



## **City Council**

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 22, 2025  
City Hall Council Chambers  
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Call to Order**

Present: Council members Bogosian (via Zoom), Streetman, Anderson, Ward, Miars, Pierce, Mayor Pounds

Absent: Council members Hahn and Carroll

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, City Attorney McQuillin, various department heads

#### **2. Citizens' Comments**

Mr. Josh Hooser, 6 Sand Wedge Lane, spoke in support of the Plant-A-Palm project. He asked if the City was considering future development of the municipal parking lot. He also spoke about a recent court case on Sullivan's Island as it might relate to the proposed hate crime legislation. He asked Council to consider the practicality and application of the legislation prior to passing it.

Mr. Benjamin Farmery, local restaurant and business owner, spoke in support of the Plant-A-Palm project.

**MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to suspend the rules of order to move the discussion about the Plant-A-Palm project up in the agenda. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **3. New Business**

##### **A. Consideration of Plant-A-Palm project in the municipal parking lot**

Council Member Anderson suggested having the lot graded before the trees are installed. Mayor Pounds said that would be a major expense. Ms. Kelly Messier said some of the excavated materials could be spread around the lot after the trees have been planted.

Council Member Pierce asked about the expense to relocate some of the irrigation lines to accommodate the trees. Director Pitts said the expense is not great. Council Member Miars said the future development of the lot is not outside the realm of possibility.

Administrator Kerr explained that due to the deed restrictions on the lot, "there is a requirement that if the property were to change in use in any meaningful way, they would have to authorize that. And they (SCPRT) told us that as long as there is an offsetting parking arrangement that they don't foresee a problem with approving that. So it wouldn't be a referendum, but it would be a process to develop that parcel through the state PRT."

**MOTION:** Council Member Ward made a motion to approve the Plant-A-Palm project in the municipal parking lot. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Approval of previous meetings' minutes**

- A. City Council Meeting – June 25, 2025
- B. Special City Council Meeting Workshop – July 8, 2025

**MOTION:** Council Member Ward made a motion to approve, and Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Old Business – none**

**6. New Business**

**A. Procurement**

- i. Report of purchase of ATVs and trailer \$20,364.75- Aiken Motorcycle/ state contract- FY26 Budget, State Accommodations Fund, \$22,000
- ii. Purchase of police truck- \$48,577 Santee Automotive/ state contract- FY26 Capital Budget, \$67,000
- iii. Purchase of two police SUVs- \$46,440 each- Santee Automotive/ state contract- FY26 Capital Budget, \$64,000 each

**MOTION:** Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve the purchase of the police truck and two Police SUVs as described above. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator Kerr explained that the request to replace a recently wrecked police vehicle has been removed. He said, “The Chief has gone back and looked at the three vehicles that would be auctioned off to offset the three that would be bought. He has determined that the best of those three can be kept for another year. So that item is not on the agenda for consideration. So we will just use the best of the three remaining for the upcoming year.” The \$15,000 expected insurance payout will be put into the maintenance budget to offset the additional maintenance that could come from an older fleet.

**B. Consideration of engaging Stantec to conduct traffic study – \$28,500 [FY26 General Fund, \$30,500]**

Council Member Anderson said that she would like to revisit this issue in the Public Safety Committee and consider sending out an RFP to engineering firms that will focus on generating traffic-relief ideas for next season. She said someone from the Town of Mt. Pleasant contacted her about being involved in such an effort.

Council Member Ward suggested having a workshop looking for resident feedback regarding traffic. Council Member Anderson said that could be included in the scope of work.

The issue has been remanded back to the Public Safety Committee for further discussion.

**C. Consideration of revised proposal for flood barrier work on Wild Dunes Golf**

**Course [FY26 Capital Projects Fund, \$2 million]**

Administrator Kerr said this matter is being deferred until a proposal is available.

**D. Consideration of change order from Thomas & Hutton for additional services related to flood barrier work [FY26 Budget, Capital Projects Fund, \$2 million]**

**MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion.**

Mayor Pounds said most of the costs in this change order are related to project management costs.

Administrator Kerr added, "I would add that this project, as it has evolved, has increased in complexity a little bit. The process of going through, getting agreements from adjacent property owners has led to some issues being highlighted with the old design. So there's some design work that needed to be done. And there has certainly been a lot of effort on Thomas & Hutton's, on their behalf, to get this project kind of over the hump and get it into a position that is feasible. So they have had to do a lot of additional work. So it is a justified change order."

When asked about a previous change order, Administrator Kerr said, "I would just also highlight that there would be this project, as you all know, is in multiple phases. We are anticipating an additional amount to cover the pathway bidding and construction oversight when that work comes to pass as well. So there will be another one after this one to cover that work as well. That will be an additional \$75,000."

Thomas & Hutton will address the Public Services & Facilities Committee at their August meeting with updated costs and information about the FEMA grant for the project. Council Member Pierce would also like to see costs lined up by fiscal year. Council Member Miers would like to see best and worst-case scenarios for the project timelines.

**VOTE: A vote was taken with all in favor.**

**E. Consideration of change to Employee Manual regarding Vacation Buyout policy**

**MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve, and Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**7. Boards and Commissions Report**

- A. Board of Zoning Appeals – no meeting in July
- B. Planning Commission – minutes attached
- C. Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee – minutes attached
- D. Environmental Advisory Committee – minutes attached

**8. Ordinances, Resolutions, Proclamations, and Petitions**

**A. Second Reading**

- i. **Ordinance 2025-05-** an ordinance to amend the revocation trigger from a calendar year to a 365-day rolling period and stipulate that garbage can violations are not considered for revocation purposes

**MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve as amended. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion.**

Administrator Kerr clarified that Section 2 now clarifies the “clean slate” for all short-term rentals and that trash cans violations, including recycling bins, are not included for revocation purposes.

**VOTE: A vote was taken with all in favor.**

**B. First Reading**

**i. Ordinance 2025-09 – Offenses Against Public Peace, to include Regulations on Hate Intimidation**

**MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve by title only. Council Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**ii. Ordinance 2025-08 – Parking change at 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue**

**MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve by title only. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**C. Resolution 2025-09 – authorizing consumption of beer and wine only, road closures, and amplified music at the IOP Connector Run on October 4, 2025**

**MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to waive the reading and approve provided the specifics of the request have been vetted by the Public Safety Committee and Public Safety Department. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**9. Miscellaneous**

**10. Adjournment**

Council Member Ward made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane  
City Clerk