanctions**

• Public reprimand,

- A civil fine of up to \$2,000 per violation
- A cease-and-desist order

Should there be any confusion on this topic I would advise going into Executive Session for advice from the city attorney.

S.C. Code Section 8-13-700 is not optional, and all elected officials are required to comply

You may all recall Councilman Buchanon recused himself a few years back simply for owning one STR. As for any long-serving Council member, you should certainly know better than violating the ethics laws.

	Name	Address	Comments for Council Meeting	Meeting This Comment is Intended For:
9/8/25	Brenda Bennett Rosenthal	3013 waterway blvd, lop, South Carolina 29451	Also, a shout out of appreciation to admin Doug Carr, et al, for getting the golf cart path worksignedand construction begun! I know it was a tortuous pathlet's hope for good results!	City Council
9/7/25	Brenda Bennett Rosenthal	3013 Waterway blvd, IOP, South Carolina 29451	I've recently watched the admin committee meeting of Sept 2 and was surprised to see councilwoman Carroll bring up the ordinance regarding founded complaints. She seems to think it's not fair to punish the ownerreallythat is, or should be, who is ultimately responsible!  Councilman Ward thinks it's not fair because it doesn't treat residents the same. He offered an example and councilman Bogosian explained the resident would get 30 days in jail! So Lose rental licensefor rental property owner Or 30 days in jailfor primary resident Bit crazy I will say, councilman Bogosian and Admin Carr tried to bring some sense to the discussionbut to little avail. The main concern is the violation of state law South Carolina Code Section 8-13-700 "To prevent officials from taking actions that benefit them financially, state law addresses situations where they must recuse themselves from voting on an issue, or even deliberating on in issue." It seems like councilwomen Carroll has already deliberated! In fairness to her, perhaps she is not aware of this SC Code (although she should be!) She is co-owner of Carroll Realty, a real estate sales, and property management company, which surely is impacted, and benefits, from any favorable concessions to short term rentals. And, if she's not aware, Mayor Pounds surely should be, and therefore should not put on agenda, or, at the very least, ask that she recuse herself. Hopefully The right thing will be done, if there are questions, council will go into executive session and legal advice will be offered.	City Council



# Administration Committee Meeting 1:00pm, Tuesday, September 1, 2025 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, Carroll, and Ward

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr

- 2. **Citizen's Comments none**
- 3. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

MOTION: Council Member Carroll made a motion to the minutes of the August 5, 2025 meeting. Council Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. Old Business

#### A. Discussion of parameters to recognize long-term Council members

Council Member Ward said that researching Council members eligible for this recognition has been harder than he anticipated. He expects to have a short list of former Council members to share with the Committee next month.

#### 5. **New Business**

#### A. Discussion of timeline of interviews for Boards & Commissions' vacancies

The Committee discussed a possible timeline for interviews for vacancies on the City's boards and commissions. That schedule is attached to these minutes.

#### B. Discussion of wage study update

Administrator Kerr said Police and Fire department staff report that wages are falling behind, creating a problem with recruitment and retention. He reminded the Committee that City Council had informally agreed to do a wage study update every other year. Should this be approved, it will be an unbudgeted expense.

The study would cover wages for the entire staff and is expected to cost \$16,500. If it is done now, the results will be available for FY27 budget discussions.

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion approve the wage study update and recommend the matter to City Council for consideration. Council Member Carroll seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### C. Discussion of triggers for short term rental license revocation

Council Member Carroll said, "It has been brought to my attention that a founded warning counts as a strike against a property, even without a citation issued to the offender. The Family Vacation Rental Group strongly feels that a founded noise warning is not fair to count as a strike. We propose that only a founded warning accompanied by a citation should count as a strike, as the current system does not deter the offender, who faces no repercussions, while the property owner receives a strike. Professional management companies take great lengths to inform guests of policies, but guests can continue to violate ordinances without consequence."

Council Member Carroll referenced an email from Mel Miles who has proposed some ideas she would like discussed with the full Council.

## MOTION: Council Member Carroll made a motion to forward this matter to City Council for further discussion. Council Member Ward seconded the motion.

Council Member Bogosian believes this to be a matter for Public Safety to address since Chief Cornett can provide noise ordinance violation data. He noted that the Public Safety Committee previously discussed this issue a year ago and decided to take no action. He explained Council changed the system several years ago from three citations to five founded complaints to improve livability and close a loophole where citations could be delayed indefinitely in court by "crafty lawyers." He questioned Council Member Carroll's fairness stance, stating, "Since that time, there's only been one instance where a rental home has received five violations... So I don't understand where the issue is or where the fairness is." He expressed concern about the motives of the Family Vacation Rental Group, suggesting they may be working against the island's family-friendly image.

Administrator Kerr clarified, "An unfounded complaint is not a strike only if the police officer arrives and there is a violation of a code it would be found as a founded complain and a strike. So the change that John is referencing prior to it being unfounded complaints it was three citations the problem with the citations is it became obvious that if a property owner got two and then the third one came in they could very easily manipulate the court system to ask for continuances to ask for jury trial, and so, it was a bit of a system with a loophole that could let a potential somebody looking to lose their license could get out of it. So that seemed to be too loose of a criteria. So recognizing that a founded complaint is a lower bar than a citation, the Planning Commission recommended adding to the number, so increase it from three to five, but at the same time lower the bar to an easier bar to control where they knew that, again, a, crafty lawyer could continue citations forever and ever, probably, without having them happen in one year. So there were some just administrative hang-ups with having it tied to a citation."

Council Member Ward expressed his support for Council Member Carroll's concerns. He believes it to be a matter of fairness in that residents do not receive strikes or the possibility of losing their home for similar behaviors.

Administrator Kerr pointed out that residents can be sent to jail for repeat offenses. Council Member Bogosian added that it is a privilege to have an STR license.

Council Member Carroll believes issuing a ticket to the offender instead of the homeowner is more effective. Council Member Bogosian believes this to be a livability issue and that property owners and rental agencies need to be held accountable for short-term rental property violations.

Council Member Carroll asked why the offender does not receive a noise violation. Council Member Bogosian responded that the Police Department has been asking City Council for a more qualitative noise ordinance so that tickets can be issued and well defended in court. He would like recent noise violation data from Chief Cornett. He said the noise ordinance is being discussed at next week's Public Safety Committee meeting.

#### **VOTE:** A vote was taken on the motion as follows:

Ayes: Carroll, Ward Nays: Bogosian

#### The motion passed 2-1.

#### 6. Miscellaneous Business

The next meeting of the Administration Committee will be on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 1:00pm.

#### 7. **Adjournment**

Council Member Ward made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Carroll seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane City Clerk



#### Public Services & Facilities Committee Meeting 9:00am, Tuesday, September 1, 2025 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 Pierce and Miars

Absent: Council Member Hahn

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

- 2. Citizen's Comments -- none
- 3. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes August 12, 2025

MOTION: Council Member Pierce made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2025 meeting. Council Member Miars seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Marina Tenants' Comments none
- 5. **Presentations -- none**
- 6. **Old Business**
- A. Discussion of next steps regarding the marina parking lot

Administrator Kerr reported that Brian Kitz is working on the revised lease. A meeting with Islander 71 is being scheduled. After the lease is finalized, the next step will be the conceptual layout plan for the adjacent parking lot, which includes making decisions on materials and surfacing to create biddable documents. The primary challenges identified are construction costs and securing funding.

Council members Miars and Pierce asked for clarity about the vote Council took a few years ago to secure 16 resident-only parking spaces adjacent to the greenspace.

Administrator Kerr added that the project timeline will be determined by the amount of work Council approves. He said there is \$190,000 in the budget for greenspace work, but that will not be enough to cover the costs of the project. He also believes the project will likely span over two seasons.

#### B. Update on USTA Grant

Director Ferrell said the grant will allow them to use the funds for one court dedicated to tennis. She will move forward with having the work done and seek reimbursement upon completion. Once done, there will be one mixed use court and one dedicated tennis court.

#### C. Update on Waterway Boulevard project

Administrator Kerr reported that while meetings with the contractor have been positive, the project is on hold. An easement release from one property owner near the intersection of Intercoastal and Waterway remains outstanding. The owner wants to have a third-party engineer review the plans.

Wild Dunes ownership has mandated that the entire project be halted until this single easement is secured. Council Member Miars said the delays are "absurd." Administrator Kerr added that the property owner does not share the City's sense of urgency in getting the project done.

The local golf course managers have expressed a need for the path to be playable by the end of October and have been very flexible with the City.

Draft easement agreements with the required legal language have been received from the Wild Dunes' attorney, but they have not yet been formally executed. This was expected, but the project-wide hold was not.

It was also noted that the property owner's hesitation may be linked to an outdated project design that showed an elevated path. Efforts are underway to clarify the current plan with the owner.

#### D. Update on beach projects

Administrator Kerr said that the order from BCM to place sandbags was granted late Friday. An order for bags has been placed, with the first shipment of 200 bags arriving tomorrow.

The contractor is scheduled to begin installation on Thursday, starting at the Breach Inlet end due to scheduling logistics. The contractor will work through the weekend, expecting to complete the Breach Inlet section by next Thursday before moving operations to the Wild Dunes end, likely starting at Seascape. The contractor can place approximately 75 bags per day. Ocean Club is excluded from this work and will need to arrange for its own protection.

Council Member Pierce would like an update on the status of the bag installation and their effectiveness at the Council workshop next week.

Regarding the USACE project, Administrator Kerr reported the contractor has moved to the third spoils area. Sand was expected to begin being delivered from this site at the end of last week, but there is no confirmation that this has started.

Given the current pace, with the project not yet halfway complete (approximately 200,000 of a planned 550,000-600,000 cubic yards pumped), it is possible the project could extend well into the spring.

A separate Army Corps project to dredge the Intracoastal Waterway is also set to begin, potentially involving a different contractor. This could result in two sand-pumping operations occurring simultaneously. The new dredging method is expected to be much faster. Council Member Pierce requested regular updates on the project timeline and quantities pumped.

#### E. Discussion of Office 365 Migration

Administrator Kerr said the work order for this project was placed 2 months ago. A meeting about the migration has been scheduled for this week. Council Member Pierce requested regular updates on the status of the migration.

#### F. Discussion of Public Services & Facilities-related matrix recommendations

This discussion will be deferred to the next meeting.

#### 7. **New Business**

#### Discussion of memorial for Malcolm Burgis Plaza

Once the proof is approved, a temporary plaque marking the plaza will be placed which staff believes will be by the end of the week. The permanent marker is expected to take 4-6 weeks. A ceremony will be scheduled once the permanent marker is placed.

#### 8. Miscellaneous Business

The next regular meeting of the Public Services & Facilities Committee will be Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 9am.

#### 9. **Adjournment**

Council Member Pierce made a motion to adjourn and Council Member Miars seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40am.

Respectfully submitted, Nicole DeNeane City Clerk



# Public Safety Committee Meeting 11:00am, Tuesday, September 9, 2025 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 Streetman, Anderson, Bogosian

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, Chief Oliverius, Chief Cornett

- 2. **Citizen's Comments** none
- 3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes August 5, 2025

MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2025 meeting. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Presentation – BCDCOG update on mobility study progress

Kathryn Basha of BCDCOG provided an update on the mobility study being done on the City's behalf by BCDCOG and ExploreCharleston.

Ms. Basha explained that the first phase, now complete, consisted of "making an inventory of all the non-motorized infrastructure that the island currently has, like sidewalks and paths." The data was collected in May and June of this year. This work assessed their condition and identified "connectivity gaps," flood-prone areas, and unsafe locations. Maps were created to solicit public feedback.

These maps are available for the Committee and Council for input and will be presented to the public at a meeting on October 20 at the Recreation Center. This drop-in style meeting will allow residents to identify other areas of concern for COG to investigate. An online survey will launch around the time of the meeting to give residents another option for recording their concerns.

A list of projects will be presented upon completion of the study, and the Committee will be key in prioritizing those projects. Council Member Streetman stressed the importance of heavily advertising this meeting to solicit input from the residents.

#### 5. Old Business

#### A. Discussion of traffic data at the intersection of 41st Avenue and Forest Trails

Administrator Kerr reported that SCDOT has painted a stop bar at this intersection. He specified, "Their correspondence that came back to me indicates that that office was not aware of the temporary pilot situation that we describe." He added that SCDOT is willing to re-evaluate the situation if the City requests it.

Chief Cornett presented data from the intersection, stating: "I can tell you that those numbers are still consistent with the numbers that we see today [...] even before the stop sign went up. And after the stop signs went up, the average speed is between 22 and 23 miles per hour on 41st Avenue, which is compliant with the law." He also confirmed there has been no significant increase in collisions and believes there is nothing negative about the sign being there.

Since SCDOT sees this stop sign as permanent and the data indicates its effectiveness, Administrator Kerr does not see a reason for this discussion to continue past the Committee.

#### B. Update on Breach Inlet signage

Chief Oliverius said the sign designer recommended producing a proof on a metal substrate before ordering the nine planned signs. He said, "We should be getting that real-time proof back by the end of this week or early next week."

Once the proof signage is approved, they will be placed at all beach access paths from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Breach Inlet. The signs on Sullivan's Island will be the same; only the specific fine amount will differ between the islands.

#### C. Discussion of changes to the noise ordinance/nighttime noise levels

Council Member Streetman thanked Mr. David Cohen for his help in drafting the redline ordinance in the packet. He likes all that he has read except for the 55 dB level suggested for nighttime noise and would like that to be discussed more with the full Council.

Council Member Bogosian reiterated his belief that it is up to City Council to set the vision of what they want for the community. He believes "nighttime should be sacred," and one should not hear unreasonable noise outside their home at night.

Mr. Cohen explained that 55 dB is a common level seen in noise ordinances. He shared some examples of noise that would register at approximately 55 dB.

Administrator Kerr said he would ask the City Attorney to review the ordinance. Chief Cornett pointed out that two Front Beach businesses would be in violation of this ordinance every weekend as currently written. Council Member Bogosian asked if a "carve out" is needed for Front Beach businesses.

Council Member Bogosian would like the matter to be further discussed at the October Committee meeting and then moved to the City Council workshop agenda in October.

#### D. Discussion of e-bike and motorized scooter regulations

Chief Cornett presented research on e-bike regulations in other municipalities. He explained that State law allows municipalities "to regulate the use of bicycles and to require registration and licensing." He noted enforcement challenges with minors, as jurisdiction falls to Family Court for most offenses, and the Family Court docket is already overloaded. He also mentioned that Representative Bustos intends to raise this issue at the next legislative session.

Chief Cornett presented a safety brochure and highlighted some areas that could be enacted on the Isle of Palms. He proposed a potential solution permitted by State law: requiring the registration of all bicycles to verify compliance, educate owners, and create a registry. The downside of that is the volume of registrations and administration that would be required.

The Committee expressed concern about "teeth" in the State law especially with regards to the safety of children using these types of transportation.

Committee members liked the brochure presented by Chief Cornett. He intends to visit the local businesses that rent such bikes and scooters to share the brochure and encourage them to pass along this knowledge to their renters. He would like to work with the businesses before putting an ordinance in place.

Chief Cornett also noted that electric scooters, lacking pedals, are likely not classified as bicycles under state law and would require a specific municipal ordinance.

#### E. Discussion of scope of future traffic study

Council Member Anderson said that the Town of Mt. Pleasant's Transportation Committee would like to be involved in a traffic study with the City and hopes staff will speak with them about that. Administrator Kerr said Mayor Pounds is speaking with Sullivan's Island about participating in a study.

Council Member Bogosian would like to know who intends to participate at the October Committee meeting.

#### F. Discussion of public safety-related matrix recommendations

Chief Cornett said he is finalizing the golf cart brochure and will bring that to the October Committee meeting. Administrator Kerr said he will have the public safety-related recommendations color coded and updated prior to the next meeting.

#### 5. New Business

#### Discussion of marina boat ramp safety

Chief Cornett will make a recommendation to recognize the people who jumped in the water to help those in the most recent incident of a car ending up in the water at the marina.

Chief Cornett shared new safety measures at the marina boat ramp are under consideration, including the installation of reflective, spring-mounted delineator posts between the ramp's three

lanes. The addition of low-illumination amber lighting is also discussed, as power is available nearby.

Scott O'Toole, Marina manager, said one reason this could be happening is due to the slow calibration of the GPS to the driver's location prior to the driver leaving the marina. White lines and safety reflectors have been added to the area, but the evening of the most recent event was quite rainy and dark.

Administrator Kerr said the ramp is City property. Staff will proceed with adding safety measures within their existing budget and will submit a request to Council if the budget is exceeded.

#### 6. **Miscellaneous Business**

Administrator Kerr shared an update regarding the crosswalks at 43<sup>rd</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> avenues: "Those owners, a handful of those owners reached out to the DOT. DOT reached out to us, kind of talked us through what they had planned to do in response to those inquiries. They noticed that there is a lack of the ADA kind of rumble strips, we call them. So they are... proposing to add those new ADA landing strips on the ocean side of Palm, 43rd, 46th, and then add the, they call it the ladder style crosswalk, I guess that's white lines with the perpendicular lines, and they would put that out to bid, so they wouldn't do it internally, which they can turn around quicker if it's internally, they were going to go out to hire a third party, so they told us to expect that work within about 60 days, and that's now probably been three weeks ago or so, so another month and a half or so they should be making those improvements."

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 11:00am.

#### 7. **Adjournment**

Council Member Streetman made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane City Clerk

_	Tax Year						
	2025*	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020*	
•	(FY26)	(FY25)	(FY24)	(FY23)	(FY22)	(FY21)	
Motor Vehicles - (July-Dec) Motor Vehicles - (Jan-June)	2,805,690 3,649,640	3,225,740 3,494,340	3,048,480 3,004,600	2,406,550 2,796,985	2,550,070 2,496,520	2,015,790 2,226,500	
Total Gross Motor Vehicles	6,455,330	6,720,080	6,053,080	5,203,535	5,046,590	4,242,290	
Collection Rate (July-Dec)	86.74%	89.47%	90.78%	88.61%	86.57%	86.74%	
Collection Rate (Jan-June)	91.09%	89.47%	90.78%	88.61%	86.57%	91.09%	
Total Collectible Motor Vehicles	5,758,113	6,012,456	5,494,986	4,610,883	4,368,833	3,776,615	
Business Personal Property	686,720	974,260	907,370	327,120	270,560	393,800	
Rental Residential	1,324,070	1,184,850	1,142,900	1,042,560	997,080	1,041,730	
Watercraft Busines Personal DOR	4,729,180 557,890	5,469,450 585,530	4,249,720 672,610	3,465,410 513,500	3,313,860 648,010	2,791,460 1,287,530	
Utilities	1,558,100	1,480,160	1,298,180	1,246,250	1,221,274	1,184,900	
Aircraft	129,120	341,590	122,120	133,340	190,910	73,240	
Total Personal Property	8,985,080	10,035,840	8,392,900	6,728,180	6,641,694	6,772,660	
Real Property 4% (includes Homestead)	96,304,560	85,058,790	80,470,630	77,454,000	70,851,280	65,043,700	
Real Property 6%	240,871,150	201,263,720	190,333,350	179,797,390	169,549,460	170,355,540	
Real Property Agricultural Use 4% Mobile Homes	1,310	1,310	1,310	1,310	1,310	1,310	
Add (Subtract) Assessor's Est Remain Reviews		000 000 000	070 007	0== 0== ===	0.10 .100	005 122 ===	
Total Real Property	337,177,020	286,323,820	270,805,290	257,252,700	240,402,050	235,400,550	
Total Real & Personal Property	346,162,100	296,359,660	279,198,190	263,980,880	247,043,744	242,173,210	
Collection Rate Total Collectible Real & Personal	96.22% 333,077,173	97.26% 288,239,405	96.72% 270,040,489	96.98% 256,008,657	95.89% 236,890,246	96.57% 233,866,669	
Change from prior year	15.56%	6.74%	5.48%	8.07%	1.29%	12.77%	
Total Tax Base (GROSS)	352,617,430	303,079,740	285,251,270	269,184,415	252,090,334	246,415,500	
Change from prior year	16.34%	6.25%	5.97%	6.78%	2.30%	13.22%	
Total Tax Base (Collectible)	338,835,285	294,251,861	275,535,475	260,619,540	241,259,079	237,643,284	
Change from prior year	15.15%	6.79%	5.72%	8.02%	1.52%	12.52%	
Less Motor Vehicles (July-Dec)	(2,433,656)	(2,886,070)	(2,767,410)	(2,132,458)	(2,207,596)	(1,748,496)	
	336,401,630	291,365,791	272,768,065	258,487,083	239,051,483	235,894,788	
Total collectible base per County report  Difference	336,401,630 (0)	291,365,834 (43)	272,768,088 (23)	258,487,082 1	239,051,482	235,894,788 (0)	
% Change from Prior Year	15%	7%	6%	8%	1%	16%	
Calculate Projected Property Tax Re	venues and Com	pare to Budget an	d Actual Property	/ Tax Revenues			
Authorized Millage Rate - Operating	0.0174	0.0191	0.0191	0.0191	0.0191	0.01906	
Authorized Millage Rate - Debt Service	0.0027	0.0032	0.0032	0.0042	0.0042	0.00416	
Total Property Taxes - Operating Total Property Taxes - Debt Service	\$ 5,853,388 908,284	\$ 5,565,087 932,371	\$ 5,209,870 872,858	\$ 4,937,103 1,085,646	\$ 4,565,883 1,004,016	\$ 4,496,155 981,322	
Add Motor Veh Taxes Collected (Jul-Dec)	71,090	55,125	52,858	40,730	51,436	37,243	
Total Projected Tax Revenues	6,832,762	6,552,582	6,135,586	6,063,479	5,621,336	5,514,720	
Budgeted Revenues (Incl LOST)  Difference	6,800,588 \$ 32,174	6,413,350 \$ 139,232	6,027,000 \$ 108,586	5,938,000 \$ 125,479	5,701,000 \$ (79,664)	5,398,132 \$ 116,588	
Actual Property Taxes Received		5,638,787	5,265,162	5,176,672	4,901,784	4,804,448	
Actual LOST Received		1,238,754	1,213,304	1,184,906	982,856	970,759	
Total	- d	6,877,542	6,478,465	6,361,578	5,884,639	5,775,207	
Difference between Actual and Projecte % Difference	u	324,959 5%	342,880 6%	298,099 5%	263,304 5%	260,487 5%	
Difference between Actual and Budget		\$ 464,192	\$ 451,465		\$ 183,639	·	
% Difference		7%	7%	7%	3%	7%	
APPROXIMATE VALUE OF A MIL	336,402	291,366	272,768	258,487	239,051	235,895	
Total Appraised Value - no deduction for collectibility							
Motor Vehicles	102,558,881 88,079,733	106,515,443 98,306,557	96,400,195 81,508,438	83,553,581 65,943,910	81,162,479 66,023,910	68,574,705 66,677,381	
Personal Property Real Property	88,079,733 6,422,165,917	98,306,557 5,480,897,833	81,508,438 5,184,021,000	65,943,910 4,933,005,917	4,597,139,083	4,465,384,250	
Total Appraised Value	6,612,804,531	5,685,719,833	5,361,929,633	5,082,503,408	4,744,325,472	4,600,636,336	
% Change from Prior Year	16.31%	6.04%	5.50%	7.13%	3.12%	16.75%	
Total Assessed Value - no deduction for collectibility							
Motor Vehicles	6,455,330	6,720,080	6,053,080	5,203,535	5,046,590	4,242,290	
Personal Property Real Property	8,985,080 337 177 020	10,035,840	8,392,900 270,805,290	6,728,180 257 252 700	6,641,694 240,402,050	6,772,660 235,400,550	
Total Assessed Value	337,177,020 352,617,430	286,323,820 303,079,740	270,805,290 285,251,270	257,252,700 269,184,415	252,090,334	246,415,500	
% Change from Prior Year	16.34%	6.25%	5.97%	6.78%	2.30%	16.33%	

City of Isle of Palms
Calculation of Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor
2025 Tax Bills

The City of Isle of Palms has a long standing practice of returning 100% of Local Option Sales Tax collections to the taxpayers. The factor calculation is done two ways - one using the prior fiscal year LOST collections, and the other using the current year LOST budget. Of these two calculated factors, the one most beneficial to the taxpayer is confirmed to Charleston County for purposes of the tax bill.

#### Current Gross APPRAISED Values from Charleston County:

Motor Vehicles	102,558,881
Real Property	6,422,165,917
Personal Property	88,079,733
Homestead Exemption	(32,305,000)
Total	6,580,499,531
FY25 Actual LOST Revenue	1,238,754 Pi

FY25 Actual LOST Revenue	1,238,754	Prior Fiscal Year
Divided by Total Appraised Value	0.00019	USE .00019
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FY26 Budget LOST Revenue	1,150,075	Current Year's Budget
Divided by Total Appraised Value	0.00017	

City of Isle of Palms						
Fund Balance Rollforward	d Balance Rollforward "Unaudited" General Fund					
	Unassigned Total Fund balance of 10 Fund less columns H, I J	Committed for Disaster Recovery Income and Expenses 60 Fund	Restricted for Beautification 10-3500.4525 (revenue) 10-4120.5026 (expense)	Restricted for General Fund Debt Service 10-3100.4003 (revenue) 10-4120.5009&11 (expense)	Non-spendable (postage and fuel inventories) 10-0000- 1303, 10-0000-1305, 10-0000-1308	Total
FY24 AUDITED REVENUES	14,904,962.29	167,266.14	50,900.00	918,823.06		16,041,951.49
FY24 AUDITED TRANSFERS	(960,315.44)	73,682.56				(886,632.88)
FY24 AUDITED EXPENDITURES	(13,799,114.86)	(1,563.66)	(427.10)	(855,907.22)		(14,657,012.84)
FY24 AUDITED RESRV OF FB	(2,514.31)				2,514.31	-
FY24 AUDITED ENDING FB	3,892,923.18	3,406,130.13	235,604.50	650,489.85	32,824.68	8,217,972.34
GENERAL FUND TOTAL FUND BALANCE	4,811,842					
NET REVENUE & EXPENSE	258,920.73 14,914,369.91			62,915.84		498,305.77
FY25 UNAUDITED REVENUES	15,731,300.44	154,561.73	26,850.00	969,128.75		16,881,840.92
FY25 UNAUDITED TRANSFERS	1,200,740.39	101,001.70	20,000.00	000,120.70		1,200,740.39
FY25 UNAUDITED EXPENDITURES	(14,889,365.41)	(38,682.01)	(8,888.39)	(818,225.71)		(15,755,161.52)
FY25 UNAUDITED RESRV OF FB	4,319.85	(22,22 2)	(2,2222)	(2 2)	(4,319.85)	-
FY25 UNAUDITED ENDING FB	5,939,918.45	3,522,009.85	253,566.11	801,392.89	28,504.83	10,545,392.13
GENERAL FUND TOTAL FUND BALANCE	7,023,382					<u> </u>
					28,505	
NET REVENUE & EXPENSE	2,211,540.07			150,903.04		2,327,419.79
	17,928,019.58					
15% Surplus to keep in GF for 30% target of FY26 Exp	331,731.01					
Remaining of surplus after GF 15%	1,879,809.06					
30% This is 30% of FY26 GF Expenditures	5,125,795.20					
GF Balance less transfers to DR and CAP Funds	5,143,573.22					
The amount over the 30% FY26 Exp Target	17,778.02					
Staff recommends the following transfers:						
15% Recommended % to General Fund	331,731.01					
30% Recommended % to Disaster Recovery	663,462.02					
55% Recommended % to Capital Fund	1,216,347.04					
Total Net Positive Results	2,211,540.07					



### **Evergreen Solutions, LLC**

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September 17, 2025

Janice Ladd Human Resource Manager City of Isle of Palms

SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL: JLadd@iop.net

#### Dear Ms. Ladd:

We appreciate the opportunity to submit a letter proposal to conduct a Compensation Study for the City of Isle of Palms. I have prepared a work plan outlining the tasks, activities, and milestones necessary to accomplish this study as well as a proposed timeline and cost.

#### **Detailed Work Plan**

#### Task 1.0 Project Initiation

#### **TASK GOALS**

- Finalize the project plan with the City.
- Gather all pertinent data.
- Finalize any remaining contractual negotiations.
- Establish an agreeable final time line for all project milestones and deliverables.

#### TASK ACTIVITIES

- 1.1 Discuss with the City's Project Manager (CPM) and any other key personnel the following objectives:
  - review our proposed methodology, approach, and project work plan to identify any necessary revisions;
  - reach agreement on a schedule for the project including all assignments and project milestones/deliverables;
  - establish an agreeable communication schedule.
- 1.2 Identify potential challenges and opportunities for the study. Discuss the strategic direction of the City and some of the short-and long-term priorities. This activity serves as the basis for assessing where the City is going and what type of pay plan will reinforce current and future goals.
- 1.3 Obtain relevant materials from the City, including:

- any previous projects, research, evaluations, or other studies that may be relevant to this project;
- organizational charts for the departments and divisions, along with related responsibility descriptions; and
- current position and classification descriptions, and salary schedule(s).
- 1.4 Review and edit the project work plan and submit a schedule for the completion of each project task.

#### **KEY PROJECT MILESTONES**

- Comprehensive project management plan
- Comprehensive database of City staff

#### Task 2.0 Evaluate the Current System

#### **TASK GOAL**

• Conduct a comprehensive preliminary evaluation of the existing compensation plan(s) for the City.

#### TASK ACTIVITIES

- 2.1 Obtain the existing pay structure and compensation philosophy (if any). Review the existing pay structure and look for potential problems and issues to be resolved.
- 2.2 Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the current pay plan(s) for the City.
- 2.3 Discuss any pay compression issues that may exist and possible solutions with the CPM.
- 2.4 Complete an assessment of current conditions that details the pros and cons of the current system for the City as well as highlights areas for potential improvement in the final adopted solution.

#### **KEY PROJECT MILESTONES**

- Review of existing compensation plan(s)
- Assessment of current conditions

#### Task 3.0 Identify Approved List of Benchmarks and Survey Targets

#### **TASK GOALS**

- Identify positions to benchmark for the market salary survey.
- Identify and develop a comprehensive list of targets for conducting a successful external labor market salary assessment.



#### TASK ACTIVITIES

- 3.1 Identify and review with the classifications that will be used as benchmarks for the market salary survey. **Note:** Evergreen will work with the CPM to select up to 60 classifications to use as benchmarks for the market salary survey.
- 3.2 Finalize the list of benchmark positions.
- 3.3 Develop a preliminary list of organizations for the external labor market survey, placing a comparative emphasis on characteristics such as:
  - size of the organization;
  - geographic proximity to the Isle of Palms area;
  - · economic and budget characteristics; and
  - other demographic data.
- 3.4 Review with the CPM up to 20 peer organizations that should be included in the market salary survey.
- 3.5 Develop a system for use of secondary data (i.e., private sector data), including potential sources and weighting of secondary data, if necessary.
- 3.6 Review survey methodology with the CPM and refine survey methodology prior to distribution of survey.
- 3.7 After approval of survey methodology, develop contact list of peer organizations and notify peers of impending survey.

#### **KEY PROJECT MILESTONES**

- Initial list of survey peers
- Survey methodology
- Final list of survey organizations and contacts

# Task 4.0 Conduct Market Survey and Provide External Assessment Summary

#### TASK GOALS

- Conduct the external labor market salary survey.
- Provide a summary of the survey results to the CPM for review.

#### TASK ACTIVITIES

- 4.1 Prepare a customized external labor market salary survey for the CPM's approval. Discuss the questions to include in the market salary survey.
- 4.2 Contact the targets for electronic completion of the survey. Provide paper copies by fax, if requested.



- 4.3 Conduct necessary follow-up through e-mails, faxes, and phone calls.
- 4.4 Collect and enter survey results into Evergreen's electronic data analysis tools.
- 4.5 Validate all data submitted.
- 4.6 Develop summary report of external labor market salary survey assessment results.
- 4.7 Submit summary report of external labor market salary survey assessment results to the CPM.

#### **KEY PROJECT MILESTONES**

- Market salary survey instrument
- Summary report of external labor market salary survey assessment results

## Task 5.0 Develop Strategic Positioning Recommendations

#### TASK GOALS

- Determine the City's compensation philosophy.
- Develop a plan for all employees, providing issue areas and preliminary recommendations for strategic improvement.

#### TASK ACTIVITIES

- 5.1 Identify the accepted compensation philosophy and accompanying thresholds.
- 5.2 Using the market salary survey data collected in **Task 4.0**, and compensation data reviewed in **Task 2.0**, determine the proper pay structure, including pay ranges for all positions.
- 5.3 Produce a new pay plan(s) that best meets the needs of the City from an external equity standpoint.

#### **KEY PROJECT MILESTONE**

Proposed compensation strategic direction, taking into account external equity

#### Task 6.0 Conduct Solution Analysis

#### TASK GOALS

- Slot classifications into the revised or new pay scale based on market survey results.
- Propose several possible options for implementation.



#### TASK ACTIVITIES

- 6.1 Use a market-based approach, or other appropriate techniques, to properly slot each classification into the revised or new pay scale.
- 6.2 Place all classifications into pay grades based on **Task Activity 6.1**. Sort alphabetically by job class title, in descending order by range, and by old class title and new class specifications.
- 6.3 Create implementation solutions for consideration that take into account the current compensation philosophy and financial impact, as well as the findings from the compensation analysis. Recommend alternative compensation policy changes.
- 6.4 Determine the best solution to meet the needs of the City in the short- and long-term.
- 6.5 Document the accepted solution.

#### **KEY PROJECT MILESTONES**

- Revised or new pay scale(s)
- Classification assignments by pay grade
- Implementation plan(s)
- Documented final solution

#### Task 7.0 Develop Draft and Final Reports

#### TASK GOALS

- Develop and submit a draft and final report of the Compensation Study to the City of Isle of Palms.
- Present final report, if requested.

#### TASK ACTIVITIES

- 7.1 Produce a comprehensive draft report that captures the results of each previous step. The report will include the costs associated with all recommendations as well as implementation strategies.
- 7.2 Submit the comprehensive draft report to the CPM for review and approval.
- 7.3 Make edits and submit necessary copies of the final report to the CPM.
- 7.4 Present the final report, if requested.



- 7.5 Develop a communication plan for sharing study results with the City's employees.
- 7.6 Develop a plan for maintaining recommendations over time.

#### **KEY PROJECT MILESTONES**

- Draft and final reports
- Final presentation
- Communication plan

#### Task 8.0 Develop Recommendations for Compensation Administration

#### TASK GOAL

 Develop recommendations for a maintenance program so administration by City staff may sustain the recommended compensation system/structure.

#### TASK ACTIVITIES

- 8.1 Develop recommendations and guidelines for continued administration and maintenance of the compensation system, including recommendations and guidelines related to:
  - how employees will move through the pay structure/ system as a result of transfers, promotions, or demotions;
  - how to pay employees whose base pay has reached the maximum of their pay range or value of their position;
  - the proper mix of pay;
  - how often to adjust pay scales and survey the market;
  - the timing of implementation; and
  - how to keep the system fair and competitive over time.
- 8.2 Finalize and present recommendations to the CPM for review.

#### **KEY PROJECT MILESTONE**

• Recommendations for compensation administration



#### **Proposed Cost and Timeline**

Our total, not-to-exceed, fixed cost to complete all tasks in our detailed work plan is **\$16,500.** Our cost is all inclusive, and includes travel costs (meals and lodging), transportation, fringe benefits, indirect cost (overhead), clerical support, and all other out-of-pocket expenses. Evergreen can conduct this study in approximately three months from the execution of a contract.

Our preferred method of invoicing is as follows:

- 33% upon completion of Tasks 1 2
- 33% upon completion of Tasks 3 4
- 34% upon completion of Tasks 5 8

We would love the opportunity to again work with the Isle of Palms. If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at (850) 383-0111 or via email at jeff@consultevergreen.com.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Ling, PhD, President Evergreen Solutions, LLC



#### BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS 4:00pm, Tuesday, September 9, 2025 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

#### **MINUTES**

#### 1. Call to order

Present: Glenn Thornburg, Ted McKnight, Ellen Gower, Susie Wheeler, Bob

Miller (arrived at 4:15pm), and Administrator Kerr

#### 2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Gower made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2025 meeting, and Ms. Wheeler seconded the motion. The minutes passed unanimously.

#### 3. Swearing in of applicants

Mr. Thornburg swore in the applicant's representative, Megan Finch Stevens.

#### 4. Variance: 1 Myrtle Avenue

Administrator Kerr said, "I'll give just a quick update. So this variance was requested and heard last month by the Board of Zoning Appeals. There was a continuance provided at that meeting, to bring it to you tonight, and I'll just kind of go through the request at a high level because you've already kind of heard it once. But the applicant is requesting two variances to allow the construction of a new front entryway and a set of stairs into the front yard setback. The front stairs are required by the code to be at least 25 feet from the front property line, and they are proposed to be as close as 1.73 feet. The front porch is required to be at least 30 feet from the front property line, and it is proposed to be as close, and I don't know that we have an exact dimension, but about 10 feet from the property line. This property is a legal nonconforming structure, so it predates the zoning code, and that is the reason why the existing structure is into the required setbacks. The way the City's code works is, that portion that is into the setback already can be maintained, it can be repaired, it can be updated, but any new footprint is required to be compliant with the current code, which is which is what gives them (INAUDIBLE) There was a discussion last month about the idea of creating a new plan that would be compliant with the 30' setback. I think that the applicant has gone back and done a little bit of work on that and there are at least, there's at least a new letter in your packet as well as some new, I think that I think they're just schematics but they have had an architect submit a letter and I think it's page 35 of your packet indicating, that in his opinion it was it would be, it would have a very negative impact on the interior floor plan of the house."

He added, "If you find that the property is unreasonably restricted by the code, I think the next step for this board would be how little can you make an adjustment to make it reasonable to use the property."

He also pointed out in the attached letter from the architect that the front door cannot be moved as suggested since it is a load-bearing wall.

Ms. Stevens reviewed her client's request and the unique characteristics of the property leading to this request. She argued that the property's unique conditions create an unnecessary hardship, citing specific code sections (5432 and 5547B) and court precedents (Cobert v. Krawcheck and Early Association v. Horry County). She also emphasized that a front entrance is a critical safety feature for both occupants and first responders, as the house currently lacks a street-facing front door.

Administrator Kerr reviewed the criteria the Board must keep in mind while making this decision, noting that the criteria citing that "the application of the ordinance or, resolution of the particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or, unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property" is where the Board usually gets "hung up."

He suggested "if you all say, okay, they cannot make reasonable use of this property, they're entitled to a variance, then I think some additional study would be necessary to figure out how little can you do to make reasonable use" of the property.

Ms. Stevens expressed her understanding that the Board must be careful in granting variances lest a precedent be set. She added that one of her goals is for the record to reflect how different this piece of property is from any other property on the island. She did not believe that another request such as this would come before the Board.

Administrator Kerr said City Code does not require a front door for safety reasons but acknowledged that Ms. Stevens is making the case for something safer than what code requires. Mr. McKnight said he believes the "safety issue wins the day," but the challenge is how to restrict it.

After some discussion, Ms. Stevens was asked to return with a revised design that incorporates the Board's feedback to minimize the structure's encroachment, specifically focusing on an uncovered, minimum-sized, and optimally positioned entrance. For added clarity, Administrator Kerr said to make the porch "uncovered and the minimum landing size possible and that by doing that makes the setback 25' instead of 30'. So that's first. That's reduced the amount of variance that is required. Then take that minimal exit and put it as far from the front property line as possible."

MOTION: Ms. Gower made a motion to grant a continuance to the next meeting to review revised drawings based on the Board's instruction. Ms. Wheeler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator Kerr again clarified the instructions to the architect: "Uncovered, code minimum width pushed as far away from that front property line as can be made without getting into adjusting the interior floor plan."

#### 6. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane City Clerk



#### ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### 10:00am, Wednesday, September 10, 2025 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

#### **MINUTES**

#### 1. Call to order

**Present**: Rebecca Kovalich, Park Williams, Barb Bergwerf, Chrissy Lorenz,

Margaret Miller, Rod Turnage, Mike Boykin (via Zoom)

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, Director Hamilton

#### 2. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes** – July 9, 2025

Ms. Bergwerf made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2025 meeting, and Mr. Turnage seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. Financial Statements

Director Hamilton said the cash balance increased by 19.2% compared to the previous year, and the fund balance increased by 17.6%. Revenues amount to \$3.8 million, compared to a budget of \$3.7 million, primarily due to higher-than-expected State Accommodation Tax revenues. Director Hamilton informed the Committee that three expense items exceeded the budget and require approval. She specifies that "it's nothing wildly out of the ordinary, it's just the cost of doing business." They will be voted on at the next meeting.

She said FY26 expenses are tracking as budgeted so far.

Ms. Lorenz asked about the overage on the beach trash can pickup. Administrator Kerr explained that the overage comes from on-call work requests.

# 4. Presentation – ATAX Grant Application from Elliot Cox, Coastal Retreat & Lutheran Retreat Center

Mr. Elliot Cox, representing Coastal Retreat and the South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers, presented a grant application requesting \$10,000 for the repair of the facility's parking lot. Mr. Cox explained that his organization is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that hosts thousands of visitors annually, including religious groups, community organizations, and students. He estimated 95% of their guests are from out of town and out of state. They focus on group reservations and are booked a year in advance.

He mentioned that the parking lot is often the first impression for visitors, and its repair is a priority for safety and aesthetics. Mr. Cox indicated he has received an official quote for approximately \$17,000 and another verbal estimate of \$25,000. He said the parking lot is used

primarily for their guests at no charge, but they do sometimes offer paid parking to help fund their nonprofit.

#### 5. Old Business

#### a. Quarterly update and discussion with CVB – Chris Campbell and Ike High

Mr. Campbell reported that the FY25 audit will be available to the Committee after it has been presented to the CVB board in October. They will be working with Director Hamilton on filing the TERC paperwork that is due in November.

Regarding performance, Mr. Campbell noted that strong momentum from the spring continued through the summer, offsetting losses from January to March due to weather and calendar shifts. Hotel performance data through July shows improvement. For seasonal rentals, demand surpassed last year's, and average daily rates (ADR) have continued to climb, with May being particularly strong. Demand across all the beaches outpaced last year and is still well ahead of pre-pandemic levels.

Mr. Campbell shared that national lodging forecasts show little to no growth for the next six months due to macroeconomic forces. However, the region generally outperforms the national average. Mr. Campbell describes the current economy as "K-shaped": the luxury and high-end segment continues to grow, while lower-tier hotels are feeling economic pressures. The booking window is compressing, with even corporate groups now booking less than 30 days out, creating volatility for property managers.

He reviewed some current initiatives including new content for the VRBO program, preparation for a travel trade show in November, the walkability study, the island rebranding project, creation of new video content, and conversation with the IOP Chamber on future collaborations. Mr. Campbell said he will look into local advertising of IOP and Wild Dunes to encourage staycations. He will also ask the CVB team for input on where the Committee could focus its beautification efforts.

#### b. Discussion of future beautification projects

Ms. Lorenz suggested that the landscaping could be softened with native plants and the palm trees could be trimmed more often. She would like to see some work done to enhance the entry to the Marina.

Administrator Kerr described the scope of the walkability/mobility study currently being conducted by BCDCOG. There will be an open house for residents to review some maps and offer ideas on October 20 at the Recreation Center. The ATAX Committee will review the recommendations from that study and pull out a few to focus on. He said he will reach out to BCDCOG to include the Committee in the discussions.

#### 5. New Business

### 6. **Miscellaneous Business**

The next meeting of the ATAX Committee will be Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 10am.

## 7. Adjournment

Ms. Bergwerf made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Lorenz seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:03am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane City Clerk



#### ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4:00pm, Thursday, September 11, 2025 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

and broadcasted live on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms

#### **MINUTES**

#### 1. Call to order

Present: Laura Lovins, Mary Pringle, Cindy Marrs, Sean Popson, Todd Murphy

Absent: Eric Cicora

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, Asst. Director Asero, Council Member Miars

2. Approval of previous meeting's minutes

MOTION: Ms. Popson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2025 meetings, and Ms. Marrs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Citizen's Comments --

#### 4. Presentation – Mujeres Latinas and Waves of Change

Ms. Susan Smith spoke about how the IOP Clean Up Crew can support the efforts of the Mujeres Latinas including monitoring the bins to keep them free of trash. Mujeres Latinas will make and donate the bins to the island. Ms. Smith said she can get free signage for the bins.

Concern about trash in the bins was discussed. Mr. Murphy said the bins deal with the symptom of trash on the beach and not the problem of people leaving trash on the beach. He is also concerned that the trash buckets will end up on the beach.

Ms. Lovins noted that one of the matrix recommendations is related to educating the public about taking your trash with you when you leave the beach, particularly bigger items like broken chairs and toys.

After further discussion about the bins and possible locations, a trial location was voted on.

MOTION: Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve one trash and toy bin provided by Mujeres Latinas roadside at the 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Beach access path next year from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Ms. Pringle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. Old Business

#### A. Recommendations Matrix

Ms. Lovins met with Sarah McDonald and Aubrey Anthony of the "South Carolina Aquarium Sea Rise Sign Project" and will invite them to present at the October meeting.

Ms. Lovins reported that the recent water quality tests indicated high levels of of E. coli at the 25<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> avenues outfalls. A proposal from Wolpert for DNA testing of these samples is forthcoming. She hopes to have the results by the October meeting. Administrator Kerr shared that the results from 20+ years ago indicated that over 90% of the E. coli was related to animals, so there was nothing that could be done to diminish that.

Administrator Kerr reported that the Chamber of Commerce received a low response (seven restaurants) to its survey on a potential amendment to the regulation. Discussion ensued about the choice between strengthening the enforcement of the current ban on non-recyclable plastics or changing the approach, meaning providing straws and disposable utensils only upon customer request. Council Member Miars would like to see more stringent straw regulations but agreed it would be better to start with asking restaurants to not hand out straws unless asked. Some restaurant owners will be invited to the next Committee meeting to further discuss.

Discussion continued about the "Good Neighbor" brochure. Ms. Marrs shared the "Wild Dunes Way" webpage with the Committee. Ms. Marrs will work with Mr. Cicora and the PR Officer to develop a brochure and webpage similar to that of the "Wild Dunes Way." The Committee believes that this new page could serve as a landing page for QR codes and consolidate information on various initiatives such as the "Do No Harm" campaign, septic system education, composting, plastics, native plants, and sea-level rise.

Administrator Kerr noted that items 4, 5, 14, and 18 on Mr. Circora's version of the matrix recommendations could be combined onto one page, similar to the sustainability list from Folly Beach.

#### B. Contract with Fisher Glass Recycling

Administrator Kerr referenced a recent email from Dr. Jim Smiley sent to Committee members regarding the City's contract with Fisher Glass Recycling. Administrator Kerr said that Mr. Belvin Olasov has confirmed all that is in the email. He will provide more details at a later date.

Administrator Kerr said the Environmental Advisory Committee previously recommended that the City continue the contract with Fisher Glass Recycling since the County frequently changes its glass recycling policy.

Ms. Lovins added that Dr. Smiley's original email to her said that the City has no efforts directed at recycling aluminum cans from the beach. Ms. Marrs did not believe the small amount of compliance that initiative would create is not worth the effort.

This will be discussed further at the October meeting. Ms. Lovins will inform Dr. Smiley they are working on a solution.

#### 5. New Business

#### Folly Beach's Sustainability Bucket List

Administrator Kerr would like to see a page/list similar to this created under the Environmental Advisory Committee's page on the City's website. Ms. Lovins is attempting to collaborate with the staff person at Folly Beach who helped create this document.

#### 6. **Miscellaneous Business**

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 4pm.

#### 7. Adjournment

Ms. Popson made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane City Clerk

#### ORDINANCE 2025-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 8, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, CHAPTER 2, STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING OF VEHICLES, OF THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ELIMINATE AN EXEMPTION THAT ALLOWED RESIDENT TRAILERS ALONG 41<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE FROM WATERWAY BOULEVARD TO THE MARINA

WHEREAS, the Isle of Palms City Council is empowered with the authority to make amendments to the Isle of Palms Code, including amending Chapters, and now wishes to do so;

WHEREAS, the Isle of Palms City Council believes it is necessary to make amendments to the City's Managed Beach Parking Plan to address infrastructure improvements that have changed the space available for trailer parking in the area adjacent to the marina while also clarifying enforcement measures to protect the public safety of the residents and visitors of its community;

WHEREAS, the Isle of Palms City Council now desires to amend Title 8, Chapter 2, Article C, Section 8-2-31. "Obedience to parking regulations," Subsection (c) to ensure the aforementioned objective.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED THAT TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2 SHALL BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS. ALL SECTIONS OF TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2 NOT REFERENCED REMAIN UNALTERED:

SECTION 1. That Article C, Section 8-2-31, "Obedience to parking regulations," Subsection (c) is hereby amended to state the following:

Parking a truck or vehicle having an overall length of more than twenty feet (20') at any point, including trailers, is prohibited upon any street right-of-way in a resident parking district for more than one (1) hour or as long as is reasonably necessary to load or unload passengers or materials.

SECTION 2. Should any part of this Ordinance be held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts shall be severable therefrom and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affect this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance take effect immediately upon approval by Council.

PASSED AND AF	PROVED BY THE C	CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY	OF ISLE OF
PALMS, ON THE	DAY OF	, 2025.	
Philip Pounds, Mayor			
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City Clerk			
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First Reading:			
Second Reading:			
Ratification:			

#### **ORDINANCE 2025 – 11**

### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 6 HEALTH AND SANITATION, CHAPTER 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS, ARTICLE C MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF GLYPHOSATE ON CITY OWNED OR MANAGED PROPERTY

WHEREAS, glyphosate is considered dangerous by some scientists and regulatory bodies, particularly in relation to human health, though there is ongoing debate and disagreement on the extent of the risk; and

WHEREAS, The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classified it as a "probable carcinogen to humans" in 2015, linking it to increased risks of certain cancers like non-Hodgkin lymphoma.; and

WHEREAS, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) notes that glyphosate can cause respiratory irritation, and developmental effects in animals at high doses.

NOW, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Councilmembers of the City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina, in City Council Assembled:

- SECTION 1. That Section 6-1-32. Duty to keep property clean. is hereby amended by adding new subsection (g) to specifically read as follows:
- (g) The use of Glyphosate is prohibited for use on City owned or managed properties.
- SECTION 2. That should any part of this Ordinance be held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts shall be severable therefrom and shall continue to be in full force and effect.
- SECTION 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affect this Ordinance.
- SECTION 4. That this Ordinance take effect and be in full force immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED I ISLE OF PALMS, ON THE _	 L FOR THE CITY OF , 2025.
Phillip Pounds, Mayor	
(Seal)	
Attest:	
Nicole DeNeane, City Clerk	
First Reading:	
Public Hearing:	
Second Reading:	
Ratification:	

# - CODE OF ORDINANCES Title 6 - HEALTH AND SANITATION CHAPTER 1. - GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE C. MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY

#### ARTICLE C. MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY

#### Sec. 6-1-31. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- (a) Bulk consists of bulky wastes, including appliances, furniture, mattresses, auto parts and tires.
- (b) *Garbage* consists of all perishable refuse, household rubbish, including, but not limited to, paper boxes, rags, plastic and cloth, glass, bottles, cans and any similar waste and small dead animals.
- (c) Litter means any quantity of solid waste which is not properly disposed of.
- (d) Private property includes, but is not limited to, the following exterior locations owned by private individuals, firms, corporations, partnerships, institutions or organizations: yards, grounds, driveways, entranceways, passageways, parking areas, working areas, storage areas, vacant lots, recreation facilities.
- (e) Container means a watertight receptacle made of metal, heavy duty plastic or material of similar strength with a tightfitting cover for storage and disposal of solid waste.
- (f) Solid waste consists of all refuse including bulk, debris, garbage, rubbish and trash.
- (g) *Trash* consists of all ashes, yard rubbish, such as leaves, grass, bushes, and vines; large pieces of metal, bricks, stones and dirt, trees and branches, and stumps.
- (h) Unsightly growth on property means an unsightly, unhealthy, unsanitary growth of grass, bushes, shrubs, trees, weeds, vines, leaves, etc.

(Code 1994, § 6-1-31; Ord. No. 1986-2, 5-14-1986)

#### Sec. 6-1-32. Duty to keep property clean.

- (a) It shall be the duty of the owner, agent, occupant or lessee to keep exterior private and public property free of litter and unsightly growth. This requirement applies not only to removal of loose litter, but to materials that already are, or become, trapped at locations such as fences and wall bases, grassy and planted areas, borders, embankments and other lodging points.
- (b) Owners, agents, occupants or lessees whose properties face on a City right-of-way shall be responsible for keeping up to, and including, the curb, gutter or street line free of litter and unsightly growth.
- (c) It shall be unlawful to sweep or push litter from buildings, property, sidewalks and strips into streets, sidewalks and the storm drainage systems. Sidewalk and strip sweepings must be picked up and put into household or commercial material containers.
- (d) It shall be the duty of every nonresident owner of a vacant lot or other vacant property to appoint a resident agent who shall have responsibility for keeping that lot or other property free of litter and unsightly growth.
- (e) If an owner, agent, occupant or lessee fails to remove litter or unsightly growth from any private and public property, the City Public Works Department shall be authorized to serve written notice to the owner or

- appointed agent to correct such violation within five (5) days. Failure to comply shall constitute grounds for prosecution.
- (f) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any property in the City to disobey or fail to comply with any provisions of this article.
- (g) The use of Glyphosate is prohibited for use on City owned or managed properties.

(Code 1994, § 6-1-32; Ord. No. 1986-2, 5-14-1986)

#### Sec. 6-1-33. Appeals; ordinance summons; liens; penalties.

- (a) The City Administrator is authorized to issue regulations for the form, content, and maintenance of notices and to hear and determine appeals from Public Works Department notices served pursuant to section 6-1-32(e). A notice of appeal must be delivered to the City Administrator within five (5) days after service of the sanitation division notice. The determination of the City Administrator shall be made in writing and shall be final.
- (b) The City Administrator may authorize an appropriate City employee to serve an ordinance summons for violation of this article pursuant to section 1-3-66(b).
- (c) In the event the responsible person fails to correct the conditions which violate this article within the time prescribed in the notice, the City Administrator may authorize agents or employees of the City to enter onto the property and take corrective action. The cost of corrective action taken by the City shall be a lien upon the property which shall be added to and collected in the same manner as the ad valorem taxes on the property.
- (d) Nothing in this section shall prevent the City from taking any other appropriate action such as courtesy notices to encourage voluntary compliance, or arrest warrants for violations.
- (e) Violation of this article is a misdemeanor punishable as provided in section 1-3-66.

(Code 1994, § 6-1-33; Ord. No. 1994-4, § 33, 4-26-1994)

Secs. 6-1-34—6-1-39. Reserved.

#### **ORDINANCE 2025 – 11**

# AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 7 LICENSING AND REGULATION, CHAPTER 3 BEACH AND MARINE RECREATION REGULATIONS, ARTICLE A GENERAL PROVISIONS TO INCLUDE REGULATIONS ON RECREATIONAL FISHING FROM SHORE AND PIER

WHEREAS, the City of Isle of Palms has a significant and growing number of visitors that use the beach for recreational uses that include fishing, swimming, and walking along the beaches within City Limits; and

WHEREAS, fishing within busy areas of the beach could endanger the public and pose a hazard to humans; and

WHEREAS, the Isle of Palms City Council finds that regulating recreational fishing from the beach or shore is imperative to the health, safety and welfare to residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Isle of Palms City Council has the authority to enact new sections of its Code of Ordinances when deemed to be in the best interest of the citizens of the City, and now desires to do so as displayed below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Councilmembers of the City of Isle of Palms, in Council assembled, that Section 7-3-23 be amended under Title 7, Chapter 3, Article A of the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances as follows:

SECTION 1. That Section 7-3-23 "Regulations on recreational fishing from shore or pier" be included to state as follows:

Section 7-3-23 Regulations on recreational fishing from shore or pier

- (a) It shall be unlawful to use any artificial means for the purpose of delivering fishing lines, fishing bait or other manner of fishing from any fishing pier, or any beach or shore.
- (b) Police officers, Beach Services Officers, Code enforcement officers or any other appointed police department official shall have the authority to require persons engaged in fishing from the beach to cease fishing if, in their judgement, circumstances indicate that cessation of fishing is in the interest of public safety. In the event the official determines that fishing from the beach may be unsafe for other users of the beach, the official

may order any person engaged in fishing from the beach to immediately cease fishing until such time as he or she indicates that it is safe to resume fishing. The official may indicate that fishing may occur at an alternative location on the beach during the time that the cease fishing order is effective. Failure to comply with an order of the police officer, Beach Services Officer, Code enforcement officer or any other appointed police department official shall be deemed a violation of this section.

SECTION 2. That should any part of this Ordinance be held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts shall be severable therefrom and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affect this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance take effect and be in full force immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED I ISLE OF PALMS, ON THE _	OR THE CITY OF, 2025
Phillip Pounds, Mayor	
(Seal)	
Attest:	
Nicole DeNeane, City Clerk	
First Reading:	
Public Hearing:	
Second Reading:	
Ratification:	

#### ORDINANCE 2025 – XX07

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 7 LICENSING AND REGULATION, CHAPTER 3 BEACH AND MARINE RECREATION REGULATIONS, ARTICLE A GENERAL PROVISIONS TO INCLUDE REGULATIONS ON RECREATIONAL FISHING FROM SHORE AND PIER

WHEREAS, the City of Isle of Palms has a significant and growing number of visitors that use the beach for recreational uses that include fishing, swimming, and walking along the beaches within City Limits; and

WHEREAS, <u>fishing within busy areas of the beach could</u> the intentional <u>fishing</u>, <u>catching or attempting to catch sharks from the beach or shore</u> endangers the public and poses a hazard to humans; and

WHEREAS, the Isle of Palms City Council finds that regulating recreational fishing from the beach or shore is imperative to the health, safety and welfare to residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Isle of Palms City Council has the authority to enact new sections of its Code of Ordinances when deemed to be in the best interest of the citizens of the City, and now desires to do so as displayed below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Councilmembers of the City of Isle of Palms, in Council assembled, that Section 7-3-23 be amended and 7-3-23 be included under Title 7, Chapter 3, Article A of the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances as follows:

SECTION 1. That Section 7-3-2 "Definitions" be amended to state as follows:

#### Section 7-3-2 Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(1) Beach means that area lying between the low-water mark of the Atlantic Ocean and the easternmost property line of the property owned by private individuals or corporations, lying closest in proximity to the Atlantic Ocean, and shall extend out from the mean low-water mark for a distance of three hundred (300) yards into the water. The term "beach" shall also include that

area from the mean low-water mark for a distance of fifty (50) yards into the water from the mouth of Breach Inlet to the seaward side of Breach Inlet Bridge and from the mouth to the midpoint of Dewees Inlet.

- (2) Boat means any watercraft, including sea planes when not airborne, sailboats, jet skis, aqua-trikes or similar types of watercraft.
- (3) Designated areas means any portion of the beach designated by the City Council for a special use, such as swimming, surfing, beaching of boats, etc.
- (4) *Motorboat* means any boat operated through use of a motor or motorized propulsion, including jet skis, but excluding sailboats that use motors as an auxiliary means of propulsion.
- (5) Electric assist bicycles and bicycles with helper motors means lowspeed electrically assisted bicycles with two or three wheels, each having fully operable pedals and an electric motor of no more than 750 watts, or one horsepower, and a top motor-powered speed of less than twenty miles an hour when operated by a rider weighing one hundred seventy pounds on a paved level surface, that meet the requirements of the Federal Consumer Product Code provided in 16 C.F.R., Part 1512, and that operate in a manner such that the electric motor disengages or ceases to function when their brakes are applied or the rider stops pedaling.
- (6) Chumming means the depositing into water chopped or ground bait consisting of raw meat or fish parts including blood and oil thereof (excluding chicken) in an attempt to catch fish.
- (7) Trot line means a long fishing line with numerous hooks attached at intervals.

That Section 7-3-23 "Regulations on recreational fishing from shore or pier" be included to state as follows:

## Section 7-3-23 Regulations on recreational fishing from shore or pier

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally attempt to catch or take any shark or other marine animals that may endanger the public from any fishing pier, or any beach, or shore between 10am and 5pm from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

- (b) Chumming shall be unlawful within 600 feet of any fishing pier, or any beach or shore.
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- (d) It shall be unlawful to use trot lines from any fishing pier, or any beach or shore.
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SECTION 2. That should any part of this Ordinance be held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts shall be severable therefrom and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affect this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance take effect and be in full force immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY	THE CITY CC	OUNCIL FOR THE CITY				
OF ISLE OF PALMS, ON THE	DAY OF					
2025.						

Phillip Pounds, Mayor	
(Seal)	
Attest:	
Nicole DeNeane, City Clerk	
First Reading:	
Public Hearing:	
Second Reading:	
Ratification:	

# THIS EASEMENT IS SUBJECT TO BINDING ARBITRATION UNDER THE UNIFORM ARBITRATION ACT, TITLE 15, CHAPTER 48, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS

THIS DRA	INAGE AND MAIN	TENANCE EAS	SEMENT (" <u>Eas</u>	ement") is grante	ed this	_ day
of	, 2025, by WILI	DUNES LLC	, a Delaware	limited liability	company, w	hose
address is 5	5757 Palm Boulevard	Isle of Palms,	South Carolina	29451, hereinat	fter referred	to as
"Grantor" t	to CITY OF ISLE OF	PALMS, a pol	itical subdivision	on of the State of	f South Card	olina,
located at 1	1207 Palm Boulevard	Isle of Palms,	South Carolina	29451, hereinat	fter referred	to as
"City".						

#### WITNESSETH:

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To City, its successors and assigns, a perpetual and non-exclusive easement for the construction, operation, inspection, and maintenance of stormwater drainage facilities for collection and transfer of stormwater, together with any appurtenances incidental and necessary thereto, from City's property and property adjacent to Grantor's Property ("City System"), over, across, upon and through the portion of Grantor's Property depicted as "New Variable Width Drainage Easement (5,439 sq. ft.)" on Exhibit "A" ("Drainage Easement Area") together with the right to construct, reconstruct, remove, maintain, operate, improve, add to, inspect, and repair the City System.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Grantor has caused these presents to be signed in its name by its proper officer, the day and year above written.

SIGNED, sealed, and delivered	WILD DUNES LLC, a Delaware limited liability company		
in the presence of:	Ву:	Destination Wild Dunes, Inc., a South Carolina corporation, its Manager	
Witness #1		: Dan Battista Executive Vice President	
Witness #2			
	Ву:		
Witness #1		Christopher Currie	
		Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	
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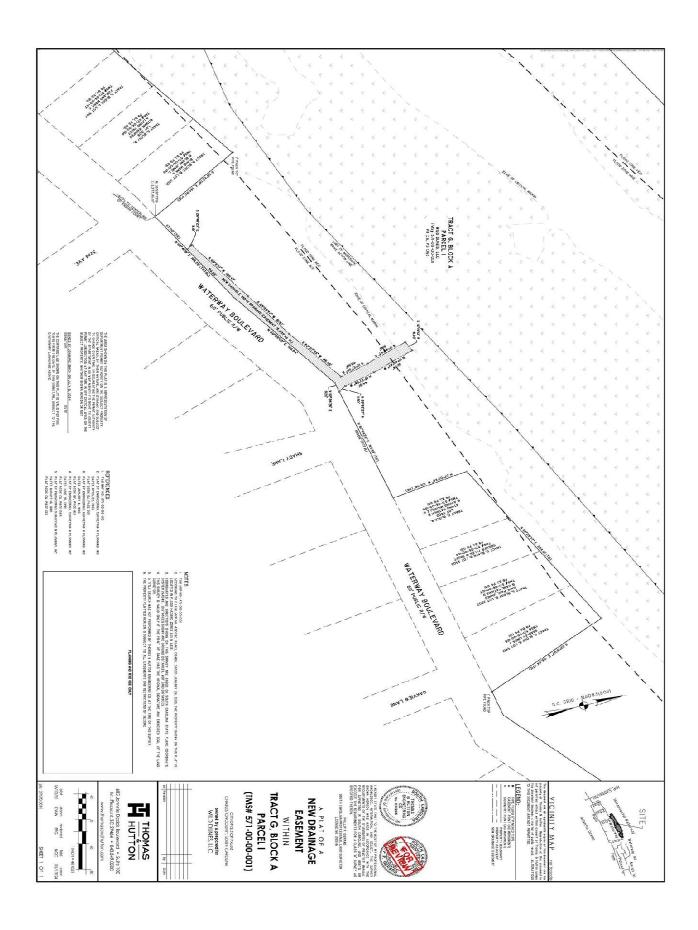
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the foregoing instrument.		
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## Exhibit A

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address is	5757 Palm Bo	alevard, Isle of	Palms, South	n Carolina 294	51, hereinafter	r referred t	o as
"Grantor"	to CITY OF IS	SLE OF PALMS	, a political	subdivision of	the State of S	outh Caro	lina,
located at	1207 Palm Bou	alevard, Isle of	Palms, South	Carolina 294	51, hereinafter	r referred t	o as
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SIGNED, sealed, and delivered in the presence of:	Ву:	Destination Wild Dunes, Inc., a South Carolina corporation, its Manager	
Witness #1	Name:	Dan Battista Executive Vice President	
Witness #2			
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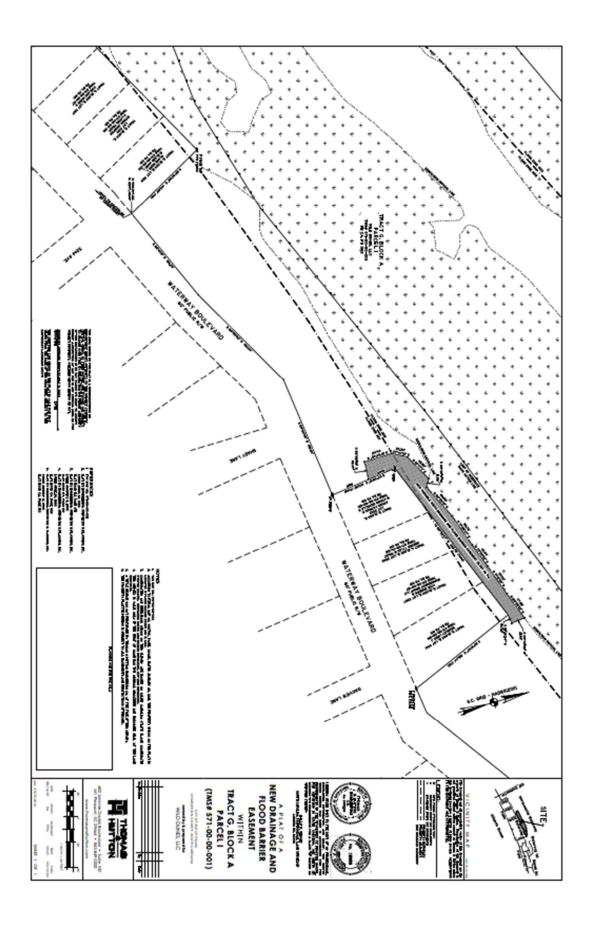
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is 5757	Palm Bouley	ard, Isle of Palms,	South Carolina	a 29451, hereina	after referred to as	"Granto	<u>r</u> '
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SIGNED, sealed, and delivered in the presence of:	By:	Destination Wild Dunes, Inc., a South Carolina corporation, its Manager	
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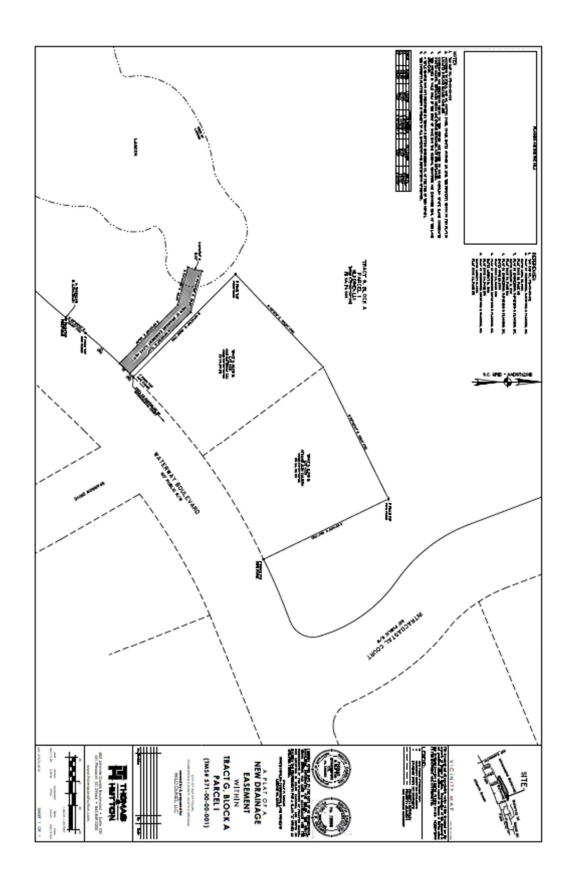
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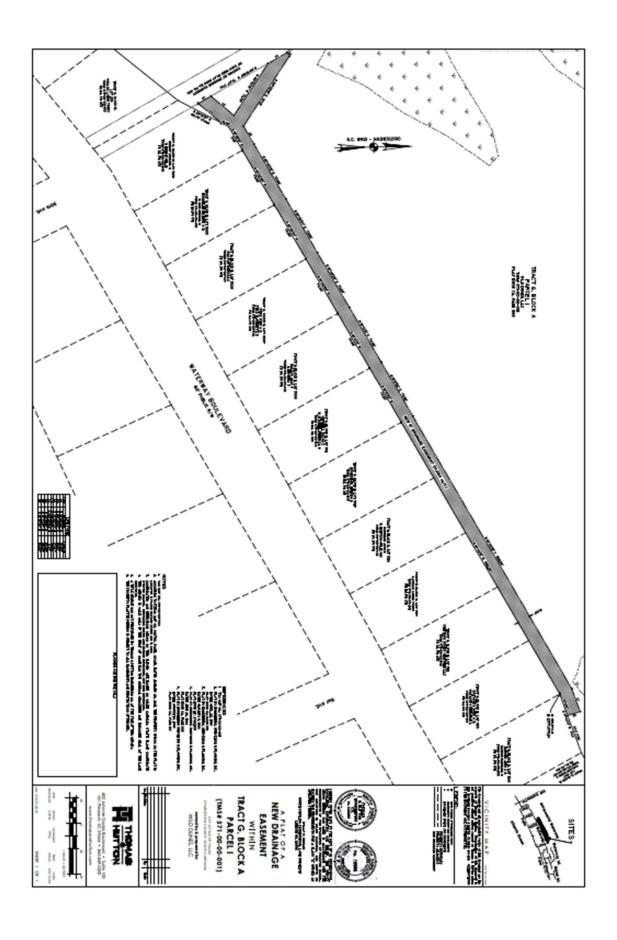
### South Carolina Acknowledgment

I,	, a Notary Pi	Public for South Carolina do hereby certi	f				
that Christopher Currie, as Senior Vice	President of Des	estination Wild Dunes, Inc., as Manager	of				
Wild Dunes LLC personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of							
the foregoing instrument.							
Witness my hand and seal this _	day of	, 2025.					
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### Exhibit A

### **Grantor's Property and Drainage Easement Area**

[See attached]





### **City Council**

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 26, 2025 City Hall Council Chambers 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

### **MINUTES**

#### 1. Call to Order

Present: Council members Bogosian, Hahn, Carroll, Streetman, Anderson, Ward,

Miars, Pierce, Mayor Pounds

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, City Attorney McQuillin, various department heads

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to reorder the agenda to allow for the presentation of Resolution 2025-10 first. Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution 2025-10 - Malcolm M. Burgis Plaza

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to approve, and Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pounds read the resolution.

#### 3. Citizens' Comments

Mr. Dan Slotchiver expressed concern about the eroded condition of the beach. He asked City Council to approve emergency protective measures. He is worried about property values and property tax income.

Mr. Stuart Colman's comments are attached to these minutes.

Mr. Jimmy Bernstein thanked City Councils for their efforts to protect the beach. He said we need "to expand our horizons about what we can do to protect the beach."

#### 4. Presentations

### a. Waterway Boulevard flood barrier project cost update – Thomas & Hutton

Mr. Rick Krakowski of Thomas & Hutton gave a presentation about the flood barrier project that is attached to these minutes.

Administrator Kerr spoke to a question about easement acquisition: "That is something that we have been working with the local representatives of the ownership of the Wild Dunes Golf Course. They obviously have a structure above them. They've been very positive about it. They have assured us that they feel positive that the easements will get granted. Similar to the easement that we had that we crossed the golf course at 30th several years ago. We have an existing easement agreement for that easement, and we have been kind of asking to get that executed and back, but I'm thinking that they have other priorities. I don't know that it's getting

immediately directly to the owners. So there's been a lot of groundwork with the local representatives, and we just haven't been able to get an executed copy of the easement back yet. We have been in conversations with them as recently as today. We think that they have had meetings as recently as today. So we expect to have those easements, and we will not execute a contract to do the work unless we at least have confirmation that the easements will be granted Even Phase 1 because Phase 1 work has to eventually get across the marsh and this is really the place that it has to happen. So all of this project hinges on the easements crossing the golf course."

Despite easement delays and the permitting process, Administrator Kerr and Mr. Krakowski expressed confidence that the project will meet the grant deadline. Administrator Kerr added that the grant administrator has applied for an extension and believes it will be granted.

A lengthy discussion ensued about the timeline for the project and the lack of a specific agreement between the City and Wild Dunes regarding the easement across the golf course and the completion of the project. Mr. Krakowski believes the work can be completed in 55 days. Administrator Kerr added that the work will not impact play on the golf course. He also noted Wild Dunes supportiveness throughout the process.

MOTION: Mayor Pounds made a motion to reorder the agenda to allow for consideration of the first three considerations under Procurement at this point in the meeting. Council Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 5. Procurement

a. Consideration of Waterway Boulevard flood barrier project – Phase 1 construction, Truluck Construction, Inc., \$1,269.864.68 [FY26 budget, \$918,000, Capital Projects]

MOTION: Council Member Pierce made a motion to approve contingent upon "attorney approved assurance" or an executed easement. Mayor Pounds seconded the motion.

Administrator Kerr said, "I wanted to make a comment just to add another wrinkle to the already overly complex situation but, what's in your packet is to approve Truluck and they are actually not the lowest bidder. We have determined that they are the lowest responsible bidder at this point because when we got the bids in, we vetted who was doing the site work on the golf course. Wild Dunes had some very strong opinions about the work that was getting done on their property and on the golf course. The lowest bidder is IPW. Their site work contractor was not a golf course specific contractor. Wild Dunes has told us that that they would not allow us to proceed with the project without a golf course specific project. So, Truluck. The other two bidders did include the golf course work being done by a golf course subcontractor. So, I just wanted that to be in the record. It was \$20,000, a very minimal difference."

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

b. Consideration of tide valve purchase for flood barrier project – Wapro, Inc., \$59,348 [FY26 Budget, \$918,000, Capital Projects]

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to approve, and Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

# c. Consideration of redesign work, bidding and construction administration for drainage project at Palm Boulevard between 38<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> avenues – Thomas & Hutton, \$108,600 [FY26 Budget, \$1,850,000, Capital Projects]

Administrator Kerr explained, "The other part of that proposal is a little bit of redesign work. We heard, I guess, the unfortunate news about the Water and Sewer Commission not being able to execute their project in Basin N. We, if you'll recall, we did a lot of work to coordinate this project with their project. That coordination did come at an expense to the City in terms of we had conflict boxes incorporated into the design for their sewer lines. We also actually chose to put our lines on the opposite side of Palm Boulevard which is not ideal from a performance perspective. The sewer line was planned on the lowest side of Palm. So we were putting our line on not the best side. They were going to make it work but this will make the project perform a little bit better and I think that it should be a pretty significant cost savings to do this maybe a couple hundred thousand...That redesign work is also in there. That portion of their work would be \$108,600. That's a little redesign and then construction, bidding and construction administration."

Mayor Pounds further clarified that the only new item in this consideration is the redesign work since the Water & Sewer Commission will no longer be doing their project in this area.

# MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to approve, and Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### b. Major beach renourishment permitting update and current beach conditions – CSE Steven Traynum and Patrick Barrineau

Mr. Steven Traynum and Dr. Patrick Barrineau gave a presentation regarding the renourishment permitting and the current beach conditions. It is attached to these minutes. Dr. Barrineau reported the finding of "about 15.5 million cubic yards of beach-quality sand right offshore Isle of Palms," sufficient for 30 to 40 years of nourishment.

Discussion ensued about the dynamic nature of Breach Inlet. Council members would like information pointing to the cause of the erosion. Mr. Traynum said a study may not give definitive answers, adding there could be numerous potential causes for the erosion.

Regarding the erosional areas within Wild Dunes, Mr. Traynum offered: "So at the north end there's, again, two erosional areas. One at Seascape, Ocean Club, and the golf course. Similar thing there where there's really, this is today in a high tide photo, so very little beach, not enough beach to do any kind of scraping, but we do have the option to continue our shoal management project that we paused in May, is the way the State has allowed us to do that. So we have the option of taking shoal sand and moving back to that area, or we can add additional sandbags. There are currently sandbags around Ocean Club and Seascape. The ones at Seascape are mainly buried in the sand right now. I think if they have more erosion they may become exposed or they may have settled down a little lower, so those would probably need to be dug and replaced. So those are the two options. I've kind of quantified what a sandbag revetment may look like and cost there. For it's about 500 feet of impacted area that doesn't include the 18th hole, or the old 18th hole, for \$250-\$300,000 worth of sandbags there. Moving sand, we moved about 40,000 yards with the last shoal project. It held up okay until about the past month. It kind of lost a little bit right at first and then it stabilized for a pretty good period of time and then we've had the past week. So a similar size effort up there would cost about another \$350,000. So it's a pretty similar

cost between those two alternatives. I would say, again, sandbags probably provide the most certainty right now. I do anticipate that area to start to naturally accrete pretty significantly, but probably still 6 to 12 months from now before we see that trend reverse based off of what happened in 2015. But I am very concerned about the construction work going on at Ocean Club and the City being involved in anything related to that. They had scaffolding that was placed directly on sandbags. In my opinion, I really don't want anything that the City is doing to impact what they are building. They may need to consider how they want to handle protection of their property. That's kind of a political or legal decision, not an engineering one. They certainly need some protection, but how that gets implemented, I'm not sure."

Council Member Bogosian expressed concern about the scaffolding at Ocean Club and the City's possible exposure for conducting emergency work in the area.

City Attorney McQuillin answered, "I think we need to just be careful around it. Obviously, I mean, we're dealing with the dockside stuff in downtown Charleston, similar situation. So, um, we don't touch it. We don't get blamed for it."

Mr. Traynum added that the City's work began before the scaffolding was built. He believes he can get permission to move sand in the area in late September or early October. He noted that owners can also place their own sandbags in the area.

### 6. Approval of previous meetings' minutes

MOTION: Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2025 meeting, and Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 7. Old Business none
- 8. New Business
  - a. Procurement
    - iv. Consideration of funding for emergency beach repairs

Administrator Kerr said the contractors who performed previous emergency work are ready to deploy.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce made a motion to approve up to \$550,000 for sandbag deployment: \$200,000 for Seascape, \$225,000 for the south end of the island, and \$125,000 for Beachwood. Council Member Miars seconded the motion.

Council Member Bogosian asked if the USACE could move their pipe at the south end of the island and focus on where the sand is needed. Mr. Traynum explained, "They are, I think, bound by their environmental review to only place sand north of 2nd Avenue. That was what they set up in their permitting process. So I don't think they can go any further south than 2nd and under their current contract trying to get anything changed has been difficult."

He said they started and  $2^{nd}$  Avenue and "we really didn't see much moving high up into the profile. Now, again, the City has the permit to come on top of what they're working and move that material south of  $2^{nd}$ ."

He continued, "I think just keeping it where it's at is just as economical and...working it a little bit further away from the inlet where they're placing it gives it the better opportunity to stay within the accessible part of the beach, as opposed to if they place it at 2nd, as low as they've been placing it, it may work its way out into these attached bars before we can really even access it. They're placing the material there because it's had so much mud in it that it needs to be out on the water to kind of wash itself out. We have talked to them about maybe placing it higher on the beach but there's already areas down there that have mud outcroppings. So as much as I would love to see him build a beach with it, it would not look good based off the material we've had recently."

When asked if there is any State funding available to help with this emergency work, Administrator Kerr said he would contact SCPRC. Council Member Pierce indicated Senator Campsen may be able to help.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

v. Consideration of rear loader purchase – Amick Equipment, \$306,138.74 [FY26 Budget, \$320,000, 1/3 Capital Projects, 1/3 Hospitality, 1/3 SC ATAX]

MOTION: Council Member Hahn made a motion to approve, and Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

vi. Consideration of authorizing the interpretive sign project at the marina dock and authorizing up to \$11,000 of funding (unbudgeted)

Administrator Kerr explained that all of the \$11,000 will likely not be used as an oyster roast at Islander 71 will benefit this project. The money from that oyster roast will come to the City through a valid 501(c)(3). Other funding is expected from the Marina and Eco-Tours.

MOTION: Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the request of greenspace funds. Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- vii. Report of purchase of Gasboy pumps for Public Works site Central Industries, \$16,891.86 [FY26 Budget, \$20,000 Capital Projects]
  - b. Consideration of authorizing lease modification to adopt new marina parking lot layout

Administrator Kerr said, "This is a project that has been with the Public Facilities Committee for a long time. The Islander restaurant owners have agreed in concept to a plan. The next steps in that process would be formally amending the lease exhibits that talk about the space that's under lease. There are also provisions in there that speak about shared parking. Those sections would go away. There is a leaseback provision on their employee parking lot. So we would re-engage Brian Kitz who worked through that lease, come up with the amendments that would make this change effective. That would be really the first step to ensure that we can kind of get this project off of stall and underway. If that were to be successful, there would be some additional design work and obviously, some construction work that would need to happen to make this happen. But the lease modifications are the first step in that process."

MOTION: Council Member Hahn made a motion to approve, and Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### c. Consideration of CARTA Budget

A BCDCOG representative thanked City Council for their continued support. He said there was an 11% increase in Beach Reach ridership this year despite four rainy weekends.

## MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to approve, and Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 9. Boards and Commissions Report

- a. Board of Zoning Appeals minutes attached
- b. Planning Commission minutes attached
- c. Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee no meeting in August
- d. Environmental Advisory Committee minutes attached

### 10. Ordinance, Resolutions, and Petitions

- a. Second Reading
  - i. Ordinance 2025-09 Offenses against Public Peace, to include regulations on hate intimidation

### MOTION: Council Member Miars made a motion to approve, and Council Member Anderson seconded the motion.

City Attorney McQuillin addressed some of the comments received about this ordinance: "One of the concerns we received was in the whereas clauses of the ordinance, the comments. I'll tell you which one it is. Whereas the State of South Carolina has yet to adopt a statewide hate crime legislation, it's only one of two states in the United States who have yet to adopt such protections for its citizens. Somebody called into question that language in the ordinance and pointed out there are in Chapter 5, Offenses Against Civil Rights, and I guess the suggestion was to change it to where to say South Carolina does not adequately address hate crimes as opposed to saying it doesn't address them at all. And the commenter pointed out some areas in State law where it does appear that hate crimes are addressed. So yeah, that was the first comment and suggestion was to just say whereas the City of Isle of Palms does not believe State law adequately addresses the severity of crimes motivated by hate was the suggestion. The language was pulled, I think, from another municipality's ordinance and also from publications put on by the Municipal Association and the United States Justice Department's website that identifies both South Carolina and Wyoming as states that do not include specific bias categories like race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability in their state laws. So that was one of the comments received. One of the comments was just whether or not this ordinance will really deter crime and why are you treating a crime based on hate different than a crime based on jealousy, creed, something like that. The other one was that they thought the use of saying that any crime motivated by hate that involves a violation of Title IX or anything else that's prohibited unlawful under the Code of Ordinances is broad and that we ought to focus on assault, vandalism, and specific crime categories as opposed to the catch-all which is in the current ordinance. So those are some comments we received. Ultimately the ordinance as written, I think is legally compliant. These are probably more policy, political decisions, and findings that whatever you all as a body deem appropriate can be adopted. So I don't have a suggestion that, oh, yeah, I think we should change this or that. These are just thoughts that were brought up by

somebody. I'm not saying they are good thoughts. I'm not saying they are bad thoughts. That's ultimately for you all to decide."

Council Member Hahn explained why he could not support the ordinance, "I can't support this. This is a constitutional issue. It impinges on free speech. Free speech is a fundamental check on governmental power. This impinges on that. It's a slippery slope. We're making it illegal to disagree, and I just think it's something that we can't do. Secondly, as written, we're talking about words with the intent to intimidate because of the actual or perceived message from the person the words are spoken to. By saying it's actual or perceived, it makes it extremely vague and extremely muddy so that anybody can say they perceived that somebody fussed them because of their race, creed, color, religion, ancestry, etc. I just think it's a slippery slope and it's an erosion of our rights under both the State and Federal constitutions."

Council Member Pierce likes the change to the "whereas clause" recommended by the City Attorney.

Council Member Bogosian asked about the use of "perceived," to which City Attorney McQuillin responded, "I think it is fine as written. The question, and where this will come up is if you've got somebody that perceives something and it's obviously if somebody vandalizes a building and paints a swastika on it, that's an easy case. There's no sort of perceived thing. But if somebody looks at them the wrong way and they get charged with a hate crime, that's where we're going to run into issues... You could take it out, but ultimately it's going to come to how, like, the facts of each specific case. And obviously this is an ordinance given the constitutional concerns that he raises. Like, in my mind, it's got to be a pretty clear violation and motivated by hate. So, there's a reason this didn't pass at the Statehouse because of these very issues that you all are talking about."

While Council Member Anderson believes the ordinance to be a good deterrent, Council Member Bogosian believes this is a State issue and it is not a deterrent. Mayor Pounds agreed with Council Member Bogosian, adding that a similar ordinance is up for First Reading with the Charleston County Council tonight.

City Attorney McQuillin does not believe this ordinance will create any difficulties for IOP officers.

MOTION: Council Member Miars revised her motion to amend to include the suggested "whereas clause" offered by the City Attorney. Council Member Anderson agreed to the revised motion. A vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Carroll, Miars, Pierce, Bogosian, Ward, Streetman, Anderson, Pounds

Nays: Hahn

The motion passed 8-1.

ii. Ordinance 2025-08 – Parking Change at 41st Avenue

MOTION: Council Member Miars made a motion to approve, and Council Member Bogosian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### b. First Reading -- Ordinance 2025-10 - Golf Cart Path designation

MOTION: Council Member Bogosian made a motion to approve, and Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 11. Miscellaneous

### 12. Adjournment

Council Member Ward made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane City Clerk Letter to City Council

August 26, 2025

Stuart Colman, 10 Live Oak Drive

Barbara Cohoon, 9 Live Oak Drive

I would like to thank Mayor Pounds for meeting with me and my neighbor, Barbara Cohoon, regarding two traffic control issues facing the residents of the Wildwood subdivision off 41<sup>st</sup> Ave, issues that we have been working on.

During the meeting on August 13, we discussed that drivers on Palm Blvd are accustomed to seeing crosswalks containing red decorated brick with wide white lines and a "YIELD for Pedestrian" pedestal sign as they drive along Palm Blvd from 21<sup>st</sup> to 41<sup>st</sup>. These are clear road markings easily seen from a distance. However, once you turn right at 41st the additional road markings stop. Cars speed up with little intention to stop for a pedestrian who is waiting in the crosswalk.

We would like for the city to have consistent crosswalk markings and signage, and to include the crosswalk at 43rd and Palm with the same road markings and "YIELD for Pedestrian" pedestal sign in the middle of the crosswalk.

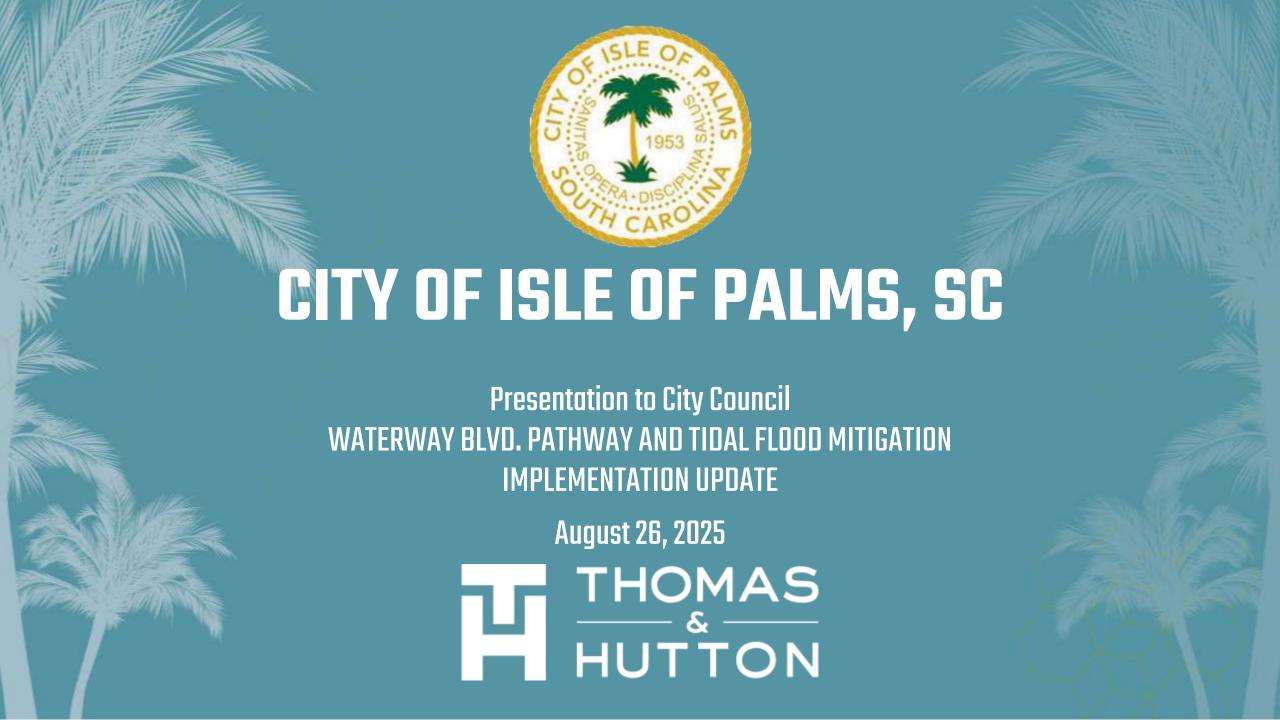
In our meeting we also addressed the issue of vehicles running the stop sign at 41<sup>st</sup> and Wildwood Rd. Several other neighbors joined in a letter campaign to the SCDOT to have the stop lines, which were badly faded, repainted to draw attention to the stop signs. The mayor stated that his team should be able to make the necessary contacts to move this request along.

After meeting on Wednesday, August 13, Mayor Pounds sent us an email on Friday, even though he was out of town, that the stop lines had been painted. The mayor also stated that his team was working on the issue of the crosswalk signage at 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave. The following Monday he notified us that his team has worked with SCDOT and advised us they had a plan to upgrade the crosswalk at 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave and 46<sup>th</sup> Ave in stages with the DOT completing the striping first, and then the city

would complete the red brick portion, with the Police Dept providing the "YIELD for Pedestrian" signs.

This is a wonderful example of cooperation among the various members of the City of Isle of Palms government from the mayor to his staff and those at the Dept of Public Works and at the IOPPD.

Thank you all for listening and acting on our behalf to improve the safety of our residents.



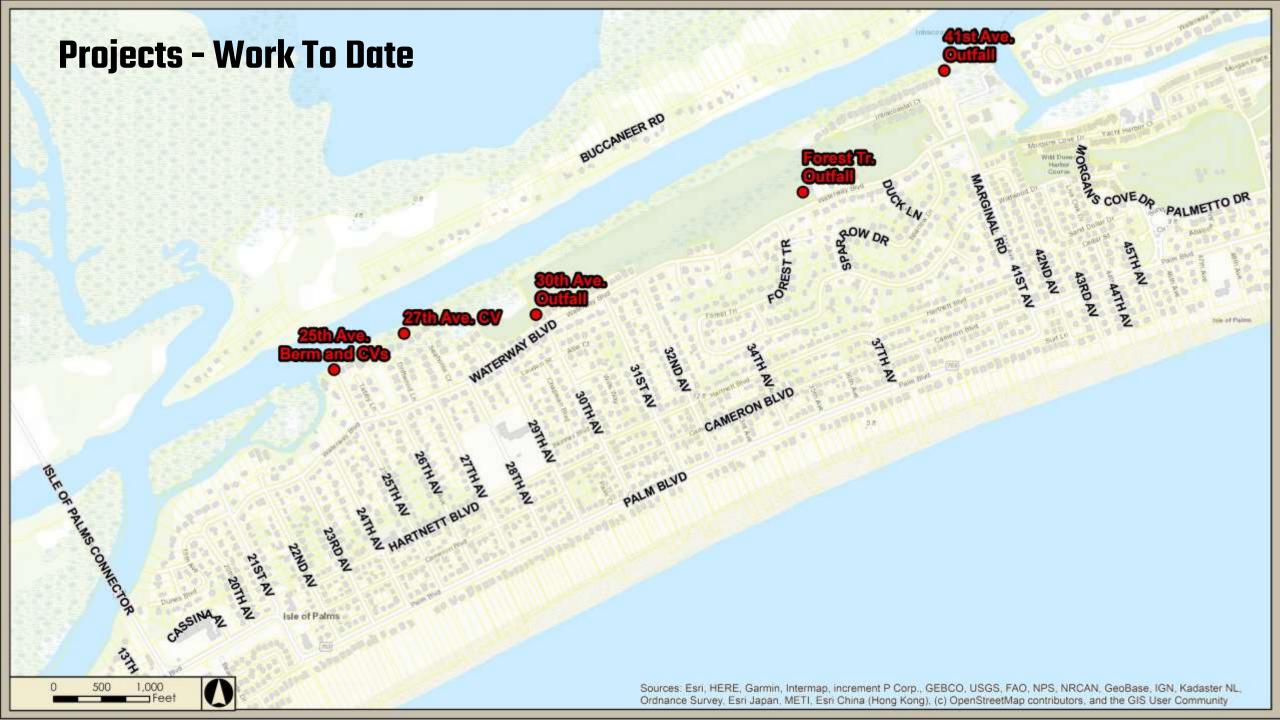
# **Work To Date**





- 30<sup>th</sup> Ave. Outfall
- Forest Trails Outfall
- 41<sup>St</sup> Ave. Outfall
- **Minor Tidal Flood Mitigation**
- 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. Berm/Check Valves
- 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. Check Valve





# **Work In Progress**



- Phase 1 Wild Dunes Harbor Course Tidal Flood Mitigation
  - Design Completed (All work within WD renovation footprint)
  - Permitting Completed (Permitted at modification to WD permits)
  - Bidding Completed (3 bids received)
  - Award Pending
  - Check Valves To Be Ordered Separately (Installed by Contractor)



# **Work In Progress**



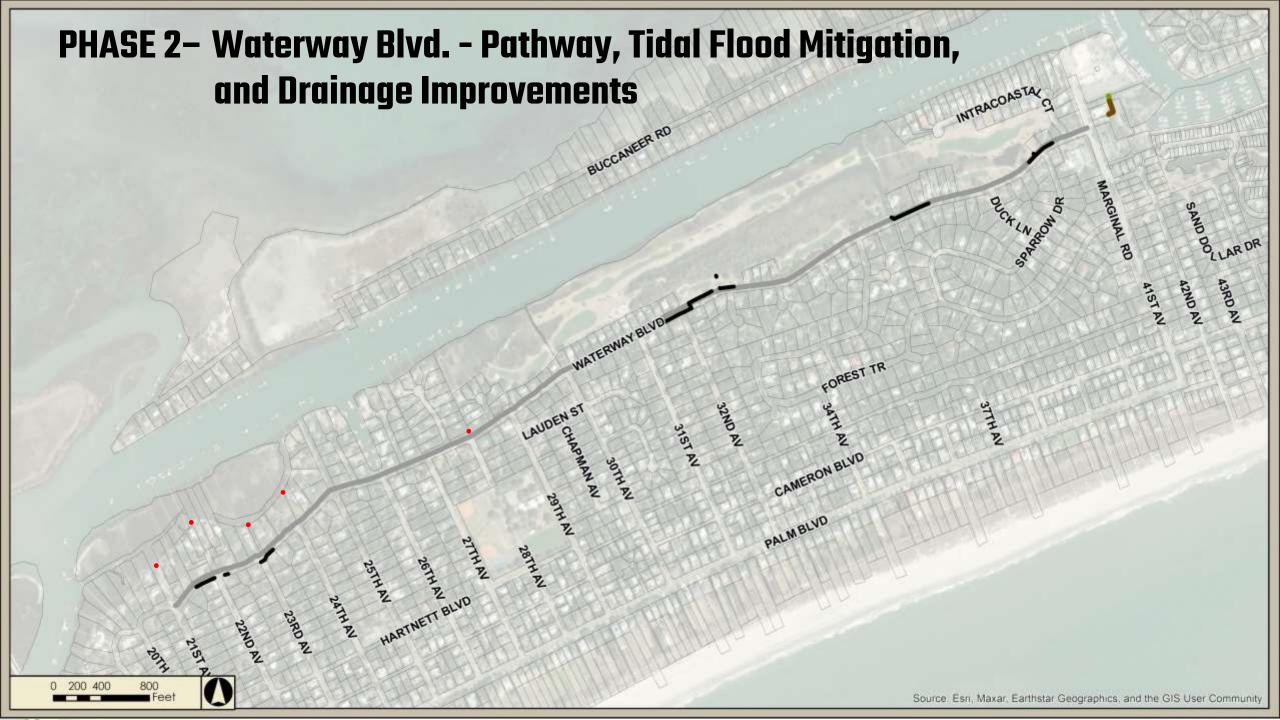
- Phase 1A 3107, 3109, and 3111 Waterway Blvd Tidal Flood Mitigation
  - Conceptual Design
  - To Be Completed As Change Order to Ph 1 Contract
  - Check Valves To Be Ordered Separately



# **Work In Progress**



- Phase 2 Waterway Blvd. Pathway, Tidal Flood Mitigation, and Drainage Improvements
  - Design Complete (95%)
  - Under Review by Permit Agencies (Addressed 1st Round of Comments and Resubmitted)
  - Check Valves Included in Cost Estimate
  - Partially Funded by Grant



### **Future Work**



- Phase 3 3607, 3609, 3611, 3613 and 3615 Waterway Blvd. Tidal Flood Mitigation
  - Conceptual Design
  - Check Valves Included in Cost Estimate



# Waterway Blvd. Pathway and Tidal Flood Mitigation



### **Estimated Construction Costs**

Phase	ase Description Status			
Phase 1	Wild Dunes Harbor Course - Tidal Flood Mitigation	Bids Received, Contract Award Pending	\$	<b>Cost</b> 1,270,690
Phase 1	Wild Dunes Harbor Course - Tidal Flood Mitigation Check Valves	Vendor Proposal, Waiting Execution	\$	59,348
Phase 1A	3107, 3109, and 3111 Waterway Blvd - Tidal Flood Mitigation	Proposed Contract Change Order	\$	85,773
Phase 1A	3107, 3109, and 3111 Waterway Blvd - Tidal Flood Mitigation Check Valves	-	\$	22,000
Phase 2	Waterway Blvd Pathway, Tidal Flood Mitigation, and Drainage Improvements	95% Designed, In Permitting	\$	2,884,400
Phase 3	3607, 3609, 3611, 3613 and 3615 Waterway Blvd Tidal Flood Mitigation	Conceptual Design	\$	1,515,000
		TOTAL COST	ç	5.837.211



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# **USACE Project**

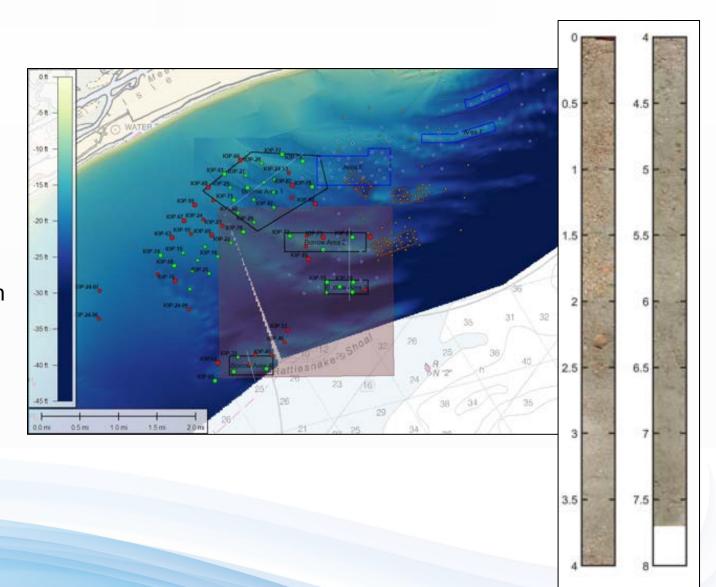
- Work paused the past few weeks to allow equipment to move to a new disposal island
- Contractor is changing construction method to directly dredge material from within the island
- Pumping expected to resume later next week
- New areas expected to contain better sand material
- ~300,000 cy remain to be placed
- AIWW project is out for bid
- Anticipated to add an additional ~350,000 cy
- Project likely to start around in early 2026
- Material placement 4-7<sup>th</sup> Avenues

# **Large-scale Nourishment – Permit Status**

- Permit application ready to submit next week
- Coordinating with SHPO for identification of suitable borrow area
- Documents Include
  - Permit Drawings
  - Permit Narrative
  - List of Adjacent Owners
  - Biological Assessment
  - Essential Fish Habitat Assessment
- First likely construction window fall 2026/early 2027

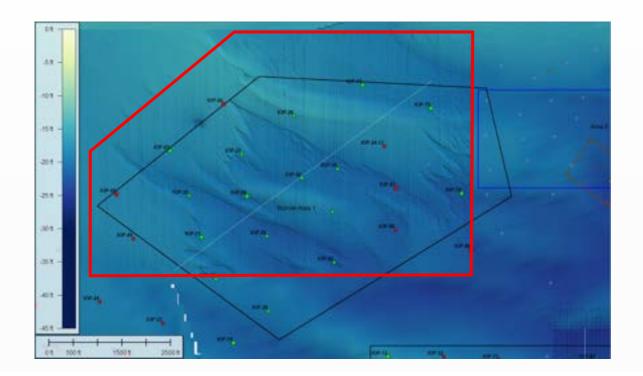
# **Offshore Inventory – Scope of Study**

- 23,000 acres bathymetry
- 5,000 acres geophysical
- 265 borings
  - 91 specifically in 2024-2025 for current effort



# **Offshore Inventory – Scope of Study**

- 23,000 acres bathymetry
  - Includes single- and multibeam systems
  - Multibeam collected in red box, offers much higher resolution
  - Used to identify underwater features indicating sandy material (ripples, shoals, etc)



# **Offshore Inventory – Scope of Study**

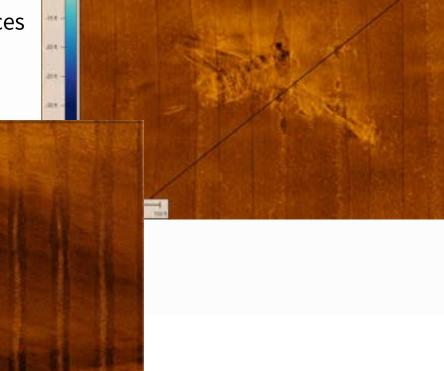
5,000 acres geophysical

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- Includes side-scan SONAR and site-specific multibeam
- Used to identify cultural resources like wrecks and ballast mounds shown here:



# **Offshore Inventory**

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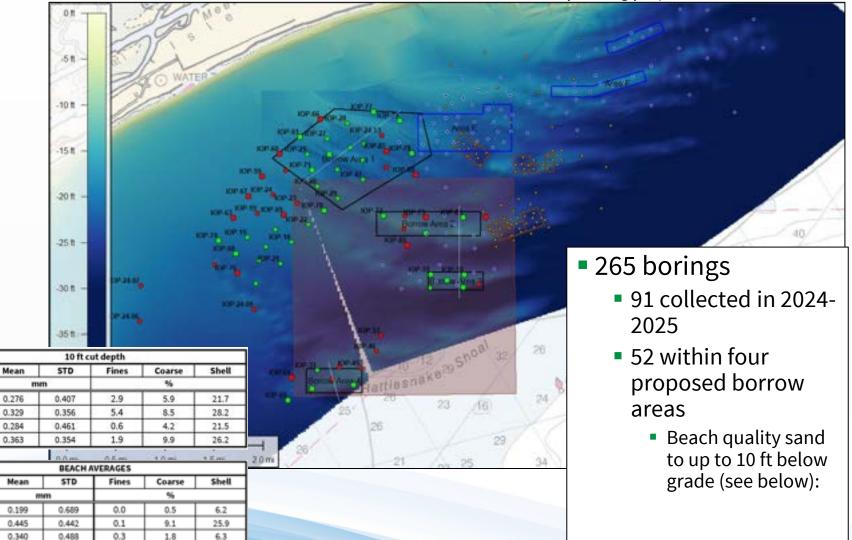
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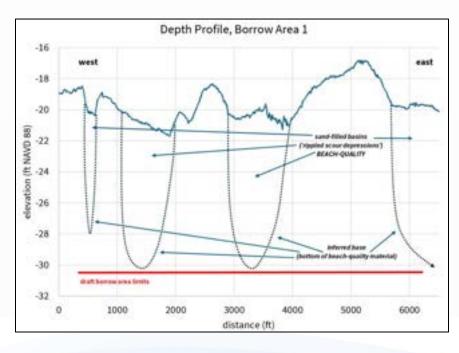
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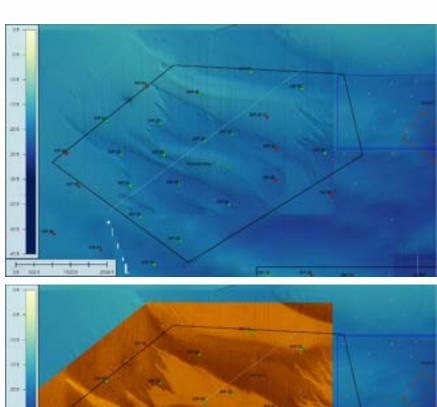
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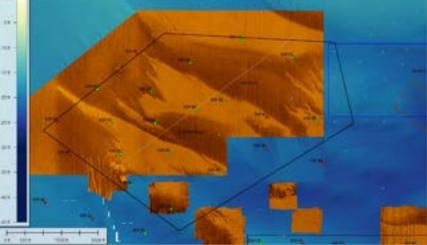


# **Offshore Inventory**

### Borrow Area 1

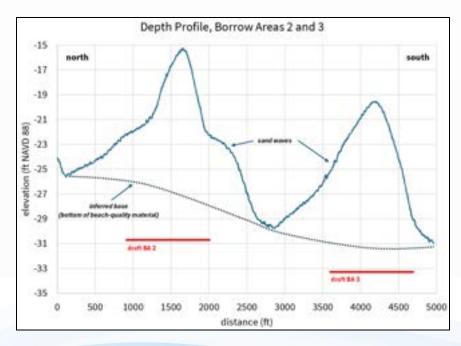


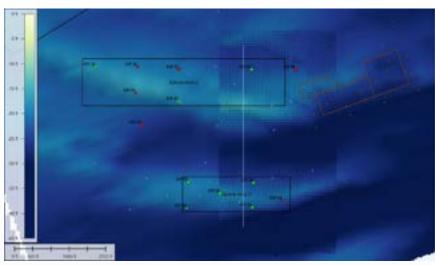


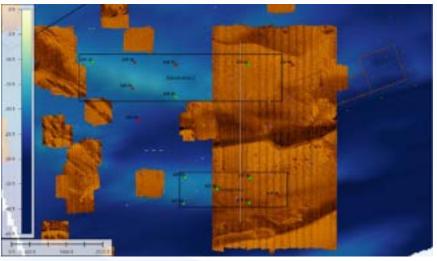


## **Offshore Inventory**

#### Borrow Areas 2 and 3

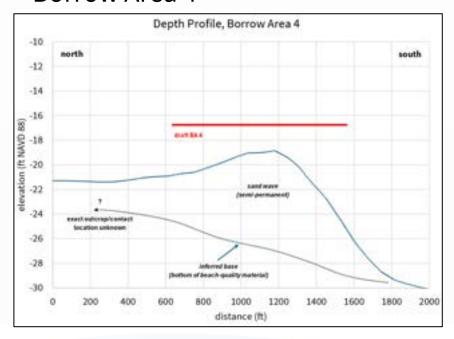


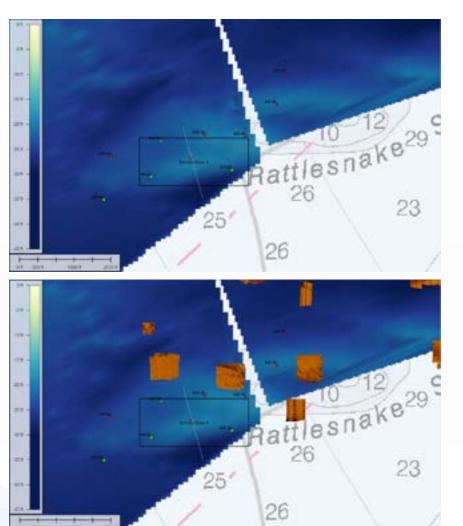




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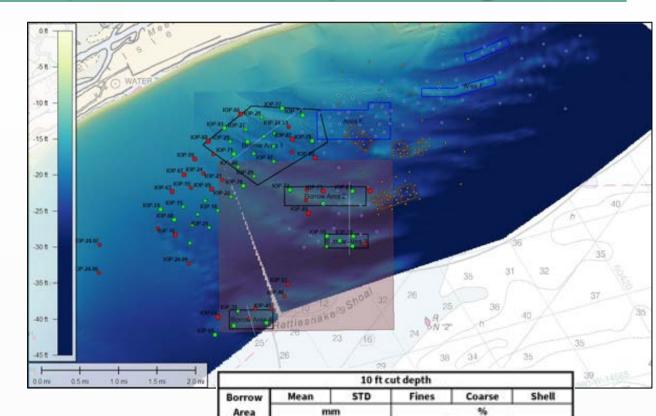
#### Borrow Area 4





## **Offshore Inventory – Preliminary Findings**

- Four Borrow Areas
  - Contain up to ~15.5 million cy of beach quality sand
- Dozens of cultural resource exclusion areas (in red box at right)
- Confirms that sufficient sand resources exist for several more projects
- Future work would look further offshore or infilled prior areas



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Borr	ow Area		Core Length				
(acreage)		4 ft	6ft	8 ft	10 ft	(avg)	
1	650	4,193,800	6,290,700	8,387,600	10,484,500	9.2	
2	160	1,032,320	1,548,480	2,064,640	2,580,800	9.1	
3	60	387,120	580,680	774,240	967,800	9.0	
4	90	580,680	871,020	1,161,360	1,451,700	9.7	

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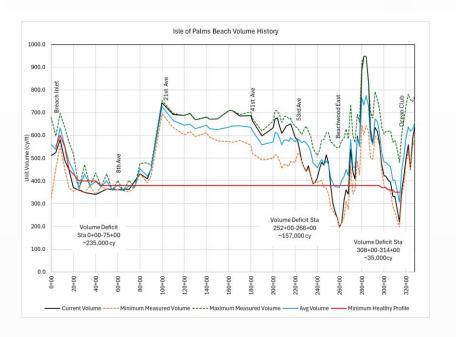
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#### **Nourishment Plan - South End**



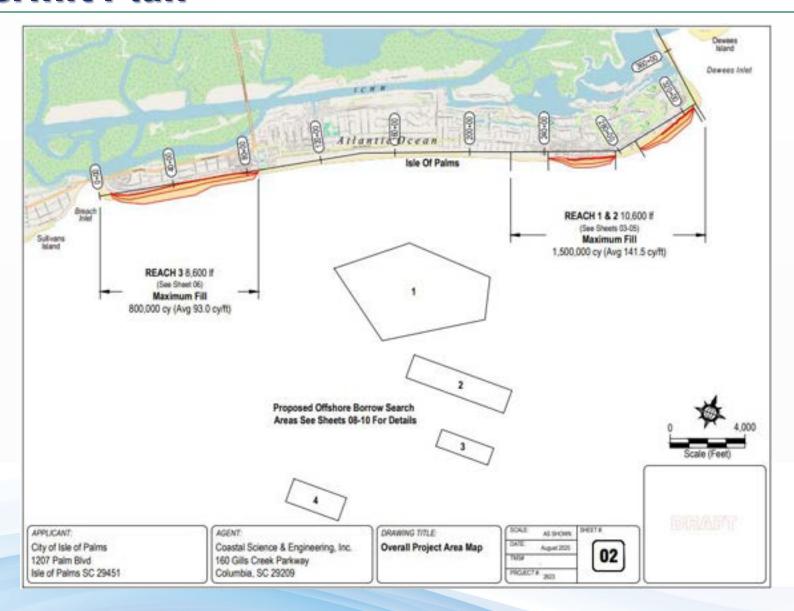
- Deficit volume established with Beach Management Committee
- South End Deficit 235,000 cy
- Deficit up to 60 cy/ft
- Background losses assume 55,000 cy/yr
- 8-yr project design requires ~675,000 cy

### **Nourishment Plan - North End**

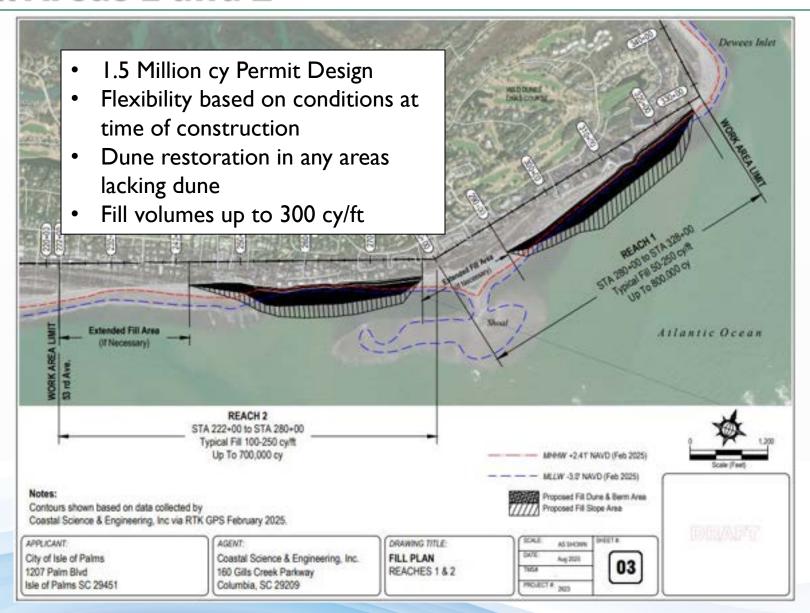


- Two deficit areas total 191,000cy
- Background losses assume 150,000 cy/yr
- 8-yr project design requires~1.2 million + 191,000 cy
- Total Project volume ~1.4 million cy

## **Permit Plan**

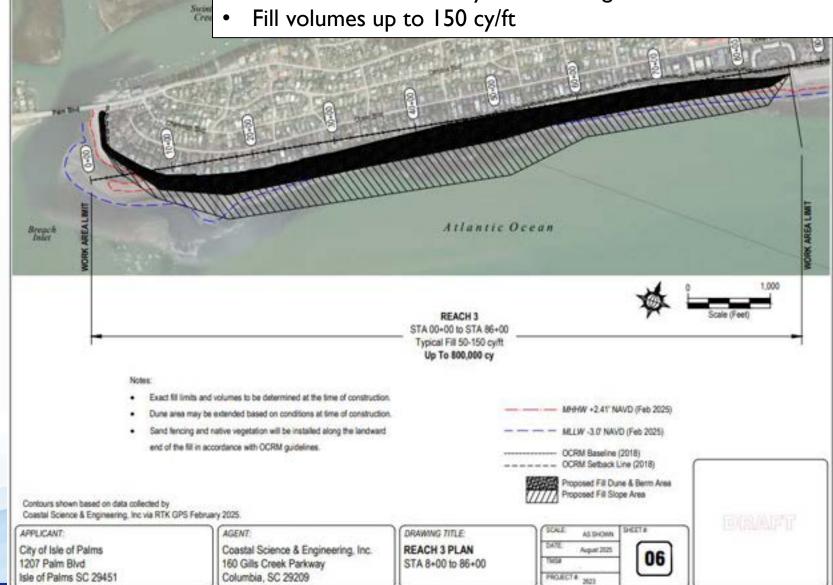


#### Fill Areas 1 and 2



#### Fill Area 3

- 800,000 cy Permit Design
- Flexibility based on conditions at time of construction
- Dune restoration in any areas lacking dune



## **Assumptions**



- South end plan does not include any benefits of placement by the USACE
- By project construction, the USACE will have added ~800,000 cy of sand to the system
- Benefits of that sand still TBD

- Volumes based on Feb 2025 condition
- Incoming shoal contains 600,00-800,000 cy
- Shoal is attached and will fully merge over next two years
- Majority of sand is expected to accumulate south of WD Property Owners Beach House though accretion north is expected
- Area around Seascape/Ocean Club/Golf course gained ~200,000 naturally during 2016-2018 shoal spreading

## **Shoal Bypass Volumes**

Yearly Differences in Shoal Volume (Annualized)					Shoal Volume Compared to 2017 (Lowest Shoal Area Volume)					
	Land	Middle	Sea	Total			Land	Middle	Sea	Total
08-09	61,647	-67,108	5,955	493		17-18	123,332	66,238	75,280	264,850
09-10	-82,798	-18,053	86,481	-14,371		17-19	9,898	69,873	60,755	140,526
10-11	-190,380	98,459	116,309	24,388		17-20	-18,946	117,530	27,155	125,739
1-12	10,655	290,304	-22,416	278,544		17-21	-35,053	93,211	138,978	197,136
.3-14	202,335	430	-59,588	143,177		17-22	-37,139	336,328	192,136	491,325
l3-14	155,020	-53,297	-62,002	39,721			,	,	· ·	
4-15	57,248	-178,470	-4,996	-126,217		17-23	85,551	443,012	142,378	670,942
L5-16	-287,635	-82,540	50,713	-319,462		17-24	366,510	241,541	155,802	763,853
16-17	-201,660	-119,529	-56,199	-377,388		17-25	489,595	290,016	110,528	890,138
17-18	135,591	72,822	82,762	291,175		2000				
18-19	-95,400	3,057	-12,216	-104,559	<b>经</b> 事品		Sold III			ragery (2/25) with
19-20	-28,923	47,788	-33,692	-14,827	<b>是一个</b>	18.25			Concession	Mapper Imagery
20-21	-15,075	-22,760	104,655	66,820				11		
21-22	-1,870	218,029	47,673	263,831		二度 6	La	ndward		
22-23	130,559	113,527	-52,949	191,137	100					
23-24	248,908	-178,488	11,893	82,312	200	d Vila				
24-25	280,786	110,583	-103,281	288,088	PARK	Mary 1	0	Middle		4
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### **Erin**

- Large swell from Erin impacted the SC coast
- Water levels remain ~1ft above predicted tides, with nearly an 8ft tide on Sunday
- Overall, beach held up well but hotspot areas were impacted



## **Breach Inlet**

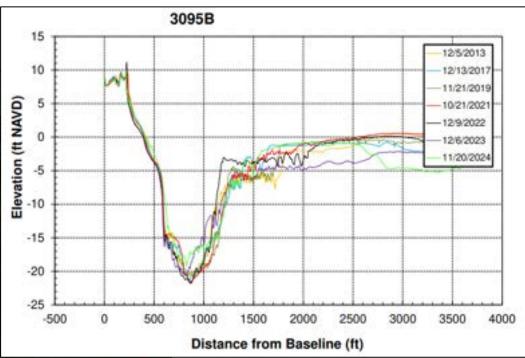


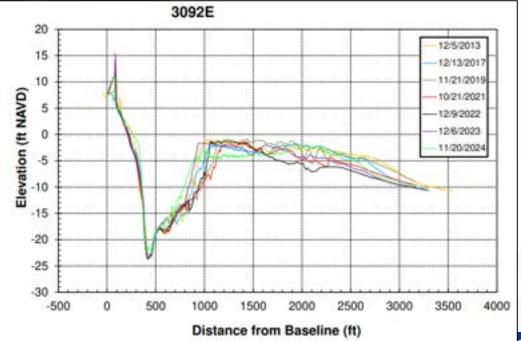
# **Impacts of Flood Channel**



## **Breach Inlet**







## **South End Emergency Measures/Options**

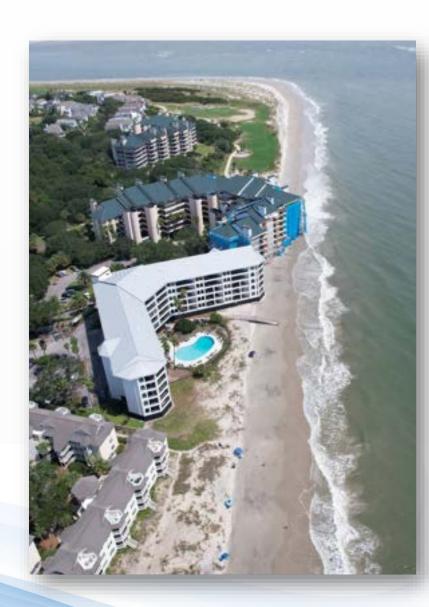
- Presently around 8 properties (700 ft) impacted south of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave
- Erosion linked to channel encroachment from marginal flood channel

#### **Alternatives**

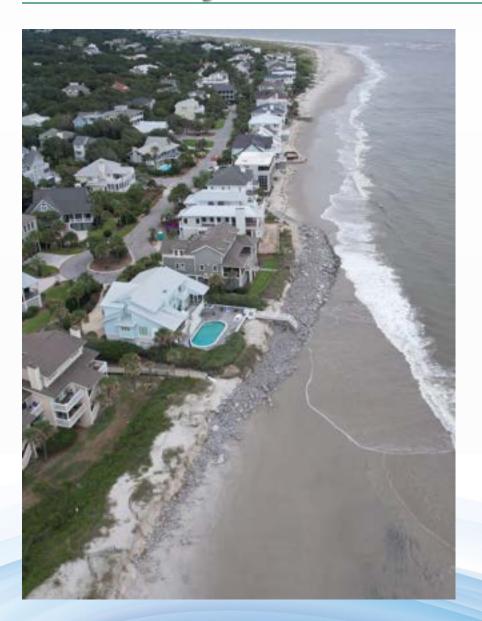
- Beach scraping along areas where high tide is within 20' of structures (~\$10-15k)
- Supplemental dune work under exiting permit for redistribution of USACE material (~15,000 cy @ \$130,000)
- Sandbags (Initially 4 rows over 700 ft; ~500 bags or \$225,000)
- Recommendation Sandbags offer more certainty for protection, but may require additional maintenance. Dune work will look more natural, but no guarantees with current position of flood channel. Should channel shift further offshore, sand would be preference.
   Both options could be considered (bury bags temporarily)

#### **North End Alternatives**

- Beach scraping not preferred due to narrow intertidal beach width
- Maintain/Improve sandbag revetment
  - Seascape and Ocean Club impacted
  - ~500 ft or up to 500-750 total sandbags (\$250-350k)
- Continue shoal management effort
  - -Approximately 40,000 cy were placed in prior shoal project
  - Was fairly stable until past two weeks
  - An additional 40,000 cy would cost ~\$350k
- Recommendation dependent on construction risk around scaffolding and structure of Seascape foundation



# **Shoal Project Placement Area**





### **North End Alternatives - Beachwood**

- Maintain/Improve sandbag revetment
  - 3-4 properties mostly affected
  - Significant sandbag revetment remains buried
  - A portion of shoal project sand remains
  - 250 sandbags required (~\$125k)
  - Possible future maintenance
- Continue shoal management effort
  - -Supplement the 80,000 cy completed in spring with additional sand in highly affected areas
  - Additional 40,000 cy would cost ~\$350k
- Recommendation Restore sandbag revetment in areas that need maintenance
- Area will recover quickly once western arm of shoal attaches



End of slides

## **Breach Inlet**

2021 – Large Channel Breach Occurs

