



**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