



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

Staff present: Director Kerr, Zoning Administrator Simms

2. Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Ms. Nagelski nominated Mr. Denton as Chair of the Planning Commission. Mr. Cohen seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, a vote was taken with all in favor of Mr. Denton as Chair of the Planning Commission.

Ms. Nagelski nominated Mr. Cohen as Vice Chair of the Planning Commission. Dr. Rubin seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, a vote was taken with all in favor of Mr. Cohen as Vice Chair of the Planning Commission.

3. Approval of minutes

Ms. Nagelski expressed concern about the clarity of the sentence beginning “Director Kerr noted his surprise...” under the discussion about the draft of the Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan. After some discussion, Director Kerr offered the following adjustment: “Director Kerr noted his surprise that the maps were based on existing topography with no account for future erosion and therefore showed a lack of water inundation on the oceanside of the island and the lack of projected inundation in the later years along the backside of the island.”

MOTION: Mr. Cohen made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2024 meeting as amended. Dr. Rubin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. New Business

Discussion of Future Initiatives

Director Kerr briefly shared the status of the work done by the Community Enrichment Task Force and Beach Preservation Ad Hoc Committee throughout 2024. The Community Enrichment Task Force is planning to present their work to the City Council in February. The recommendations of the Beach Preservation Ad Hoc Committee will be presented to and discussed by City Council at next week's workshop. The final version of the Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan will be presented to Council in March.

Director Kerr believes some of the recommendations from these plans will be directed to the Planning Commission for further consideration. He believes some Community Enrichment recommendations overlap those in the Comprehensive Plan, which is scheduled to be presented and discussed at City Council's April Workshop.

Director Kerr said he would forward copies of all plans and recommendations to the Commissioners.

4. Old Business

Referencing an earlier Planning Commission discussion, Mr. Cohen asked about alternative uses for the municipal lot in the business district, specifically mentioning a solar farm micro grid. Director Kerr said the site was being considered as a future site for City Hall, but it was not a popular option among Council members.

Director Kerr updated the Commissioners on the status of the Waterway Boulevard project, sharing that the City received a grant for those improvements. The USACE Beneficial Use Project is anticipated to begin on Isle of Palms in February. The permit application process for the next large renourishment project has begun. The need for it will depend on the success of the beneficial use project and the shoal management project.

5. Miscellaneous

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be Wednesday, February 12, 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 4:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk