



**Public Safety Committee
3:30pm, Tuesday, April 8, 2025
City Hall Council Chambers
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC**

Public Comment:

Citizens who wish to speak during the meeting must email their first and last name, address and topic to Nicole DeNeane, City Clerk, at nicoled@iop.net no later than 3:00 p.m. the day before the meeting. Citizens may also provide written public comment here: <https://www.iop.net/public-comment-form>

Agenda

- 1. Call to order and acknowledgement that the press and the public have been duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.**
- 2. Citizen's Comments** – All comments have a time limit of three (3) minutes.
- 3. Approval of previous meeting's minutes – March 4, 2025.**
- 4. Old Business**
 - a. Update on ADA wheelchair at Fire Station 2
 - b. Update on Coyote Management
- 5. New Business**
 - a. Discussion of Seasonal Parking Pass for Non-Residents
 - b. Discussion of change to afternoon parking rates
- 6. Miscellaneous Business** – Next meeting date: May 6, 2025 at 11:00am
- 7. Adjournment**



**Public Safety Committee Meeting
9:00am, Tuesday, March 4, 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, Director Hamilton, Chief Cornett, Chief Oliverius

2. Citizen's Comments

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2025

Council Member Streetman noted a change need to be made to the second of the motion for Vice Chair.

MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2025 meeting as amended. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

A. Discussion of Ordinance 2025-02 to amend parking fees

Director Kerr said after City Council set parking fees in January, staff discovered “there was a section of the code that actually established parking rates. So our resolution and this existing code were not aligned. So what this ordinance will do is it will reference Council resolutions as the tool to set parking fees.”

He further clarified the revisions: “Where the current code has the actual dollar amounts for each, it will now say ‘as set by resolution approved by City Council.’”

Discussion ensued about the non-resident parking passes. The matter will be added to the April agenda for further discussion.

MOTION: Council Member Anderson made a motion to recommend to City Council the approval of Ordinance 2025-02. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion of cameras in STR units

Chief Cornett said SLED is currently investigating the allegations made by Congresswoman Mace. Prior to that, there was one similar incident in 2023, but no charges were filed. The Chief then detailed the State ordinances regarding voyeurism, sexual extortion, stalking, and harassment. He would prefer to use these ordinances when handling such matters over a City ordinance as the fines and punishments are stronger.

Regarding cameras at STR units, Chief Cornett said what is permitted depends on the rental company. Most permit exterior cameras to confirm arrival and departure times but not inside the units. He encouraged people to report any cameras found inside units.

Chief Cornett said, “South Carolina does not have a very solid legislative bill about what short-term rentals can do inside of their homes. Some states do. South Carolina doesn’t. They leave most of that up to the municipalities to develop those ordinances.”

He said a person’s right to privacy follows them into their homes and hotel rooms, so a violation of that could be considered civil violation. This topic will be discussed with the STR group made up of rental agencies on the island.

C. Discussion STR code enforcement

Committee members discussed the portions of the City code related to STR enforcement that need revisiting, specifically the 5-strike time period, the number of cars permitted at a property, and cars parking on an easement or on a neighboring property to skirt the car limit.

Council Member Bogosian would like the Committee to review the parts of the City Code related to short-term rentals and livability. He would like recommendations from Chief Cornett and the Code Enforcement officers. Director Kerr will send the appropriate sections of the code to Committee members well ahead of the next meeting so they can prepare their suggestions and questions.

Chief Cornett said he has made a conditional offer of employment for one Code Enforcement position and anticipates being able to make a second one shortly thereafter.

D. Discussion of surfing instruction applications

Director Kerr referenced the five surfing instruction applications in the packet along with their requested locations, noting these location line up with where they held instruction last season. Staff is auditing the applications to ensure they have met the requirements. These requests will go before the full Council.

E. Discussion of Aviation Authority Mutual Aid Agreement

Chief Cornett said this is a standard mutual aid agreement with a law enforcement partner. This particular agreement is updated following changes to the Aviation Authority board and staff.

F. Review of Operational Budgets for Police and Fire Departments

Director Hamilton said both operational budgets assume a 2.5% COLA and a 3% merit increase. The Police Department Operational Budget shows a 7% increase over last year, with the majority of the increase coming from wages and salaries. The phone system is being changed in the Public Safety Building to match the one in City Hall; she is waiting for the final quote.

Council Member Bogosian said a FY25 budget forecast would be helpful to have ahead of the budget workshop.

Director Hamilton noted that insurance costs are flat, but she anticipates some increase due to the plans selected by employees. She also pointed out that funds have been added to coyote management, HAZMAT services, and investigative fees. She noted a savings in part-time wages following the suggestion by Chief Cornett to replace the off-duty deputy sheriff in the summer with two BSOs. The cost of the HVAC unit for the Public Safety Building is a separate line item and not included in the 1% building fund.

Director Kerr reported that she confirmed with PCI that “they [the City] are not responsible for any maintenance on the kiosks. However, if the City would like to continue to use cash in any of the meters once those meters fail, the City is responsible for replacing any meter. So that would need to go into our capital items every six years or so.”

Director Kerr added that the City purchased two kiosks last year and expects them to last 5-6 years. Chief Cornett said reports show increased usage of the app and a decreased use of cash.

In reviewing the Fire Department Operational budget, Director Kerr said that, like the Police Department, the assumption is that not all positions will be filled 100% of the time throughout the year. The budget reflects a 5% decrease in wages and salaries. The remainder of expenses are relatively flat.

Funds have been added for a conference, Tower 1002, IT equipment, and software. Chief Oliverius explained how the LMS software has created efficiencies within the department and will likely keep them from having to add staff in the future. Director Hamilton pointed out savings in medical & lab costs as well as in paramedic supplies.

Discussion ensued surrounding the new wellness and resilience program as well as a provision for body armor for the first responders in the Fire Department. The purchase of new body armor will be moved to a later budget. The high-water rescue vehicle is in the budget but if the grant for the fire suppression vote is awarded, that money will go towards the boat. Chief Oliverius said they continue to look for grants for the high-water rescue vehicle.

6. Miscellaneous Business

Council Member Streetman asked for an update about the ADA wheelchair for Fire Station 2. Chief Oliverius said staff continues to discuss ways to make that a reality since that station is not staffed all the time. They are looking into the costs of a chair and a walker. The expense is in this current budget, and he will provide an update in April.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 11:00am.

7. **Adjournment**

Council Member Anderson made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk



Resolution No.: R-2025-05

A Resolution to Approve the Raising of Rates for the Municipal Parking Lots and On-Street Parking between 10th and 14th Avenue

WHEREAS, the City of Isle of Palms recognizes the need to manage parking effectively to accommodate residents, visitors, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the current rates for municipal parking lots and on-street parking have not been adjusted for some time, necessitating an update to ensure sustainability and efficient use of parking resources; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rate adjustments will help maintain the quality and availability of parking facilities while generating necessary funds for city services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Isle of Palms, South Carolina, that the following parking rates are approved for implementation starting March 1, 2025 during the paid parking season from March 1 through October 31, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Section 1: The rates for the Municipal Parking Lots located on Pavilion Drive will be as follows :

- March and April: \$10 per vehicle.
- Memorial Day through Labor Day:
 - \$15 per vehicle Monday through Friday
 - \$25 per vehicle Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays
- September and October: \$10 per vehicle.

Section 2: The hourly rate for the on-street parking spaces will be \$3.

Section 3. A Seasonal Business Parking Permit will be available for employees of Front Beach businesses at a rate of \$60.

Section 4. A Weekly General Public Parking Permit will be available for weekly general public parking at the municipal parking lots at a rate of \$100 per vehicle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council directs the appropriate city staff to implement these changes and ensure that all stakeholders are informed of the new rates and permits effective immediately.

From: [Jean Legacki](#)
To: [Rusty Streetman](#)
Cc: [Phillip Pounds](#); [Douglas Kerr](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Beach Parking for Non-Residents
Date: Monday, March 10, 2025 6:03:13 PM
Attachments: [inky-injection-inliner-209b06d63f3139b7bbda7129634c80da.png](#)
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[EXTERNAL]



Caution: External (jlegacki@comcast.net)

First-Time Sender



Mr. Streetman,
Thank you for your prompt response. I am hopeful that your Public Safety Committee will agree with you to recommend reinstating the seasonal pass for non-residents.
Again thank you for the information and your time.
Jean Legacki

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 9, 2025, at 2:44 PM, Rusty Streetman <rstreetman@iop.net> wrote:

Hello Ms. Legacki,

My name is Rusty Streetman and I'm on the IOP City Council and the Public Safety Committee .
On March 4th the Public Safety Committee discussed this issue based upon me bringing it up to the rest of Committee.
Our committee is planning on having a full discussion about this at the next Public Safety Committee on Tuesday, April 1st.
I'm in favor of putting a seasonal pass back in place for non-residents, and hopefully our Committee will make a recommendation to full Council to consider in April.
The committee meeting on March 4th is available via you tube at [IOP.net](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOPnet).
The discussion begins around the 3 minute mark and continues for a few minutes.

Regards,

Rusty Streetman

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 9, 2025, at 12:51 PM, jean legacki <jlegacki@comcast.net> wrote:

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Mr. Mayor,
I have contacted the IOP city council in regards to the matter below. Seasonal parking pass at the two municipal lots on IOP. I have yet to receive a reply. I am a resident of Mount Pleasant and live right across the connector. I am a 70 year old woman who enjoys walking on the beach early in the morning. The seasonal pass which I have purchased the past seven years is apparently not available to Mount Pleasant residents any longer. I'm sorry, but the county park does not open that early and I feel that it is extremely unfair to make me pay \$10 (during the week) \$15 on the weekend at the kiosk, to walk the beach and return home. I do not park on the street as there are too many rules and regulations and tickets given for being one inch out of compliance. I would be willing to pay more for a seasonal pass. It would be helpful to me and the many other Mount Pleasant residents to understand why City Council voted to discontinue

municipal parking passes. I look forward to hearing from someone concerning this matter. It tried calling during office hours and no one answered the phone, not quite sure why there would be no one available to answer questions.

Thank you in advance for your feedback.

Jean Legacki

Mount Pleasant Resident

Oyster Point

----- Original Message -----

From: jean legacki <jlegacki@comcast.net>

To: "jan.anderson@iop.net" <jan.anderson@iop.net>, "jbogosian@iop.net" <jbogosian@iop.net>, "spierce@iop.net" <spierce@iop.net>, "bhahn@iop.net" <bhahn@iop.net>, "acarroll@iop.net" <acarroll@iop.net>, "kmiars@iop.net" <kmiars@iop.net>, "jward@iop.net" <jward@iop.net>, "rstreetman@iop.net" <rstreetman@iop.net>

Date: 03/06/2025 4:59 PM EST

Subject: Beach Parking for Non-Residents

IOP City Council,

I am inquiring why as a resident of Mount Pleasant, right on the other side of the connector, I am no longer able to purchase a municipal parking pass. I have done this the past eight summers. I walk the beach frequently in the morning. So are you telling me I will now have to pay \$10 to walk on a public beach? Or drive around and look for parking on the street? You are not a private gated community so I do not understand the decision not to issue parking passes to Mount Pleasant residents. I certainly wouldn't mind paying a non resident fee for the pass, maybe twice of what I have paid in the past. I look forward to hearing from you in regards to this situation.

Jean Legacki

Oyster Point Resident

6 Mile and Rifle Range

From: [Susan Hill Smith](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please make important adjustments in new parking ordinance
Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 2:33:45 PM
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External (susanhillsmith@gmail.com)



Hi City Council members,

I reached out to you earlier about my concerns that the annual parking pass was being eliminated for off-islanders (with the exception of employees of island businesses). I heard that you were looking at how to rectify that - thank you. Among other things, this would better match the options at IOP County Park, which provides an annual pass option for locals.

More recently, though, I have become aware that the new parking ordinances will effectively ELIMINATE the hourly parking option that for many years has been available after 4 p.m. in the Front Beach municipal lots. I hope you will also reverse on this expected change, which would likely have an even more negative impact on our Front Beach businesses and our relationships with our neighbors, and I don't believe has been fully discussed by City Council.

My understanding from our parking vendor is that with the changes, a summer visitor after 4 p.m. would have to pay \$15 during the week, or \$25 on the weekend, for ANY amount of time spent in the municipal lots before 8 p.m. While some may pay it, many will make plans to spend time and money elsewhere, and those surprised by it (and there will be many) will likely be upset and angry with our community that a one-hour evening visit that used to cost them \$2 has been JACKED UP by 650% to 1150%. And while they can pay an hourly rate for on-street parking, there just aren't enough of those spaces to meet demand.

Instead of incentivizing visitors to come later in the day to help spread out traffic, the City will be discouraging them from coming during the lighter traffic times, and from popping over to Front Beach for dinner and entertainment. Another unintended consequence: More late afternoon & evening beachgoers headed to the free parking areas close to our neighborhoods.

Providing an hourly rate after 4 p.m. at Front Beach and an annual parking pass at a reasonable rate is good for our relationships with other Lowcountry communities, for Front Beach businesses, and for keeping it quieter in our neighborhoods in the evening. And when we have good relationships with our neighbors - and visitors from other parts of South Carolina - they are going to be more likely to support and protect our beaches, including when we ask for much bigger dollar amounts.

Sincerely,
Susan

Susan Hill Smith