



City Council

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 22, 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 nicoled@iop.net no later than **3:00 p.m. the business day before the meeting**. Citizens may also provide public comment here: <https://www.iop.net/public-comment-form>

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. **Presentations- palm tree planting project in the municipal lot**
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 - ii. Purchase of police truck- \$48,577 Santee Automotive/ state contract- FY26 Budget- Hospitality Tax Fund, \$67,000 [p23-27]
 - iii. Purchase of two police SUVs- \$46,440 each- Santee Automotive/ state contract- FY26 Capital Projects Fund and Municipal ATAX Fund, \$64,000 each [p23-27]
 - b. Consideration of engaging Stantec to conduct traffic study-\$28,500- FY26 General Fund \$30,500 [p28-32]
 - c. Consideration of revised proposal for flood barrier work on Wild Dunes Golf Course- proposal forthcoming- FY26 Capital Projects Fund, \$2M
 - d. Consideration of change order from Thomas and Hutton for additional services related to flood barrier work- FY26 Capital Projects Fund, \$2M [p33-38]
 - e. Consideration of proposal to plant palm trees in the municipal lot [p39]



- f. Consideration of change to Employee Manual regarding Vacation Buyout policy

7. Boards and Commissions Report

- a. Board of Zoning Appeals – no meeting in July
- b. Planning Commission – minutes attached [p43-44]
- c. Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee – minutes attached [p45-46]
- d. Environmental Advisory Committee – minutes attached [p47-50]

8. Ordinances, Resolutions and Petitions

a. Second Reading

Ordinance 2025-05- an ordinance to amend the revocation trigger from a calendar year to a 365-day rolling period and stipulate that garbage can violations are not considered for revocation purposes [p51-52]

a. First Reading

- i. Ordinance 2025-09- Offenses Against Public Peace, to include Regulations on Hate Intimidation [p53-55]
- ii. Ordinance 2025-08- Parking Change at 41st [p56-57]

b. Resolutions

Resolution 2025-09 authorizing consumption of beer and wine only, road closures, and amplified music at the IOP Connector run on October 4, 2025 [p58-59]

9. Miscellaneous

10. Executive Session – to receive legal advice on Ordinance 2025-09, if necessary.

Upon returning to open session, Council may take action upon matters discussed in Executive Session.

11. Adjournment



City Council

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2025
City Hall Council Chambers
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Present: Council members Bogosian, Streetman, Anderson, Ward, Hahn, Miars, Pierce, and Carroll (via Zoom), Mayor Pounds

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

2. Public Hearing – Ordinance 2025-06 – an ordinance to prohibit pools seaward of the maximum building line

Administrator Kerr explained the ordinance: “This ordinance deals with the P2 preservation overlay district which is the area on Ocean Boulevard between Breach Inlet and 10th Avenue. Currently in that area, pools are allowed seaward of the maximum building line. Those pools recently have been threatened by erosion. This is a recommendation to eliminate that provision and require that they be landward of the maximum building line. This comes from the Beach Ad HO Committee and has been through the Planning Commission since it is a zoning issue.”

There were no public comments about the ordinance.

3. Citizens’ Comments -- none

4. Approval of previous meetings’ minutes

- A. City Council Meeting – May 27, 2025
- B. Public Hearing FY26 – May 27, 2025
- C. Special City Council Meeting Workshop – June 10, 2025

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

5. Old Business – none

6. New Business

A. Consideration of City Hall modifications -- \$16,918, Beach Construction

Administrator Kerr said this is the lowest of the two bids and staff has worked successfully with Beach Construction in the past.

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

B. Consideration of engaging Stantec to document traffic on July 5th – not to exceed

\$8,500

Mayor Pounds would like to see this issue discussed more thoroughly at the committee level before coming back to Council.

Administrator Kerr said there had been a sense of urgency during the Committee meeting to study traffic flow on a busy weekend to help identify pinch points to see if “there were any projects or procedures that the staff could do that would help alleviate some of the pain of the traffic on the busiest of weekends.”

He said that Stantec could only provide a quote at this time that included drones taking pictures throughout the day to study the traffic build up. There would be further costs involved in studying the pictures and providing recommendations. He said that what the City can do is limited by availability of staff and road limitations. Stantec is scheduled to speak to the Public Safety Committee on July 1. Council Member Ward said that Charleston County and the Town of Mt. Pleasant should also be studying this.

MOTION: Council Member Bogosian made a motion to defer the matter back to the Public Safety Committee for further study. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows:

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

Nays: Ward

The motion passed 8-1.

7. Boards and Commissions Report

- A. Board of Zoning Appeals – minutes attached
- B. Planning Commission – minutes attached
- C. Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee – no meeting in June
- D. Environmental Advisory Committee – minutes attached

8. Ordinances, Resolutions, Proclamations, and Petitions

A. Second Reading

- i. **Ordinance 2025-05-** an ordinance to amend the revocation trigger from a calendar year to a 365-day rolling period and stipulate that two garbage can violations are equivalent to one founded complaint for revocation purposes

Mayor Pounds noted that the proposed ordinance softens the garbage can violations by allowing (2) garbage can violations to equal (1) founded complaint. Council Member Ward would like to see this provision struck from the ordinance since it does not affect everyone equally.

Administrator Kerr pointed out that striking it keeps the ordinance as is, which is more stringent than the proposed change. He also noted that staff has been internally handling (2) garbage can violations as (1) founded complaint for some time, and this will codify their actions.

City Attorney McQuillin suggested the ordinance include a specific start date for the rolling 365-day period for the revocation trigger so that everyone starts with a clean slate.

Administrator Kerr said that City Council can adopt the ordinance as is, take out the garbage can violation language, or amend the text of the ordinance. Since that language has not been prepared, he suggested the matter return to Committee and go through a legal review before coming back to City Council for consideration.

Council Member Pierce suggested that ordinance be passed as is and then let the Public Safety Committee offer suggestions for change. Council Member Hahn would like to see the provision removed from the ordinance and for offenders to be fined into compliance.

Chief Cornett said that officers currently process (3) garbage can violations as (1) founded complaint. He reviewed garbage can violation data from 2023-2025, noting that a previous Code Enforcement Officer focused on this issue, resulting in numerous warnings being issued. This year's data for such violations is lower since there are two new officers in those positions.

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to defer the ordinance back to the Public Safety Committee for further review. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. **Ordinance 2025-06 – an ordinance prohibiting pools seaward of the maximum building line**

Council Member Anderson had a question about BCM regulations, to which Administrator Kerr answered, "Currently the BCM line is seaward of all of these houses by some amount, 50, 60 feet probably roughly. I think your point is in a scenario where that line comes landward to a point that it's onto the properties, and it's landward of the maximum building line, the code doesn't address the fact that we would not authorize a pool there. But that is just a part of the plan review process that we don't allow anything in BCM's jurisdiction. So that same thing is true for houses. We just know that as part of our plan review process that we don't authorize things seaward of their jurisdictional lines." The City defers to BCM for anything within BCM's jurisdictional lines.

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

B. **First Reading -- none**

C. **Resolution 2025-08 – to increase building permit fees**

MOTION: Council Member Pierce made a motion to approve and waive the reading. Council Member Bogosian seconded the motion.

Administrator Kerr reminded Council that this resolution came out of the FY26 budget process when it was discovered that "the fees for building permits and all the associated fees were low. This Council baked into the budget a provision of increasing those fees by 15%. When we got to the analysis, the staff felt that 15% was an appropriate increase for building permits, which is really the bulk of the expense when it comes to permitting. But really all of those other fees were at such a level that they hadn't been updated in my 25 years here. So they are probably 30 years, if not longer. So we thought that 15% was too little for those. So we have suggested a higher increase for those, mechanical, gas, plumbing, and electrical permits, and that is what is in your packet."

Council Member Anderson noted a typographical error in Section 1.

VOTE: A vote was taken with all in favor.

9. **Miscellaneous**

10. **Adjournment**

City Council, 6/24/2025

Council Member Ward made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane

City Clerk



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING -- WORKSHOP

5:00pm, Tuesday, July 8, 2025

City Hall Council Chambers

1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Present: Council members Streetman, Anderson, Pierce Ward, Hahn, Carroll, and Mayor Pounds

Absent: Council members Bogosian and Miars

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, various department heads

2. Citizens' Comments

Mr. Josh Hooser, 6 Sand Wedge Lane, encouraged City Council to address some issues in the proposed hate crime legislation prior to voting on it. He mentioned that South Carolina is only one of 2 states that does not have hate crime legislation. He noted that there are crimes without sentences should be addressed. He expressed concern about the proposal that fines for these crimes be given to a non-profit organization as such a measure could be viewed as funneling money. He suggested Council look at how this ordinance would work with the current ordinances on the books. He also encouraged them to be clear about the message they wish to send with this legislation.

3. Special Presentations -- none

4. Dashboard of City Operations and Short-Term Rental Report

Administrator Kerr said there are 3 vacancies in City Hall, 3 in Public Safety, 1 in the Fire Department, and one in the Recreation Department.

He reported that he is looking to outsource some of the work in the Building Department due to the vacancies, specifically inspections. This would be for the short term and is not uncommon in smaller municipalities. He pointed out that some violations caught by the current building inspector could go unnoticed by an outside firm who is unfamiliar with the city.

There are currently 1,640 active short-term rental licenses. He expects the number to go up. There were 1,610 at this time last year.

5. Departmental Reports

6. Financial Review

Financial Statements and project worksheets

Director Hamilton said there is \$15.3 million in the General Fund, which is 103% of the budget, and there are still outstanding tourism funds. \$15.3 million (95% of budget) has been spent. Invoices are still coming in and a partial payroll will be accrued into FY25. The audit will begin in October.

She noted that the interest rate continues to decline. However, the City earned \$2.2 million in interest in FY25.

She has reached out to the County for clarification about the \$54,000 received in Municipal ATAX funds as it seems extremely low. State ATAX, the County pass-through, and LOST have not been received for the last quarter. Hospitality taxes are tracking 2% higher than FY24.

7. Procurement

- i. **Purchase of ATVs and trailer \$20,364.75- Aiken Motorcycle/ state contract- FY26 Capital Budget, \$22,000**
- ii. **Purchase of police truck- \$48,577 Santee Automotive/ state contract- FY26 Capital Budget, \$67,000**
- iii. **Purchase of two police SUVs- \$46,440 each- Santee Automotive/ state contract- FY26 Capital Budget, \$64,000 each**
- iv. **Replacement of wrecked patrol vehicle \$46,440- Santee Automotive/ state contract (unbudgeted- \$15,000 anticipated from insurance)**

Administrator Kerr noted that three of the four procurement requests are budgeted expenses. Chief Cornett explained the circumstances of the accident that lead to the wrecked patrol vehicle and why the City anticipates only receiving \$15,000 for it. Administrator Kerr said the difference between the insurance and the replacement cost will be accounted for by the time City Council votes on these items at the end of the month.

8. Capital Projects Update

Administrator Kerr reported that only three hold-harmless agreements remain outstanding for the Waterway Boulevard project, but that all property owners indicated a willingness to sign the agreements. He is working with Wild Dunes owners and contractors to get updated pricing for the drainage project as there have been modifications due to the timing of the work. He anticipates having those numbers by the City Council meeting. Council Member Pierce asked for updated costs for the entire project.

He has spoken with SCDOT regarding the maintenance of the drainage work at 41st Avenue, and he said they have agreed to maintain the infrastructure the City will install beginning this fall.

He added, "You will recall that this project was being done, kind of dovetailing in with a Water & Sewer [Commission] project. That Water & Sewer project came in, I think, twice, two times

over budget. I think the budget was \$5 million and it came back at \$10 million. So the Water & Sewer Commission is kind of scrambling on either scaling that project back or trying to get additional grant money to complete it. So we are a little bit uncertain if the Water & Sewer project will happen.”

The City has the State permit for the marina dredging project and is awaiting the USACE permit.

The Emergency Vehicle Beach Access Path at the County park is functional but is waiting for the electrical connection to the gate and for the gate to be programmed.

The shoal management project is now complete. There was some damage to the area following this weekend’s storm. Mr. Traynum will continue to provide updates on the area.

The work on the 21st Avenue sidewalk began yesterday and is anticipated to take 3-4 weeks to complete.

9. Strategic Plan Policy Initiatives and Priorities

A. Livability

i. Discussion of engaging a traffic engineer to conduct a traffic study

Administrator Kerr said this initiative came from the Public Safety Committee. Stantec has provided a proposal of \$29,500 to send up drones on a busy weekend to capture areas where traffic leads to gridlock and to offer potential solutions for its prevention and or easier traffic flow. One consideration would be to ask SCDOT for permission to treat known busy weekends like a college football game and allow the City to set up the Connector with two lanes going out. Significant manpower along with the cooperation of Mt. Pleasant and Charleston County would need to be available to effectuate such a plan.

Council Member Anderson agrees the proposal is expensive. She would like to know if Stantec’s plan includes turning movement counts and a signal timing analysis.

Chief Cornett agreed significant amounts of manpower would be needed to make such a plan work well. He also stated that changing the light function will cause more issues.

Council members discussed the need for Mt. Pleasant and Charleston County to be part of the conversation and to share in the cost of the study and or the manpower to make any plans work to everyone’s benefit. Council Member Hahn said a traffic study will bring those agencies to the table for a discussion.

Administrator Kerr will ask Stantec if turning movement counts and a signal timing analysis are included in their proposal and bring that information to the July Council meeting.

ii. Discussion of shark fishing ordinance

Administrator Kerr said the proposed ordinance prohibits chumming for shark, trot lines, intentional shark fishing, and the use of drones to bait for sharks as well as restricts the hours for shark fishing to 5pm to 10am between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Council Member Hahn expressed his concern about the ordinance. He does not like the definition used for chumming because it “excludes chicken and only talks about chopped or ground bait being poured into the water.” Regarding Section E, he said, “placement of natural bait upon a hook and line is not prohibited. That’s what I just described. That is what these people are doing. They are taking a big hunk of meat, they are putting it on a hook and line, and they are taking it way offshore and dropping it.”

He does not believe the restrictions are helpful since there are many people who swim between 5pm and 10am and outside of the Memorial Day to Labor Day timeframe. He believes people should not be fishing for shark in areas where people swim. He also would like to see a provision that dictates the line should be cut if there is a shark on the line.

Council Member Ward believes the ordinance needs more work. Chief Cornett said the Public Safety Committee’s intent with the ordinance is to allow shark fishing within some parameters.

The ordinance will return to the Public Safety Committee for more work.

iii. Discussion of hate crime legislation

Mayor Pounds said he does not see an issue with passing this ordinance. Administrator Kerr said it was modeled after the one proposed by MASC and the one used by the Town of Summerville.

Chief Cornett would like for the City Attorney to review the parts about fines and community service.

Administrator Kerr will have the City Attorney look at the Chief’s concerns and bring a final draft to the July Council meeting.

iv. Discussion of changing parking requirements at 41st Avenue & City Marina

Administrator Kerr said, “This is a housekeeping provision. The City’s parking standards, codes allow for trailer parking of residents in the area that used to be ditched between Waterway Boulevard and the Marina. That area specifically, trailers could pull alongside of it, and the provision made sense at the time. Since that time, we have changed the orientation of those parking spaces to be perpendicular to the road so that a car with a trailer or truck with a trailer cannot pull in perpendicular and keep the trailer out of the road. And if they park parallel, they are using up 4 or 5 different spaces. We did have an incident where this happened. I don’t think it was residents that did it, but it elevated itself to show us that we do have this issue in the ordinance where it specifically allows trailers in those spaces that don’t fit trailers. So this would clean that up.”

B. Environmental – Update on offshore drilling

Mayor Pounds said another 60-day comment period should open regarding offshore drilling in light of opposition letters being sent by Congresswoman Mace, the SC Beach Advocates, and Senator Campsen.

He explained, “If South Carolina stays in the mix of being considered for offshore drilling, there will be another 60-day comment period in the future where we can take more Council action.”

C. Public Services

D. Personnel – discussion of employee vacation buyout policy

Administrator Kerr said this policy is already “baked into” the FY26 budget. It will increase the amount of leave that an employee could cash out from \$1,000 to \$2,000. This change will need to be made in the employee handbook and approved by Council.

Council Member Hahn expressed concern about employees not taking vacation. HR Officer Ladd said the policy requires that the employee have 10 vacation days available to them before taking a buyout.

E. Other items for discussion – discussion of revised Ordinance 2025-05 amending the trigger for business license revocation

Administrator Kerr noted that the revised ordinance removes the garbage can violation altogether and provides a clean slate from violations for all short-term rentals. Council Member Pierce noted a change needing to be made in the title of the ordinance.

Second Reading for Ordinance 2025-05 will be heard at the July Council meeting.

10. Legislative Report – update on kickoff meeting with Thorn Run Partners

Mayor Pounds said funding needs were discussed at a recent meeting with representatives from the City, the IOP Water & Sewer Commission, and Thorn Run Partners.

He said his takeaways from the meeting included the need for significantly more pre- and post-request documentation and follow-up reporting which could be a strain on staff. He added, “The other was kind of the timing of funding, timing of projects. The current administration wants a kind of local cost share arrangement, which makes total sense from a buy-in standpoint. But at the same time, you want shovel-ready projects. Well, that’s a chicken and the egg conversation. To go through all the permitting, when you think about what we have to do, our design and engineering to permitting to being ready to put a shovel in the ground, you better already have funding lined up. Well, at a federal level, it sounds like they want proof of concert, a completely designed project ready.” He believes the federal lobbyist will help “plug the funding hole.”

Administrator Kerr said the Federal government also wants the money spent within the year it is allocated, which is difficult.

11. Adjournment

The next City Council Workshop will be held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 5pm.

Council Member Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk



**Public Safety Committee Meeting
11:00am, Tuesday, July 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 Streetman, Anderson, Bogosian

Staff Present: Director Kerr, Chief Cornett, Chief Oliverius

2. Citizen's Comments

Carol Rice's comments are attached to these minutes.

Mark Friedrich expressed concern about people driving recklessly through the neighborhoods on weekends when traffic is backed up on Palm Boulevard. He would like the City to look at ways to alleviate, direct, and manage the traffic.

Julie Nestler shared information about health supplements for first responders and how the City could benefit from purchasing them for their public safety staff.

Micah Swanson spoke about the proposed ordinance and guidelines for shark fishing. As a fisherman, he said those who shark fish already follow safety guidelines including no fishing on holiday weekends and no fishing on the beach until after 5pm. He hopes there can be a middle ground that protects beachgoers and allows fishing.

Josh Sobczak also spoke about the proposed shark fishing ordinance and supports coming ground rules and solutions.

Susan Smith also spoke in support of the proposed hate crime legislation and shared the island's exclusionary history. She believes the legislation will put forth a welcoming message.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2025

MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2025 meeting. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Bogosian made a motion to change the order of the agenda to allow for the discussion with Stuart Day of Stantec to happen first. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **New Business**

A. **Discussion with Stuart Day of Stantec about future traffic study**

Committee members discussed with Mr. Day of Stantec how to study traffic build-up on busy weekends so that actionable suggestions could be offered to the City. Administrator Kerr and Chief Cornett pointed out that any data collected now would not greatly impact this season as traffic decreases after July 4th. Council Member Streetman suggested using last year's traffic data to make suggestions that would help this year.

Administrator Kerr and Mr. Day will discuss what can be done this year and bring that information to the City Council workshop next week.

5. **Old Business**

A. **Discussion of shark fishing ordinance and guidelines**

Council Member Streetman said he supports this draft of the ordinance. Council Member Bogosian said he wants to allow recreational fishing on the beach, but he does not want chumming, the use of drones in commercial fishing, or commercial shark fishing. Chief Cornett added that shark fishing will happen no matter what, but it should not be intentional. He noted that a prohibition on commercial fishing on the beach is already in the code.

Council Member Bogosian said he believes Section A of the proposed ordinance is unenforceable. Mr. Micah Swanson said those who recreationally fish in the area police themselves, and Chief Cornett agreed.

After further discussion, changes to the ordinance will include language prohibiting intentional shark fishing and restricting fishing on the beach between the hours of 10am and 5pm from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The use of drones related to fishing will also be added as a prohibited activity. This information will also appear in the fishing guidelines.

A revised ordinance will be brought to the City Council for discussion next week.

MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to recommend the shark fishing ordinance and guidelines as discussed to the City Council. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. **Discussion of Breach Inlet signage**

Chief Oliverius stated that he has sent a draft of proposed signage to the Town of Sullivan's Island and is waiting for their feedback. The proposed signage will match on both sides of the inlet and appear in smaller versions at appropriate beach access paths. He anticipates having approved signage and suggested locations for the Committee to review in August.

Council Member Bogosian said clear signage is needed to indicate where it becomes dangerous to swim.

C. Discussion of Ordinance 2025-05 amending trigger for business license revocation

Council Member Bogosian said the updated ordinance takes out the trash can violation as a strike against short-term rental licenses and provides a “clean slate” for violations beginning 1/1/2026.

Chief Cornett said trash can violations are enforceable violation resulting in a fine but will not be considered a strike on a business license. Repeat offenders will face increasing fines.

MOTION: Council Member Anderson made a motion to recommend the revised ordinance to City Council. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Anderson made a motion to move up the discussion of hate crime legislation in the agenda. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. New Business

B. Discussion of hate crime legislation

Administrator Kerr noted that the proposed ordinance is almost the same as the one in place for the Towns of Mt. Pleasant and Summerville.

Council Member Bogosian wondered why such legislation needs to be passed when it is a State issue. Council Member Streetman said the City, along with other municipalities, should pass the legislation to pressure the State to pass one as well.

When asked what this kind of legislation means for the island, Chief Cornett explained that in order for someone to be in violation of this ordinance “we have to have something that says it [their action] was based off that individual’s race, gender, or identity.”

Council Member Bogosian asked how “intent to intimidate” is enforced. Chief Cornett said, “When we’ve got somebody burning a flag, yeah, that is intimidating somebody. That’s got a whole State statute with it, but this would be triggered as well. One of the things that is beneficial from this is you have to be charged with the other charge in order to get this charge.” He gave an example of vandalism and racial slurs. He explained the racial slurs were intimidating to another person and so the perpetrators would be charged with both crimes.

Administrator Kerr said he could ask the City Attorney to provide additional feedback during an Executive Session at next week’s workshop.

MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to recommend the proposed hate crime legislation to City Council. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Procurement

i. Purchase of ATVs and trailer \$20,364.75- Aiken Motorcycle/ state contract- FY26 Capital Budget, \$22,000

ii. Purchase of police truck- \$48,577 Santee Automotive/ state contract- FY26 Capital Budget, \$67,000

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Chief Cornett reviewed the budgeted requests. He said the costs are for the vehicle only. The costs for upfitting come later. He explained the wrecked patrol vehicle had over 100,000 miles on it, which is why it is getting a low amount from insurance. All salvageable parts were removed from that vehicle and put in other vehicles. He said this vehicle needs to be replaced to ensure there is a spare car to be used when another is being repaired.

MOTION: Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the purchases as described and recommend them to City Council. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Discussion of changing parking requirements at 41st Avenue and the City Marina

Administrator Kerr explained, “This is in relation to the marina parking lot, adjacent to it really, right across the street from Station 2. The City has an ordinance in effect that says that it is okay to park a trailer in that area between Waterway Boulevard and the entrance of the marina where that used to be an open ditch. Since that ordinance was put into effect, the City has piped that ditch and has created perpendicular parking spaces which you can no longer park a trailer in.” The trailers still parking there are taking up 3-5 car parking spaces when parking parallel.

He continued, “This is just kind of a clean up to address the change in orientation of the parking spaces.” Residents can still park in the area for free, but non-residents pay for those spaces. There will be no boat trailer parking allowed in the area.

MOTION: Council Member Bogosian made a motion to recommend the proposed changes to City Council. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Miscellaneous Business

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 11:00am.

Council Member Bogosian would like to discuss E-bike safety and what can be done on a local level. Chief Cornett will bring information regarding E-bikes to the next meeting.

8. Adjournment

Council Member Streetman made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Bogosian seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk

Members of Public Safety

I stand before you today, Carol Rice, as a concerned resident of Isle of Palms, to advocate for the urgent adoption of a comprehensive hate crime law on our island.

The very fabric of our community is woven with threads of diversity and mutual respect. However, recent events, both nationally and closer to home, remind us that hate-motivated acts continue to threaten these fundamental values. A hate crime is not just an attack on an individual; it is an assault on an entire community, instilling fear and eroding trust.

A hate crime law would provide our law enforcement with the necessary tools to appropriately investigate, prosecute, and deter crimes motivated by prejudice. It would send an unequivocal message that our island will not tolerate acts of violence, intimidation, or discrimination against anyone based on their race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or any other protected characteristic.

Such a law is not about creating new crimes, but rather about acknowledging the severe impact of crimes fueled by bias. It recognizes that when a crime is motivated by hate, it carries a unique and profound harm that ripples through communities, leaving lasting scars.

Implementing a hate crime law will reinforce our city's commitment to justice, equality, and the protection of all its residents. It will foster a more inclusive and welcoming environment, where everyone feels safe and valued.

I urge you, honorable members of the Public Safety committee, to prioritize the safety and well-being of every person on our island by enacting a hate crime law without delay. Let us stand united against hate and work towards a future where all individuals can thrive free from fear and discrimination.

Thank you.

Carol Rice

292 Forest Trl
IOP SC 29451

Thank you so much for your
time : service to our island



**Public Services & Facilities Committee Meeting
9:00am, Tuesday, July 8, 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, Asst. Director Asero, Director Ferrell

2. Citizen's Comments

Tim Beishel, 3709 Hartnett Boulevard, spoke in favor of the Plant-A-Palm Tree project.

Patsy Hindman, 7 Barnacle Row, also spoke in favor of the Plant-A-Palm Tree project. She said 156 trees have been committed from 76 people and businesses, which is more than enough to cover the municipal parking lot.

Belvin Olasov supported the tree planting project as well. He spoke about the importance of planting more trees.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes – June 3, 2025

MOTION: Council Member Pierce made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2025 meeting. Council Member Miars seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Marina Tenants' Comments -- none

Council Member Pierce referenced an email from a resident who wrote him with concern about the hard blue matting at the Marina. Asst. Director Asero said he is aware that the matting has become twisted, and he will straighten it out. The email also said the ADA walkway alongside the boat ramp is too steep for ADA compliance. Asst. Director Asero said he would look into it and report back.

5. Presentations

A. Palm tree planting proposal – municipal parking lot

Assistant Director Asero said his only concern is that the trucks who pick up debris from the lot following hurricanes have the room to turn. He will look into the trucks' turning radius to ensure

trees are not planned for spaces that could affect their ability to move through the lot. He also mentioned that some irrigation lines will need to be moved to accommodate the planting of the trees in between the parking stops. He believes moving them will cost less than \$10,000, and he has a budget for work in that lot to pay for the expense.

Council Member Pierce suggested that Asst. Director Asero speak with Kelly Messier and Matt Cline to clarify the turning radius question and the cost to move the irrigation lines.

MOTION: Council Member Miars made a motion to recommend this project to City Council upon clarification of the turning radius and cost of moving the irrigation lines. Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The matter will be placed on City Council's August workshop agenda for discussion.

B. Dominion Energy and EV Charging Stations

Westy Westmoreland of Dominion Energy gave a presentation about the need for EV charging stations in the area. There are currently a few within Wild Dunes but nowhere else on the island. He said Dominion Energy would install the stations and the City would incur approximately \$500/month in costs. However, the City will re-coop those costs through the sale of power. Tesla collects the funds and remits them to the City every 90 days.

Discussion ensued about EV charging stations taking up paid parking spaces as well as potential charging station locations. Mr. Westmoreland will return to the August Committee meeting with detailed cost assessments and suggested locations.

6. Old Business

A. Discussion of parking reconfiguration layout option for the intracoastal side of the marina parking lot

Council Member Miars said there seems to be no interest on the part of the restaurant to settle this matter. Administrator Kerr said he will bring cost estimates to pave the lot using the last iteration of the plan to the August meeting.

B. Update on Waterway Boulevard project

Administrator Kerr said all agreements except one for Phase 1 of this project are in place. He said the property owners have agreed to the project but have not provided the signed agreement. However, he said Wild Dunes may not allow the project to move forward without full agreement of all property owners. Conversation with Wild Dunes is ongoing.

There is also a homeowner in the 3300 block that is still unsure about signing the agreement. The City is working with her to address her concerns.

Council Member Pierce would like to look at all phases and their corresponding costs at the next meeting. Administrator Kerr said he will have those numbers available for the City Council meeting.

Administrator Kerr reported that Thomas & Hutton is ready to apply for the environmental permits for Phase 2. However, they need the easement to cross the golf course from Wild Dunes in order to move forward with permitting. He reminded the Committee that Phase 2 has grant funds associated with it. He will check on the expiration date of the grant to be sure the City complies with the grant requirements.

Thomas & Hutton will be invited to attend the next meeting to provide an update.

B. Update on Beach projects

Administrator Kerr said Mr. Traynum is pleased with how the beach at Ocean Club looks and is not surprised that Beachwood East continues to erode. The shoal is moving towards the shore as predicted.

USACE work on the Breach Inlet end of the island is progressing slowly. He said the contractor is changing their methods in the next placement area. There is some concern about black silt on the beach. Mr. Traynum is checking the sand for contaminants. USACE is aware of the City's concern.

Council Member Pierce said he would like updated cost estimates for the upcoming large renourishment project.

Administrator Kerr said the City has not yet discussed their position on groins at the Breach Inlet end of the island. However, he has heard that property owners in the area are discussing the installation of geotubes, which would negate the need for groins.

Work on the second opinion regarding beach management continues.

7. New Business

Discussion of Public Services & Facilities-related matrix recommendations

Committee members noted their support for the recommendations but did not want to engage the staff in any more projects until after the projects at Waterway Boulevard and the beach are completed.

Administrator Kerr noted that there may be some projects that the City does not want to undertake despite the recommendation. He will work with staff to color-code the matrix to indicate the projects that are complete, on-going, and in the works. A revised version of the matrix will be available at the next meeting.

8. Miscellaneous Business

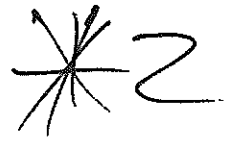
The next regular meeting of the Public Services & Facilities Committee will be Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 9am.

7. Adjournment

Council Member Miars made a motion to adjourn and Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:31am.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk

AIKEN MOTORCYCLE SALES & SERVICE
 2129 WHISKEY ROAD
 AIKEN SC 29803
 (803) 649-2872



Buyer's Order

ISLE OF PALMS POLICE DEPARTMENT

30 J.C. LONG BLVD
 ISLE OF PALMS, SC 29451

H 843-256-5550 DIRECT 843-256-6522 MAIN 843-256-713753

Email MSTOREN@IOP.NET

Date 06/18/2025

Deal No.

Salesperson Marsha 1

Lienholder

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 Address +

Unit Information

New/U	Year	Make	Model	Serial No.	Stock No.	Odometer	Price
New	2025	YAMAHA	YFM45KDXSL	5Y4AJ80E8SA107328	107328	0	\$7,249.00
New	2025	YAMAHA	YFM45KDXSG	5Y4AJ80E3SA107138	107138		\$7,249.00
New	2025	OTHER	TRAILER		TRAILER		\$2,199.00

Parts:	Price	Qty	Ext Price	Dealer Unit Price	\$16,697.00
FRONT BRUSH GUARD KIT	\$499.00	1	\$499.00	Parts & Accessories	\$2,698.00
FRONT BRUSH GUARD KIT	\$499.00	1	\$499.00	Labor	\$0.00
K450 WINCH WIRING VRX	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	Freight	\$0.00
K450 WINCH WIRING VRX	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	Dealer Prep	\$0.00
K450 WINCH MOUNT	\$0.00	1	\$0.00		
K450 WINCH MOUNT	\$0.00	1	\$0.00		
VRX 2500LB WIRE ROPE	\$850.00	1	\$850.00		
VRX 2500LB WIRE ROPE	\$850.00	1	\$850.00		

Labor:

Notes:

Vehicle Warranty expires in ____ months.

Trade Information

Cash Price	\$19,395.00
Trade Allowance	\$0.00
Payoff	\$0.00
Net Trade	\$0.00
Net Sale (Cash Price - Net Trade)	\$19,395.00
Sales Tax	\$969.75
Title/License/Registration Fees	\$0.00
Document or Administration Fees	\$0.00
Credit Life Insurance	\$0.00
Accident & Disability	\$0.00
Total Other Charges	\$969.75
Sub Total (Net Sale + Other Charges)	\$20,364.75
Cash Down Payment	\$0.00
Amount to Pay/Finance	\$20,364.75

Debt owed on Trade In will be paid by ____ Dealer ____ Owner

NOTICE TO BUYER: (1) Do not sign this agreement before you read it or if it contains any blank spaces to be filled in. (2) You are entitled to a completely filled in copy of this agreement. (3) If you default in the performance of your obligations under this agreement, the vehicle may be repossessed and you may be subject to suit and liability for the unpaid indebtedness evidenced by this agreement.

TRADE-IN NOTICE: Customer represents that all trade in units described above are free of all liens and encumbrances except as noted.

Buyer Signature _____ Dealer Signature _____

Co-Buyer Signature _____

Thank You for Your Business!



QUOTE

202 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD Patrol

Santee Automotive LLC

2601 Paxville Highway
Manning, South Carolina 29102
United States

Phone: 1-888-853-5338

Fax: 1-888-853-5338

info@santeefleet.com

BILL TO

City of Isle of Palms
Sergeant Matthew Storen
1207 Palm Boulevard
Isle Of Palms, South Carolina 29451
United States

(843) 886-6522
mstoren@iop.net

Estimate Number: 14405

Customer Ref: State Contract:
4400035151

Estimate Date: June 24, 2025

Valid Until: August 23, 2025

Grand Total (USD): \$141,285.00

Units	Quantity	Price	Amount
Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD State Contract: 4400035151 2026 Ford Police Interceptor AWD Model Code K8A 3.3L V6 TI-VCT Engine 10 Speed Auto Transmission Police Interior Cloth Bucket Front Seats Vinyl Rear Seats Vinyl Flooring Driver's Side Spotlight Rear Camera Bluetooth Class III Trailer Hitch Receiver Manual Police Pursuit Mode Perimeter Alert Dark Car Feature (courtesy Lamp Disabled) Police Engine Idle Cargo Dome Lamp BLIS Auxiliary Climate control (Rear Air) Rear Cross Traffic Brake Assist Pre-Collision Mitigation System 100 Watt Siren/Speaker prep Kit Upfitter Interface System Keyless Entry with Fobs (4) 8" Display Screen	3	\$46,440.00	\$139,320.00



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Units	Quantity	Price	Amount
Exterior Color Silver-Gray	3	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vehicle Delivery \$15.00 Delivery Fee Plus \$1.50 Per Mile 207 Palm Boulevard Isle Of Palms, South Carolina 29451	3	\$155.00	\$465.00
Vehicle Sales Tax South Carolina Vehicle Sales Tax/Infrastructure Maintenance Fee	3	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
Grand Total (USD):			\$141,285.00

Notes / Terms

State Contract: 4400035151



QUOTE

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Estimate Number: 14407

Customer Ref: State Contract
4400035151

Estimate Date: June 24, 2025

Valid Until: August 23, 2025

Grand Total (USD): \$49,232.00

Units	Quantity	Price	Amount
Ford F-150 Police Responder State Contract: 4400035151 2025 Ford F-150 Police Responder Pursuit Rated Model Traffic Edition 145" Wheelbase Super Crew 4x4 with 5.5' Box 3.5L EcoBoost 4-Valve V6 10 Speed Automatic Transmission Class IV Trailer Hitch Intergrated Trailer Brake Controller Power Mirrors, Windows, and Locks Remote Keyless Entry Rear View Camera with Hitch Assist SYNC Bluetooth with 1 USB Port 8 Way Power Drivers Seat Red/White Dome Light Front Seating-40/Blank/40 12" Center-stack Screen Touchscreen 4 Keys with Remote Keyless Entry Police Perimeter Alert Pre-Collision Assist SOS Post-Crash Alert System Black Platform Running Boards LED Fog Lamps 18" Black Steel Wheels with Chrome Insert LT265/70R18C BSW AT Tires	1	\$48,577.00	\$48,577.00



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Units	Quantity	Price	Amount
Ford F-150 Police Responder Continued DRIVER ASSIST TECHNOLOGY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Autolamp – Auto On/Off Headlamps ● Rear View Camera with Dynamic Hitch Assist ● Reverse Sensing System ● Hill Start Assist ● SYNC 4 FUNCTIONAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AM/FM Stereo – 6 speakers ● BLIS ● Dark Car ● Fleet Telematics Modem ● Rear power lug located underneath rear seat to accommodate Police upfitting; One (1) 80-amp battery ground circuit ● Police Engine Idle FX4 OFF-ROAD PACKAGE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3.31 Electronic-locking rear-axle ● Hill Descent Control ● Off-Road tuned front shock absorbers ● Skid plates: fuel tank, transfer case and front differential 	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
Exterior Color Agate Black Metallic Carbonized Gray Metallic Antimatter Blue Metallic Iconic Silver Metallic Oxford White Vermillion Red	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Vehicle Sales Tax South Carolina Vehicle Sales Tax/Infrastructure Maintenance Fee	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
Grand Total (USD):			\$49,232.00

Notes / Terms

State Contract # 4400035151



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July 8, 2025

Douglas Kerr
City Administrator
City of Isle of Palms, SC
P.O. Drawer 508
Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451

Dear Mr. Kerr,

Reference: Isle of Palms Peak Beach Day Traffic – Letter Proposal

Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) is pleased to submit this letter proposal to the City of Isle of Palms (Client) for the evaluation of vehicular traffic conditions and recommendations of potential improvements for traffic and operations related to peak beach traffic on the Isle of Palms, South Carolina. This letter has been formatted to describe the scope of services offered, schedule, and fee for the above-referenced project.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

DATA COLLECTION & OBSERVATIONS

Stantec will meet with City of Isle of Palms officials and City of Isle of Palms Police to review Stantec's understanding and gain insights of challenges and any unique operations at key intersections prior to data collection and observations.

Stantec will collect data to document and evaluate the peak beach vehicular traffic conditions for one representative Saturday (to be agreed upon two weeks prior). The intent is to observe the inbound traffic in the morning and outbound traffic in the afternoon.

Stantec will collect thirteen (13) hour (7AM-8PM) counts including video footage at the intersections of:

- SC 517/Isle of Palms Connector & SC 703/Palm Boulevard; and
- SC 703/Palm Boulevard & 21st Avenue.

Stantec will also collect twenty-four (24) hour traffic data (vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians) along SC 517/Isle of Palms Connector.

In addition to traditional traffic data collection, Stantec will also collect drone-aerial photography, at hourly intervals on one (1) day, between the hours of 8:00AM to 7:00PM, covering the general area from the Isle of Palms Connector/14th Avenue to 25th Avenue between the beach and the intracoastal waterway.

Up to two (2) Stantec traffic engineers will also observe traffic in the area for the representative Saturday to determine opportunities to potentially modify peak beach day traffic routing to increase efficiencies and reduce vehicular delay.



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POST OBSERVATION REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS

Stantec will prepare a report after the beach season to summarize the findings and recommendations. The report will include the following deliverables:

1. SCDOT AADT data for comparison years;
2. Representative traffic exhibits;
3. Observation logs from Stantec observations;
4. Maps/figures/diagrams for proposed traffic flow including placement of temporary signage, signal operations, cones, police officer support at the time of implementation; and
5. Recommendations to consider implementing for future years.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Based upon our current workload projections and the scope of services as stated herein, we anticipate work can commence upon notice to proceed.

It is understood that the desired date of data collection and observations is not yet determined. Stantec will coordinate with the client on this date. The draft report and recommendations will be delivered to the Client eight (8) weeks after data collection and observations. Once comments are received from the Client, final revisions to the report will be completed within two (2) weeks.

PROPOSAL FEE

Stantec will perform the services described in the Scope of Services for a lump sum of **\$29,500**. Any services not specifically described in the above scope of services, as well as any changes to the project understanding by the Client, will be considered additional services.



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CLOSING

We appreciate the opportunity to work with the City of Isle of Palms. If the aforementioned scope and fee are acceptable to you, please sign below and return to my attention. Feel free to contact me if you need additional information or have questions.

Regards,

STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC.

Stuart Day, PE, PTOE
Principal
stuart.day@stantec.com

Attachments: Terms and Conditions

Agreed to this ____ day of _____, 2025

CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS

By: _____,

(Print Name)

(Print Title)



The following Terms and Conditions are attached to and form part of a proposal for services to be performed by Consultant and together, when the Client authorizes Consultant to proceed with the services, constitute the Agreement. Consultant means the Stantec entity issuing the Proposal.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Consultant shall render the services described in the Proposal (hereinafter called the "Services") to the Client.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: No terms, conditions, understandings, or agreements purporting to modify or vary these Terms and Conditions shall be binding unless hereafter made in writing and signed by the Client and Consultant. In the event of any conflict between the Proposal and these Terms and Conditions, these Terms and Conditions shall take precedence. This Agreement supercedes all previous agreements, arrangements or understandings between the parties whether written or oral in connection with or incidental to the Project.

COMPENSATION: Payment is due to Consultant within 28 days of receipt of invoice. Failure to make any payment when due is a material breach of this Agreement and will entitle Consultant, at its option, to suspend or terminate this Agreement and the provision of the Services. Interest will accrue on accounts overdue at the lesser of 1.5 percent per month (18 percent per annum) or the maximum legal rate of interest. Unless otherwise noted, the fees in this agreement do not include any value added, sales, or other taxes that may be applied by Government on fees for services. Such taxes will be added to all invoices as required. The Client will make electronic payment of the invoices, the details of which can be obtained or verified by contacting ar@stantec.com. Consultant provides no guarantee or warranty that the Client's Project requirements can be achieved within its proposed Project budget or schedule. Any services to redesign, value-engineer or make changes to the Client's Project requirements, whether for cost-saving, schedule efficiency, or otherwise, constitute additional services.

NOTICES: Each party shall designate a representative who is authorized to act on behalf of that party. All notices, consents, and approvals required to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be given to the representatives of each party.

TERMINATION: Either party may terminate the Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days notice in writing. If either party breaches the Agreement and fails to remedy such breach within seven (7) days of notice to do so by the non-defaulting party, the non-defaulting party may immediately terminate the Agreement. Non-payment by the Client of Consultant's invoices within 30 days of Consultant rendering same is agreed to constitute a material breach and, upon written notice as prescribed above, the duties, obligations and responsibilities of Consultant are terminated. On termination by either party, the Client shall forthwith pay Consultant all fees and charges for the Services provided to the effective date of termination.

ENVIRONMENTAL: Except as specifically described in this Agreement, Consultant's field investigation, laboratory testing and engineering recommendations will not address or evaluate pollution of soil or pollution of groundwater. Consultant is entitled to rely upon information provided by the Client, its consultants, and third-party sources provided such third party is, in Consultant's opinion, a reasonable source for such information, relating to subterranean structures or utilities. The Client releases Consultant from any liability and agrees to defend, indemnify and hold Consultant harmless from any and all claims, damages, losses and/or expenses, direct and indirect, or consequential damages relating to subterranean structures or utilities which are not correctly identified in such information.

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY: In performing the Services, Consultant will provide and exercise the standard of care, skill and diligence required by customarily accepted professional practices normally provided in the performance of the Services at the time and the location in which the Services were performed.

INDEMNITY: The Client releases Consultant from any liability and agrees to defend, indemnify and hold Consultant harmless from any and all claims, damages, losses, and/or expenses, direct and indirect, or consequential damages, including but not limited to attorney's fees and charges and court and arbitration costs, arising out of, or claimed to arise out of, the performance of the Services, excepting liability arising from the sole negligence of Consultant.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY: It is agreed that, to the fullest extent possible under the applicable law, the total amount of all claims the Client may have against Consultant under this Agreement, including but not limited to claims for negligence, negligent misrepresentation and/or breach of contract, shall be strictly limited to the lesser of professional fees paid to Consultant for the Services or \$100,000.00. No claim may be brought against Consultant more than two (2) years after the cause of action arose. As the Client's sole and exclusive remedy under this Agreement any claim, demand or suit shall be directed and/or asserted only against Consultant and not against any of Consultant's employees, officers or directors.

Consultant's liability with respect to any claims arising out of this Agreement shall be absolutely limited to direct damages arising out of the Services and Consultant shall bear no liability whatsoever for any consequential loss, injury or damage incurred by the Client, including but not limited to claims for loss of use, loss of profits and/or loss of markets.

In no event shall Consultant's obligation to pay damages of any kind exceed its proportionate share of liability for causing such damages.

DOCUMENTS: All of the documents prepared by or on behalf of Consultant in connection with the Project are instruments of service for the execution of the Project. Consultant retains the property and copyright in these documents, whether the Project is executed or not. These documents may not be used for any other purpose without the prior written consent of Consultant. In the event Consultant's documents are subsequently reused or modified in any material respect without the prior consent of Consultant, the Client agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify Consultant from any claims advanced on account of said reuse or modification.

Any document produced by Consultant in relation to the Services is intended for the sole use of Client. The documents may not be relied upon by any other party without the express written consent of Consultant, which may be withheld at Consultant's discretion. Any such consent will provide no greater rights to the third party than those held by the Client under the contract and will only be authorized pursuant to the conditions of Consultant's standard form reliance letter.

Consultant cannot guarantee the authenticity, integrity or completeness of data files supplied in electronic format ("Electronic Files"). Client shall release, indemnify and hold Consultant, its officers, employees, Consultant's and agents harmless from any claims or damages



arising from the use of Electronic Files. Electronic files will not contain stamps or seals, remain the property of Consultant, are not to be used for any purpose other than that for which they were transmitted, and are not to be retransmitted to a third party without Consultant's written consent.

FIELD SERVICES: Consultant shall not be responsible for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, or for safety precautions and programs in connection with work on the Project, and shall not be responsible for any contractor's failure to carry out the work in accordance with the contract documents. Consultant shall not be responsible for the acts or omissions of any contractor, subcontractor, any of their agents or employees, or any other persons performing any of the work in connection with the Project. Consultant shall not be the prime contractor or similar under any occupational health and safety legislation.

GOVERNING LAW/COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS: The Agreement shall be governed, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction in which the majority of the Services are performed. Consultant shall observe and comply with all applicable laws, continue to provide equal employment opportunity to all qualified persons, and to recruit, hire, train, promote and compensate persons in all jobs without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, disability or national origin or any other basis prohibited by applicable laws.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION: If requested in writing by either the Client or Consultant, the Client and Consultant shall attempt to resolve any dispute between them arising out of or in connection with this Agreement by entering into structured non-binding negotiations with the assistance of a mediator on a without prejudice basis. The mediator shall be appointed by agreement of the parties. The Parties agree that any actions under this Agreement will be brought in the appropriate court in the jurisdiction of the Governing Law, or elsewhere by mutual agreement. Nothing herein however prevents Consultant from any exercising statutory lien rights or remedies in accordance with legislation where the project site is located.

ASSIGNMENT: The Client shall not, without the prior written consent of Consultant, assign the benefit or in any way transfer the obligations under these Terms and Conditions or any part hereof.

SEVERABILITY: If any term, condition or covenant of the Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of the Agreement shall be binding on the Client and Consultant.

FORCE MAJEURE: Any default in the performance of this Agreement caused by any of the following events and without fault or negligence on the part of the defaulting party shall not constitute a breach of contract, labor strikes, riots, war, acts of governmental authorities, unusually severe weather conditions or other natural catastrophe, disease, epidemic or pandemic, or any other cause beyond the reasonable control or contemplation of either party. Nothing herein relieves the Client of its obligation to pay Consultant for services rendered.

CONTRA PROFERENTEM: The parties agree that in the event this Agreement is subject to interpretation or construction by a third party, such third party shall not construe this Agreement or any part of it against either party as the drafter of this Agreement.

BUSINESS PRACTICES: Each Party shall comply with all applicable laws, contractual requirements and mandatory or best practice guidance regarding improper or illegal payments, gifts, or gratuities, and will not pay, promise to pay or authorize the payment of any money or anything of value, directly or indirectly, to any person (whether a government official or private individual) or entity for the purpose or illegally or improperly inducing a decision or obtaining or retaining business in connection with this Agreement or the Services.

July 10, 2025

Mr. Douglas Kerr
City of Isle of Palms
P.O. Drawer 508
Isle of Palms, SC 29451

Re: Waterway Boulevard Pathway
Tidal Inundation Mitigation Project
City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina
T&H J-27670.0010
Letter Agreement for Additional Services
(CO#4)

Dear Mr. Kerr:

Thank you for requesting additional service from Thomas & Hutton (T&H) to continue to assist the City with the implementation of this very important and impactful project for City residents. As you are aware, the City has coordinated a portion of the tidal inundation mitigation work to be constructed on the Wild Dunes Golf Course (WDGC) during their rehabilitation work currently taking place in 2025. As part of this coordination, T&H has extended significantly more time and effort in coordination with the City, the WDGC contractor, and local residents on the project. In addition, the plans have been revised numerous times to incorporate various changes and/or additions to the project.

Our original design and permitting contract (October 1, 2023), and our previous additional services agreements (CO#1, CO#2, CO#3) did not include the services listed under this change order (CO#4).

Please see the attached table for the current project/contract fee and the proposed fee for this additional services request.

If acceptable, please indicate your authorization to proceed with this additional work by signing and initialing where designated below and returning a copy to us for our files. This Proposal will be open for acceptance for 90 days, unless changed by us in writing. Please note that no work will be performed without prior written authorization to proceed. This extra work is subject to the terms and conditions of the Contract executed for this Project dated October 1, 2023.

This Proposal between The City of Isle of Palms (Owner), and Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co. (Consultant), consisting of the Consulting Services on a Time & Expense Basis Rate Sheet, and Exhibit "A," represent the entire understanding between you and us with respect to the Scope change. This agreement may only be modified in writing if signed by both of us.

CLIENT'S INITIALS


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CONSULTANT'S INITIALS

Mr. Douglas Kerr
City of Isle of Palms
Letter Agreement for Additional Services
July 10, 2025
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We appreciate this opportunity to be of service to you on this Project. Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to call us.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS & HUTTON ENGINEERING CO.

By 
Richard Karkowski, PE, PH, D.WRE
Water Resources Department Manager

By 
Hillary Aton, PE
Project Manager

RPK/HEA/

Enclosures: Exhibit "A" – Additional Services
Fee Table
2025 Consulting Services Rate Sheet

CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS

ACCEPTED: _____, 2025

By _____

TITLE

CLIENT'S INITIALS


CONSULTANT'S INITIALS

EXHIBIT "A"

1. **ADDITIONAL SERVICES OF CONSULTANT (CO#4)**

A. **General Consulting Phase**

Consultant shall attend additional meetings at the request of the City. The Consultant shall prepare sketches, plans, or other documents; conduct feasibility analyses; prepare cost estimates; and conduct additional tasks as requested by the City.

B. **Survey Phase**

1. **Survey**

A limited topographic survey of the golf course pathway corridor between holes 6 and 7 will be conducted. In addition, limited boundary survey data will be collected for 3303 Waterway Blvd. (see below).

2. **Easement Plat(s)**

An additional (4th) easement plat will be prepared for the added drainage on the cart path corridor between hole 6 and 7 (on 3303 Waterway Blvd). This drainage is being proposed as part of the flood mitigation component.

C. **Design Phase**

The Consultant shall refine and change the proposed project plans (Wild Dunes Golf Course Flood Mitigation Components and the Waterway Blvd Pathway Widening and Flood Mitigation Project) to reflect the currently proposed plan as has evolved through City requests for changes and additions. The Consultant shall coordinate the two sets of construction plans.

D. **Permit Phase**

None.

E. **Bidding (and Negotiation) Phase**

Consultant shall assist the City in negotiating the cost and terms of the Wild Dunes Golf Course Flood Mitigation Components with the WDGC contractor. The Consultant shall review cost proposals and other documents as requested by the City.

F. **Construction Phase**

Consultant will periodically observe construction of the flood mitigation components of the Wild Dunes Golf Course renovations to ensure compliance with construction drawings and intent of the project. Construction observation and monitoring does not include exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections.

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However, it does include visits to the Project site at intervals appropriate to the various stages of construction to review general compliance with approved plans and intent of the project. The Consultant shall address the Contractors questions, requests for additional information, etc. The Consultant shall visit the site as needed to address potential field changes. The Consultant shall advise the City as to suitability of the work and percent completion of the work.

D. Exclusions

Items not included in the additional Scope of Services are as follows:

- Accessibility construction compliance verification
- Archaeological survey and report
- Easement plat recording
- Phase One or Phase Two environmental assessments
- Endangered species survey and report
- Materials Testing
- Off-site work unless specifically covered in the Scope of Services
- As-built surveys
- Approvals or permits other than those related to the Scope of Work covered by this Contract
- Act as an expert witness for legal activities

These items can be coordinated or provided, if requested by the Owner in writing.

Waterway Boulevard
Pathway Widening and Tidal Inundation Mitigation Project
Additional Services Request No. 4 - Add. Survey, Easement Plat, Design Modifications, Bidding and Construction
Proposed Fee

Original Proposal (August 2023)			Add. Serv. No. 1		Add. Serv. No. 2		Add. Serv. No. 3		Project Budget as of June 28, 2025			Add. Serv. No. 4			Potential Future Add. Serv.		
Phase	Fee Strcuture	Fee or Time & Expense Budget	Feasibility Add. Serv. (April 2024)	Total Revised Budget	Design Add. Serv.	Total Revised Budget	Design Add. Serv.	Total Revised Budget	Previous Invoiced	June 28, 2025 Invoice	Budget Remaining	Design Add. Serv.	Note	Total Revised Budget	Design Add. Serv.	Note	Total Revised Budget
General Consulting	Time & Expense - Budget	\$ 22,400	\$ 1,000	\$ 23,400	\$ 20,000	\$ 43,400		\$ 43,400	\$27,522.10	\$ 2,017.50	\$ 13,860.40	\$ 5,000		\$ 48,400			\$ 48,400
Survey	Lump Sum	\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000	\$50,000.00		\$ -	\$ 7,500	3	\$ 57,500			\$ 57,500
Survey - Easement Plats	Lump Sum (3 easements)	\$ 4,100		\$ 4,100		\$ 4,100	\$ 2,500	\$ 6,600	\$ 4,950.00	\$ 2,140.00	\$ (490.00)	\$ 3,500	4	\$ 10,100			\$ 10,100
Design	Lump Sum	\$ 44,600		\$ 44,600	\$ 45,000	\$ 89,600		\$ 89,600	\$89,600.00	\$13,902.50	\$ (13,902.50)	\$ 35,000	2	\$ 124,600			\$ 124,600
SW Mang. (Feasibility)	Lump Sum		\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500		\$ 13,500		\$ 13,500	\$13,500.00		\$ -			\$ 13,500			\$ 13,500
Permitting	Time & Expense - Budget	\$ 35,600		\$ 35,600		\$ 35,600	\$ 2,500	\$ 38,100	\$23,422.57	\$ 3,373.69	\$ 11,303.74			\$ 38,100			\$ 38,100
Bidding (and Cont. Neg.)	Time & Expense - Budget							\$ -			\$ -	\$ 7,500	1	\$ 7,500	\$25,000	6	\$ 32,500
Construction Services	Time & Expense - Budget							\$ -			\$ -	\$ 25,000	5	\$ 25,000	\$50,000	6	\$ 75,000
Reimbursable Expenses	Time & Expense - Budget				\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000	\$ 34.26	\$ 1.80	\$ 1,963.94			\$ 2,000			\$ 2,000
TOTAL:		\$ 156,700	\$ 14,500	\$ 171,200	\$ 67,000	\$ 238,200	\$ 5,000	\$ 243,200	\$ 209,029	\$ 21,435	\$ 12,735.58	\$ 83,500		\$ 326,700	\$75,000		\$ 401,700

- ¹ proposed under original add. serv. No.3
- ² additional WDGC design and specifications, coord./changes per Town and homeowners
- ³ limited survey cart path - between hole 6 and 7
- ⁴ separate WDGC easements, new easement at 3303 Waterway Blvd.
- ⁵ const serv. / field adjustments
- ⁶ future CO to address bidding and const serv for pathway project

Thomas & Hutton provides services on a time and expense basis as follows:

1. This basis includes allowance for direct salary expenses and for direct non-salary expenses. It also provides for services we may subcontract to others.
2. Direct salary expenses are generally based upon our payroll costs. The payroll costs include the cost of salaries and wages (including sick leave, vacation, and holiday pay) for time directly chargeable to the project; plus, unemployment, excise, payroll taxes, and contributions for social security, employment compensation insurance, retirement benefits, and medical and insurance benefits.

The current hourly rate charges for each skill position for 2025 are as follows:

Hourly Rate	Engineer	Survey	Landscape	GIS	Quality Control	Business/ Administrative
\$ 320.00	Consultant	Consultant	Consultant	Consultant	Consultant	
\$ 290.00	Senior Manager	Senior Manager Survey Party (3–Men)	Senior Manager	Senior Manager	Senior Manager	Senior Manager
\$ 265.00	Project Manager V Project Engineer V	Survey Manager V Project Surveyor V	Landscape Architect V LA Project Manager V	GIS Manager V		
\$ 240.00	Project Manager IV Project Engineer IV	Survey Manager IV Project Surveyor IV	Landscape Architect IV LA Project Manager IV	GIS Manager IV		Senior Application Developer IV, Software/Computer Consultant IV
\$ 230.00	Project Manager III Project Engineer III	Survey Manager III Project Surveyor III	Landscape Architect III LA Project Manager III	GIS Manager III		Senior Application Developer III, Software/Computer Consultant III
\$ 215.00	Project Manager II Project Engineer II	Survey Manager II Project Surveyor II Survey Party (2–Men)	Landscape Architect II LA Project Manager II	GIS Manager II	Construction Administrator II	Senior Application Developer II, Software/Computer Consultant II
\$ 200.00	Project Manager I Project Engineer I Engineering Technician V	Survey Manager I Project Surveyor I	Landscape Architect I LA Project Manager I	GIS Manager I	Construction Administrator I Field Representative V	Grant Administrator, Senior Application Developer I, Software/Computer Consultant I
\$ 180.00	Designer IV Engineering Technician IV	Staff Surveyor V Survey Field Supervisor	Landscape Designer IV	GIS Analyst IV	Field Representative IV	Application Developer IV
\$ 170.00	Designer III Engineering Technician III	Staff Surveyor IV	Landscape Designer III	GIS Analyst III	Field Representative III	Application Developer III Permit Coordinator III
\$ 160.00	Designer II Engineering Technician II	Staff Surveyor III Survey Party (1–Man)	Landscape Designer II	GIS Analyst II	Field Representative II	Application Developer II Permit Coordinator II, Admin IV
\$ 145.00	Designer I Engineering Technician I	Staff Surveyor II	Landscape Designer I	GIS Analyst I		Application Developer I Permit Coordinator I
\$ 125.00	CADD Technician III	Staff Surveyor I Survey Technician III	Landscape Technician III	GIS Technician III		
\$ 115.00	CADD Technician II	Survey Technician II	Landscape Technician II	GIS Technician II	Field Representative I	Admin III
\$ 110.00	CADD Technician I	Survey Technician I	Landscape Technician I	GIS Technician I		
\$ 105.00						Admin II
\$ 100.00						Admin I
\$ 485.00	Expert Witness					

3. When warranted, overtime will be charged for any non-salary employees. Overtime hours will be billed at 1.5 times the individual's charge rate.
4. Direct non-salary (reimbursable) expenses, including printing, reproduction, air travel, lodging, and meals are billed at cost. Travel in company or private vehicles will be billed at the IRS Standard Mileage Rate and may be revised based on fuel pricing. Outside consultant fees will be billed at 1.15 times the cost.
5. All rates and charges are effective through December 31st, 2025, including printing, reproductions, materials, and travel and are subject to change at that time. New rates and costs will become immediately effective to contracts in effect at the time of rate changes.

PLANT LIST

SYMBOL	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE/COMMENTS	QUANTITY
TREES				
SP - 9'	Sabal palmetto	Cabbage Palmetto	9' ht., clear trunk	3
SP - 12'	Sabal palmetto	Cabbage Palmetto	12' ht., clear trunk	119
SP - 15'	Sabal palmetto	Cabbage Palmetto	15' ht., clear trunk	13

LEGEND

- EXISTING OAK TREE
- Ⓟ EXISTING PALM TREE
- EXISTING CONCRETE PAD
- ⊕ PROPOSED PALM TREE

PALM TREE PLANTING PLAN

SCALE: 1" = 40'

7-8-25

MUNICIPAL LOT B ISLE OF PALMS, SC

KELLY D. MESSIER, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT



Memo

To: Douglas Kerr, City Administrator, Administration Committee

From: Janice Ladd HR Manager

Cc:

Date: May 29, 2025

Re: Update Vacation Buyout Policy

I am writing to formally request the implementation of the approved change to the vacation buyout policy, increasing the maximum buyout amount from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per fiscal year. This adjustment was approved in the FY 26 budget and aligns with our ongoing commitment to providing employees with more flexible options for managing their earned vacation time.

I'm asking to move this policy change forward to Council for approval to match the budget change which is effective July 1, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your assistance in finalizing this policy change.

VACATION BUYOUT (update 7.1.25)

Payment of accrued annual leave may be requested by any regular, full-time employee in good standing. ~~in the event of a personal need or family emergency.~~ Employees must maintain a balance of ten (10) days in order to request payment.

The payment of accrued annual leave is limited to two requests per employee per fiscal year, not exceeding a total of \$ ~~1,000~~-\$2000. Requests for payment of ~~\$500~~\$2000 or less may be approved by the employee's department head and the City Administrator. ~~Any request for a payment in excess of \$500 requires the additional approval of the City Council's Ways and Means Committee. (City~~

ORDINANCE 2025-05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 7, LICENSING AND REGULATION, CHAPTER 1 BUSINESS LICENSES, ARTICLE A GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 7-1-15(F). SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE OF THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CHANGE THE PERIOD TO AMASS FIVE FOUNDED COMPLAINTS BEFORE A REVOCATION HEARING AND STIPULATE THAT TWO GARBAGE ROLL OUT COMPLAINTS ARE TO BE COUNTED AS ONE FOR PURPOSES OF LICENSE REVOCATION.

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 7-1-15. Suspension or renovation of license. Subsection (F) is hereby amended to specifically read as follows:

F. A licensee has had five (5) or more complaints of unlawful activity within a rolling 365-day period that are determined to be founded by the Police Department; provided that ~~two (2)~~ founded complaints of Section 3-2-8. Garbage roll-out carts and county recycling containers shall not be kept upon street or road right-of-way, shall not be counted ~~as one (1) founded complaint~~ for purposes of this subsection.

SECTION 2. To avoid counting founded complaints that have already expired under the previous review period of the calendar year, no founded complaints documented before January 1, 2025 should be counted for purposes of Section 7-1-15(F).

SECTION 3. 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 43. 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 54. That this Ordinance take effect immediately upon approval by City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE ISLE OF PALMS ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Phillip Pounds, Mayor

(Seal)

Attest: _____

Nicole DeNeane, City Clerk



**Planning Commission Meeting
4:00pm, Wednesday, July 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: Sandy Stone, David Cohen, Sue Nagelski, Tim Ahmuty, Ron Denton,
Jeffrey Rubin

Absent: Rich Steinert

Staff present: Administrator Kerr

2. Approval of minutes

MOTION: Ms. Nagelski made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2025 meeting. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Nagelski asked Administrator Kerr for any comments received from City Council regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

3. New Business -- none

4. Old Business

Review of Recommendations Matrix

Administrator Kerr explained the color coding associated with the updated recommendations matrix for the Planning Commission. Mr. Cohen noted that several of the recommendations were reviewed in the Comprehensive Plan update.

Recommendations 5, 7, 10, 12, 13, 19, 20, and 22 will be changed to green.

Recommendation 17 will be coded yellow as Administrator Kerr believes the City has no jurisdiction over docks. A column will be added to explain the color change. Administrator Kerr will clarify the City's regulatory status related to docks and report back to the Commission.

Discussion ensued about the recommendation to purchase flood-prone properties. Administrator Kerr said FEMA used to publish a list of properties with repeat significant flood-related claims but no longer does so. He noted that even if such a list existed, he's not sure the City would allocate the funds to purchase a flood-prone property. Mr. Denton noted that the property could

also be purchased privately and redeveloped to code. Mr. Stone asked for details about FEMA and greenbelt funding for such purposes.

Further discussion centered around potential City-offered incentives that would help with drainage and stormwater collection. This matter will be added to a future agenda for additional discussion.

5. Miscellaneous

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 4:00pm.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Stone made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Cohen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk



ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

10:00am, Wednesday, July 9, 2025

1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Present: Rebecca Kovalich, Park Williams, Barb Bergwerf, Chrissy Lorenz, Margaret Miller, Mike Boykin (via Zoom)

Absent: Rod Turnage

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, Director Hamilton

2. Approval of previous meeting's minutes – May 14, 2025

Ms. Bergwerf made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2025 meeting, and Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Financial Statements

Director Hamilton said the last quarter of State ATAX revenues will not be received until August. As of May 31, 2025, the fund balance is up over \$1 million from this time last year. Year-to-date revenues are \$2.6 million. \$229,000 of interest was earned over the last year.

The State ATAX budget will come in under budget as several projects have been delayed until FY26. More in-depth financial information will be available after the fourth quarter payment is received.

4. Old Business -- none

5. New Business

a. Discussion and consideration of future beautification projects

Mr. Williams asked Administrator Kerr to educate the committee on the best way to approach beautification projects. Administrator Kerr explained that ATAX funds can be used to beautify the “roads providing access to tourist destinations.” He believes the Committee should focus on their areas with the most impact. Ms. Bergwerf believes the beach access paths to be those with the most impact on tourists.

Administrator Kerr said funding for FY26 has been allocated. Any projects the Committee wishes to put forth will be in competition with other City needs. Mr. Boykin said he would like to be more involved in the discussions as to how ATAX funds are allocated.

Discussion ensued as to the best way to formulate a cohesive plan for future beautification projects and which areas to focus on. Administrator Kerr pointed out that each area will have its own challenges such as the need for SCDOT permitting and or engineering and designs costs. Possible areas for beautification projects discussed included concrete triangles at 41st Avenue and at the Connector, the ocean side of Palm Boulevard, and the Front Beach. Mr. Williams suggested that maybe the Committee could allocate funds to better maintain areas already under in the City's budget and build a list of aspirational ideas for future years. Administrator Kerr said that all City properties and ongoing projects have beautification monies in their budgets. A designer will need to be involved to help conceptualize future projects.

Committee members will visit the spots mentioned for possible beautification and discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

B. Discussion of second round of grant funding

Administrator Kerr explained that the IOP Chamber rescinded their grant award because the project they intended it for needed more funding than what was given.

Mr. Boykin suggested Committee members come up with charitable organizations that might be able to use the money and let them know about the second round of funding. Mr. Williams encouraged Committee members to give their ideas to staff. He reminded everyone that those organizations must be directing those funds to putting "heads in beds."

6. Miscellaneous Business

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

7. Adjournment

Ms. Bergwerf made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Lorenz seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk



ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4:00pm, Thursday, July 10, 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, Eric Cicora, Cindy Marrs, Sean Popson

Absent: Todd Murphy, Lucia Spiotta

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

2. Citizen's Comments

Ms. Susan Smith's comments are attached to these minutes. Ms. Lovins asked that the subject of Ms. Smith's comments be added to the August meeting agenda.

3. Approval of previous meeting's minutes

MOTION: Ms. Popson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2 and 8, 2025 meetings, and Ms. Marrs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Presentations – none

5. Old Business

A. Lighting ordinance presentation

Council Member Miars and Mr. Murphy met to discuss modifications to the proposed lighting ordinance. A new draft has been sent to legal counsel for comments, and they are awaiting an updated draft. Administrator Kerr said that legal counsel has suggested making the light timer a requirement or to take it out and make it part of an educational campaign. Discussion ensued about the enforcement of such a requirement.

Mr. Cicora asked if the intent in Section A is to have all residential lights shielded. Mr. Cicora suggested changing the wording to "Outdoor lighting on residential structures must not shine directly onto the intercoastal waterway, marsh, or other natural areas outside of the owner's property line." Ms. Popson later suggested changing "adjacent lands" to "adjacent properties."

These suggested changes will go back to the City Attorney for review.

MOTION: Ms. Popson made a motion to recommend the amended lighting ordinance to City Council for consideration. Ms. Lovins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Water Quality Testing

Referencing the water quality testing information in the meeting packet, Ms. Lovins said it was suggested the City prescreen for bacteria to determine if DNA testing of the water is necessary. She reviewed the testing procedures and associated costs for prescreening and continued DNA testing, if needed.

After some discussion, Administrator Kerr said he would review the budget for Committee initiatives, but he believed there to be enough funding to prescreen water at the outfalls at 25th Avenue, 36th Avenue & Forest Trail, and Myrtle Avenue.

MOTION: Ms. Popson made a motion to move forward with Fluidion prescreening tests for bacteria at the outfalls as discussed. Ms. Marrs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cicora will update the recommendations matrix with this initiative.

C. Glyphosate/Round-up – usage and education

Mr. Cicora met with Mr. Scott Ferguson who is responsible for the groundskeeping of the Wild Dunes' golf courses. Mr. Ferguson uses glyphosate on the courses and has no intention of stopping. Mr. Cicora explained that Mr. Ferguson is very well-versed on both sides of the glyphosate debate. He said if the City were to ban the use of glyphosate on the golf courses, he would have to apply more herbicides at a significantly higher cost.

Ms. Lovins believes the next step is educating the public on the effects of glyphosate. Mr. Cicora noted that information about glyphosate usage is prolific on both sides of the usage debate. Ms. Lovins has information from WHO and other municipalities who have banned the use of the substance. Council Member Miars suggested passing an ordinance to ban its use on City property and use that as part of the education campaign.

MOTION: Ms. Pringle made a recommendation to advise City Council to pass a ban on glyphosate usage on City properties. Ms. Marrs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Recommendations Matrix

Mr. Cicora referenced the updated matrix and reviewed the status of the previously discussed recommendations. Administrator Kerr said he will speak with the Recreation Director about an eco-event at the Recreation Center.

Discussion ensued regarding the distribution of recyclable plastic straws based on the recommendation that the City adjust packaging ordinances to close loopholes and align with neighboring municipalities. Ms. Smith suggested educating the business community about giving out straws only upon request.

Ms. Lovins reported that she has signed up for the South Atlantic Marsh Initiative newsletter and is investigating how to join the group. She also said that group has a natural resources grant for marsh protection.

Ms. Popson suggested moving the matrix recommendations discussion up to the start of Old Business moving forward.

6. **New Business -- none**

7. **Miscellaneous Business**

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 4pm.

8. **Adjournment**

Ms. Pringle made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Popson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk

Environmental Advisory Committee comments - July 10, 2025

- The Lowcountry volunteer group Mujeres Latinas emphasizes environmental & animal causes.
- For the past couple of years, they've done litter sweeps - likely 2 times a year or more on IOP.
- They came out July 5th and braved the high winds & some rain, collecting more than 1,000 litter items.
- IOP Cleanup Crew has shared supplies with them & they keep in touch with me - so we are connected but they act independently
- Mujeres Latinas also came up with a plan - on their own - to add toy bins and litter bucket storage shelves to beach access paths. They've actually created a couple already.
- Isle of Palms Cleanup Crew & the City have already installed a No Toys Left Behind bin at Front Beach that has been very successful.
- The Community Enrichment Task Force also recommended exploring the idea of bins, bucket trees and benches at major beach access paths.
- A positive about the Mujeres Latinas group is that they seem to be interested in maintaining the toy bins as well.
- I could help arrange for Mujeres Latinas to attend the next EAC meeting and help bring in Natasha Viswanathan, the realtor who established the Fill A Bag bucket stand at Front Beach for a larger conversation to include IOP Cleanup Crew.
- We understand that the City will need to weigh in on placement and may need to get blessing from state environmental officials.

Also, Linda Rowe with SC Aquarium's conservation team assisted Mujeres Latinas at their July 5 sweep. While they reported a lot of left behind chairs, towels, etc, Linda noted that they did not seem to encounter as much fireworks litter as in years past - this is anecdotal & somewhat subjective because of all the different factors that might impact counts - but may validate the changes the fireworks contractor was expected to make to reduce plastic litter from the July 4th show.

Also a shoutout to Public Works for adding in a contracted litter crew that has been doing runs every other week since May. This includes the beach, commercial and parking areas at Front Beach, as well as roadside cleanup from City Hall and the IOP Connector up Palm Boulevard to at least 41st Avenue and the Marina. They collected 22 40-gallon bags of litter Sunday, July 6th.

Finally, 100+ volunteers attended Isle of Palms Cleanup Crew's Monday July 7th All Hands on Deck litter sweep with IOPPD and SC Aquarium's conservation team with SC Federal Credit Union providing treats. Litter counts still being tallied.

ORDINANCE 2025-05

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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 7-1-15. Suspension or renovation of license. Subsection (F) is hereby amended to specifically read as follows:

F. A licensee has had five (5) or more complaints of unlawful activity within a rolling 365-day period that are determined to be founded by the Police Department; provided that founded complaints of Section 3-2-8. Garbage roll-out carts and county recycling containers shall not be kept upon street or road right-of-way, shall not be counted for purposes of this subsection.

SECTION 2. To avoid counting founded complaints that have already expired under the previous review period of the calendar year, no founded complaints documented before January 1, 2025 should be counted for purposes of Section 7-1-15(F).

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. That this Ordinance take effect immediately upon approval by City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE ISLE OF PALMS ON THE
_____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Phillip Pounds, Mayor

(Seal)

Attest: _____

Nicole DeNeane, City Clerk

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

Ratification: _____

ORDINANCE 2025 – 09
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 9 OFFENSES, CHAPTER 2 OFFENSES
AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE, TO INCLUDE REGULATIONS ON HATE
INTIMIDATION

WHEREAS, the residents and visitors of the City of Isle of Palms are a diverse collection of individuals representing a multitude of races, colors, creeds, religions, ancestries, sexual orientations, genders, gender identities, physical and mental disabilities, and national origins; and

WHEREAS, the City of Isle of Palms values and wishes to protect its residents and visitors irrespective of their race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental disability, or national origin; and

WHEREAS, crimes that are motivated by bias or hate towards any person or persons, in whole or in part, because of the actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, physical or mental disability, or national origin of any person are an affront to the values held by the City; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina has yet to adopt a statewide Hate Crime Legislation, and is only one of two states in the United States who have yet to adopt such protections for its citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Isle of Palms desires to enact a new section of its Code of Ordinances in order to protect its residents and visitors and deter crimes motivated by bias or hate towards any person or persons, in whole or in part, because of the actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, physical or mental disability, or national origin of any person, and provide separate appropriate penalties in addition to the punishment for the underlying violation of the ordinances of the City; 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, Section 9-2-7 of the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances titled Hate Intimidation is hereby enacted to specifically read as follows:

9-2-7 HATE INTIMIDATION.

(a) A person who violates Title 9 of the City of Isle of Palms Code of Ordinances, any act or omission which is prohibited or declared unlawful under this the City's Code of Ordinances, or any provision of State law within the municipal limits of the City of Isle of Palms, with the intent to intimidate a person or persons, in whole or in part, because of the actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental disability, or national origin of any person is guilty of the separate offense of hate intimidation and shall be punished as provided in item (b) here within. Sentences shall run consecutive to one another unless the Court specifies on the record good cause why they should run concurrently. The trier of fact whether, a jury or the Municipal Judge if the defendant waives his/her right to a jury trial, must find the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. A person cannot be found guilty of Hate Intimidation unless he/she is first convicted under the underlying crime and Hate Intimidation may not be used as a standalone crime.

(b) Fines imposed under this section for contemporaneous or concurrent violations of this section shall be assessed for each violation,

(1) A violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 and/or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days. The sentence imposed must be consecutive to the sentence for the underlying criminal offense unless the Court articulates on the record the reasons why the sentences should run concurrently.

(2) The Court may impose community service or participation in an educational program for violation of this Section.

(3) Any sentence may be suspended upon completion by the defendant of appropriate education, counseling or community service employment as ordered by the Court.

(4) The Court may also designate all or part of the imposed fine be directed to the support of programs designed to combat bias based on

ethnicity, national origin, color, religion, sexual orientation, gender and gender identity or physical or mental disability.

(c) Restitution authorized. In addition to the penalties provided for above, the Court may order restitution up to the limits of the Court's jurisdiction for damages sustained by the victim of this offense directly related to the commission of the crime which may include compensation for medical bills, counseling or therapy or damage to property sustained by the victim as a result of the underlying criminal offense.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS, ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

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 41ST 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 APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ISLE OF
PALMS, ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Philip Pounds, Mayor

(Seal)
Attest

City Clerk

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

Ratification: _____



Resolution No.: R-2025-09

***Authorizing Consumption of beer and wine only, road closures and amplified music at
The IOP Connector Run and Walk for the Child on October 4, 2025***

WHEREAS, the Isle of Palms Exchange Club and the City of Isle of Palms Recreation Department are hosting the 2025 IOP Connector Run and Walk for the Child on Saturday, October 4, 2025, on Palm Blvd and IOP Connector; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Isle of Palms Recreation Department is requesting permission for the temporary closing and use from 5:30 am and 12:00 pm of Palm Blvd between 10th Ave and 14th Ave, the IOP Connector, Pavilion Dr. between JC Long Blvd and the Public Safety Building, JC Long Blvd between Palm Blvd and Municipal Lot A for set up, for the run, for clean-up and for staging of the event; for the temporary closing and use from 7:00 am and 12:00 pm of Municipal Parking Lot A for the post-race celebration event to be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; for participants to consume beer and wine beverages only at the post-run event held in Municipal Parking Lot A during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; and for crowd control; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that such an event would be in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council This _____ day of _____, 2025, that possession and consumption of beer and wine beverages and the use of amplified music is authorized in Municipal Parking Lot A on Pavilion Ave between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 4, 2025; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the use of amplified noise is authorized on Palm Blvd in the race area between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 4, 2025; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that possession and consumption of alcoholic liquors or alcoholic beverages other than beer and/or wine beverages within the event area is prohibited; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that outdoor possession and consumption of beer and wine beverages only, all outdoor musical performances and use of sound-amplifying devices shall end by 10:00 a.m. due to the proximity of the event to residential properties; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all vendors be restricted to stationary location; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that only pedestrian traffic will be allowed in the area. All other traffic including, but not limited to, Automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, skateboards, golf carts, LSVs, except police and fire LSVs, is prohibited; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the designated times the closed portion of Municipal Parking Lot A along Pavilion Ave is deemed to be the site of a public event at which only beer and wine beverages may be consumed and the prohibition against possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages set forth in Section 7-2-1 shall not apply as to the possession and consumption of beer and/or wine beverages only.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk