



City Council

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 23, 2025
City Hall Council Chambers
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Present: Council members Bogosian, Hahn, Carroll, Streetman, Anderson, Ward, Miars, Pierce, Mayor Pounds

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

2. Citizen's Comments

Mr. Bob McLeod, speaking on behalf of Ocean Club, asked City Council to reconsider placing sandbags at Ocean Club. He explained that they have "cantilevered all of our scaffolding off of the garage slab floor. We have steel I-beams going out and we don't have any of the scaffolding in the areas that we are dealing with, that is in contact with the sand. We do have one corner over towards the garage entrance, but that is back from the area that we would be dealing with and putting sandbags."

3. Presentations

A. Consideration of Signal 30 Award to Robert Heaton and Brandon Blackwell for rescuing the occupants of a sinking vehicle

Mayor Pounds described the Signal 30 Award and read the letter of recommendation from Chief Cornett nominating Robert Heaton and Brandon Blackwell for their bravery in rescuing the occupants of a sinking vehicle at the marina on August 25.

MOTION: Council Member Miars made a motion to approve, and Mayor Pounds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Meghan Silsby, Executive Director of the Lowcountry American Red Cross

Meghan Silsby of the Lowcountry Red Cross spoke about the many ways in which the Red Cross impacts the Lowcountry through blood services, disaster relief, fire responses, services to the armed forces, and training.

C. Proclamation 2025-02 – to declare September 26, 2026 as Kathryn Magruder Day

Mayor Pounds read Proclamation 2025-02 and presented a flag flown over the nation's Capitol in her honor to Mrs. Magruder.

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

4. Approval of previous meetings' minutes

MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2025 City Council Meeting and the September 9, 2025 City Council Workshop, and Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Old Business – none

6. New Business

A. Consideration of FY26 millage rate of 0.0201 and Local Option Sales Tax Credit factor of 0.00019

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

B. Consideration of distribution of FY25 positive net result

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to apportion the FY25 positive net result as follows: 15% to the General Fund, 30% to Disaster Recovery and 55% to Capital Projects. Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Consideration of wage study - \$16,500, Evergreen (unbudgeted expense)

Administrator Kerr explained that this study will be used to forecast wage adjustments for the FY27 budget discussions. The same company who prepared the full wage and compensation study, Evergreen, will conduct this update based on wages in the surrounding communities.

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

7. Boards and Commissions Report

- a. Board of Zoning Appeals – minutes attached
- b. Planning Commission – no meeting in September
- c. Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee – minutes attached
- d. Environmental Advisory Committee – minutes attached

8. Ordinance, Resolutions, and Petitions

a. Second Reading – Ordinance 2025-10 – Golf Cart Path designation

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

b. First Reading

i. Ordinance 2025-11 – Glyphosate ban on City-owned property

Council Member Miars thanked the City's Public Works department for their support with this ordinance. She believes it is a good place to start educating the public about alternatives to glyphosate.

MOTION: Council Member Miars made a motion to approve, and Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. Ordinance 2025-07 – Fishing Regulations

MOTION: Council Member Bogosian made a motion to approve. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Miscellaneous – Consideration of accepted the dedication of five new drainage easements for Phase 1 of the Waterway Boulevard flood barrier project (TMS 571-00-00-001 and 571-06-00-129)

Administrator Kerr explained, “This is a bit of a housekeeping task in that the City has been given or dedicated easements, but the second half of that process is to accept the dedication. If an entity dedicates it to the public but the public fails to recognize that and actually accept the dedication, it doesn’t have any meaning. So this is closing that loop and accepting that dedication. This is all part of the process of establishing the new drainage easements that are needed for the flood barrier work that is underway now.”

10. Executive Session

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to move into Executive Session in accordance with SC Section 30-4-70(a)(2) to receive legal advice related to a potential claim. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

City Council entered into Executive Session at 6:29pm.

City Council returned from Executive Session at 6:43pm. Mayor Pounds said no decisions were made.

11. Adjournment

Council Member Ward made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk