



## **SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING -- WORKSHOP**

**5:00pm, Tuesday, April 8, 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, Pierce, Carroll, and Miars

Absent: Mayor Pounds

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, various department heads

#### **2. Citizens' Comments – none**

#### **3. Special Presentations – none**

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

Administrator Kerr said there are nine vacancies across all departments, but Chief Cornett anticipates there will only be one vacancy in the Police Department by the end of the month.

Administrator Kerr said the City will end the short-term rental licensing year “relatively flat.”

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

#### **7. Financial Review**

##### **A. Financial Statements and project worksheets**

Director Hamilton said all revenues and expenditures are tracking as projected for this point in the year. The budget is still forecasting to come in above budget.

The \$1.1 million AirBNB settlement has been placed in the Beach Preservation Fund.

There was a brief discussion about parking revenues. Director Hamilton said parking revenues are comparable to when the City enforced parking prior to PCI taking over that function.

Administrator Kerr clarified that Wild Dunes will be paying \$600,000 for the shoal management project.

**B. Review of Draft 3 of FY26 Budget**

Director Hamilton reviewed the revenue changes made to the FY26 budget since Draft 2 including: increasing FY26 business license revenue based on rate increase and changed from 94% or 95% of FY25 forecast; increased FY26 building permit fees revenue based on rate increase; increased FY26 short term rental license revenue based on rate increase; decreased FY26 parking lot revenue based on PCI projections at 66% to the City; increased parking meter and lot revenue FY25 forecast; increased FY26 court generated revenue for parking citations based on PCI projections at 100% to the City; and increased Marina variable income for additional rent payments comparable to FY25 collections. Expenditure changes include: increase signs budget to current spending due to wear and tear and add emergency beach access signage replacement; increase to add back Fire Department rescue boat purchase dependent upon grant approval; increased FY25 forecast to upfit Battalion Chief 1006 and Squad 1001 trucks; increase Beach Preservation dune vegetation match from \$25,000 to \$75,000; adjust Beach Preservation professional services to include groin permitting, reduced USACE coordination, removed inlet management and increased nourishment permitting; change FY25 forecast to most new Public Marina Dock from Marina to Capital Fund; increase 4<sup>th</sup> of July expense based on contract; increase FY25 forecast to Recreation Fund for pickleball court lights; and a change to FY26 budget allocation to reconstruct the tennis courts; and a change in transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Fund.

**C. Discussion of ordinances to adopt budget, to increase business license/STR license and building permit rates, and to update the business licensing class**

Administrator Kerr stated that the First Reading of the FY26 budget will be at the April meeting, followed by a Public Hearing prior to the May City Council meeting, and Second Reading at the regular meeting. Additionally, there will be corresponding ordinances adopting increases in the business license fees (includes short-term rental fees) and building permit fees. He noted that the fee increases will take effect with the new licensing year, which will begin May 1, 2026.

**7. Procurement**

**Discussion of pickleball court lights, \$60,050, Musco Sports Lighting [FY25 Budget, Hospitality Fund, \$25,000; Recreation Building Fund, \$35,650]**

Administrator Kerr said the overage for this expense will come from the Recreation Building Fund. This is the same company who installed the lights currently at the Recreation Center. They provide a 25-year warranty, monitor the lights constantly, and repair as needed. Director Ferrell added that Musco is dedicated to mitigating the effects of light pollution.

**8. Capital Projects Update**

Administrator Kerr reported the ongoing conversations between the City and Wild Dunes to reduce Wild Dunes' concerns about liability seem to be moving in the right direction. They may ask the 20-30 homeowners affected by the project to sign a release. He said there needs to be 100% agreement amongst the homeowners or the project will not go through as planned. The

contractor has agreed to delay that portion of the work for another month or two to allow time for this to be resolved.

Thomas & Hutton is working on the design of the Palm Boulevard drainage projects. Permit requests have been submitted and they are responding to comments. He anticipates the project to begin in the fall of 2025.

Comments have been received regarding the marina dredging project and are being addressed.

Work on the emergency beach access path is nearly complete. Landscaping is being added. The MOU with the County has not yet been signed.

All work on the new beach access paths has been completed.

The Beachwood East area has been hit hard in the last two weeks. The contractor is moving sandbags from Breach Inlet and moving them to Beachwood East. Additional sand scraping has also been done. The shoal management project agreement has been executed. Sand will be moved starting Wednesday.

USACE has finished moving sand from the ICW and is now taking sand from the spoil sites. Newly pumped sand is also being moved to construct the new berm.

Charleston County is scheduled to open the bids for the sidewalk extension project on May 1. They do not anticipate the project disrupting traffic in any way.

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

**A. Livability**

**B. Environmental**

**C. Public Services**

**D. Personnel**

**Reappointment of Bob Miller to the Board of Zoning Appeals**

Administrator Kerr said that Mr. Miller had resigned his position on the Board of Zoning Appeals due to health concerns. However, he would now like to be reappointed.

**E. Other items for discussion**

**Update on Seasonal Parking Passes and evening hourly rates**

Council Member Bogosian said the Public Safety Committee will meet with PCI at their May meeting and bring recommendations to the Council workshop.

**10. Legislative Report**

**11. Adjournment**

The next City Council Workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 5pm.

Council Member Streetman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane  
City Clerk