



**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**10:00am, Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

**1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC and**

**broadcasted live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>**

**Agenda**

1. **Call to order** and acknowledgement that the press and public were duly notified of the meeting accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.
2. **Strategic Plan Review**
3. **Current Projects Review/Update**
4. **Discussion of new initiatives**
5. **Discussion of potential threats to revenue, expenses, projects, operations**
6. **Discussion of state legislative opportunities/concerns**
7. **Discussion of beach funding options**
8. **Miscellaneous**
9. **Adjournment**



# City of Isle of Palms Strategic Plan 2022-2027





# Strategic Plan

## **Mission Statement**

To be the most sustainable, family-friendly beach community in South Carolina.

## **Vision Statement**

To be a welcoming, environmentally conscious and resilient coastal community committed to enhancing the quality of life for those who come here to live, work and play.

# Priorities & Goals

- 1. Manage Pressure from Population Growth in Surrounding Communities**
  - a. Reduce impact of tourism on quality of life for residents.
  - b. Improve traffic flow and patterns for road safety.
  - c. Ensure day-visitor related costs are offset by day-visitors.
  
- 2. Develop an Effective, Consistent and Timely Communications Plan**
  - a. Improve resident satisfaction with City communications.
  - b. Increase trust levels.
  - c. Increase citizen engagement.

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## **3. Financial Sustainability**

- a. Maintain and grow revenue sources to support City's vision.
- b. Maintain sustainable balance between revenue sources and expenses.
- c. Maintain fund balances at targeted levels.
- d. Optimize operational expenses.
- e. Support local business community.

## **4. Protect Resident's Quality of Life from Impact of Short-Term Accommodations**

- a. Maintain quality of life for residents.
- b. Leverage tourism related revenue to tourism impacted services.

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## **5. Expand Environmental Protection Efforts**

- a. Safeguard healthy and protected waterways and beach.
- b. Be an environmentally forward-thinking community and lead environmental efforts in the state.
- c. Become a resilient community.
- d. Have a population that is engaged and educated on environmental issues.

## **6. Improve Employee Retention and Succession Planning**

- a. Value our employees.
- b. Improve recruitment efforts and reduce employee turnover.
- c. Provide opportunities for upward mobility and professional development.

## Capital Projects Update - January 9, 2026

Project	Funding Source	Status
<b>Drainage</b>		
Waterway Boulevard Multi-Use Path Elevation Project	\$5.8M construction (phase 1&1A on golf course- \$1.4M; phase 2 on Waterway \$2.9M; phase 3 on private property \$1.5M) + \$512k engineering. City awarded \$980K Grant from FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant+\$1.25M state budget allocation for construction.	Phases 1 and 1A are complete and will be removed from future reports. Phase 2 has had an award made to the Bastion Group and they are working on developing submittals and schedules for the rest of January. Phase 3 is planned for winter of 2027.
Phase 4 Drainage- Palm Boulevard b/w 38th and 41st Avenue	Estimated \$2M. Capital Projects Fund and FY25+\$1M State budget allocation	Council authorized redesign August 2025, which is underway. Permitting is in process and under review. Construction anticipated Q1 2027.
<b>IOP Marina</b>		
IOP Marina Public Dock & Greenspace	\$150,000 FY26 Capital projects	Council authorized proceeding with necessary lease amendments in August 2025. Restaurant tenants have indicated that they will not consider lease amendments until a budget and funding plan are developed and agreed to make the physical parking lot changes. Public Facilities committee review alternatives in December and may finalize a recommendation in January. Their preference has been a lot primarily of gravel lined with concrete edging, which is expected to cost approximately \$450,000
		All permits are in hand. Next steps are to determine where spoils material will be placed and request bids. ATM and the Canal Association on Goat Island are

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Marina Dredging - Design and Permitting	\$1.5M FY23 State Budget Allocation	in discussions. At last report, the Canal Association was waiting on USACE to determine what additional work was necessary to the spoils area before they can begin accepting materials. Council must decide whether to wait on permits from nearby property owners and collaborate or proceed sooner without collaboration.
<b>Beach Maintenance &amp; Access Improvements</b>		
Beach Maintenance & Restoration	Beach Preservation Fund	The emergency protective work approved by Council 10/14/2025 is complete. 200 bags have been installed at Port O'Call, 160 at Breach Inlet end and 250 bags from September allotment + 300 additional bags have been installed at Beachwood East.
	\$510k Breach Inlet emergency sandbags	
Beach Maintenance & Restoration		On the south end, the USACE work with Ahtna is underway and expected to continue through February.
		The USACE has approved an additional contract with a separate dredge operation to move 260,000 cubic yards of sand from the floor of the Intracoastal Waterway on to the beach between 5th and 7th Avenues. The timeframe for this work has been shifted back to allow Ahtna to be out of the way.

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		<p>The permit requests for the large offshore renourishment projects were finalized and submitted in September. Next steps include developing a financial share agreement with Wild Dunes Community Association, which is being discussed by the Public Facilities Committee, and soliciting bids, which is planned for February.</p>
<b>Buildings &amp; Facilities</b>		
Undergrounding Power Lines	\$75K Muni ATAX (50/50 split w/ Dominion Energy)	Public Facilities Committee met with Dominion Energy 2/11/2025 to discuss the feasibility to fund an undergrounding master plan with NSSF.
SCDOT Palm Boulevard Bike, Pedestrian and Parking Enhancements	SCDOT Funded concept development. No funding identified/allocated for construction.	Concepts discussed w Public Safety Committee and City Council. Next steps include seeking public comment on the concepts developed.