



**Beach Preservation Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
Friday, October 10, 2025, 10:00am
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC and
broadcasted live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>**

MINUTES

Present: Andrew Vega, Tim Ahmuty, Council members Miars and Pierce, Administrator Kerr, Mayor Pounds

1. **Call to order**
2. **Presentation – Chris Creed, Foth Olsen**

Mr. Chris Creed of Foth Olsen presented the second opinion on the City's beach management as requested by the Ad Hoc Committee. That deliverable is posted on the City's website alongside the agenda and minutes for this meeting.

Mr. Creed noted that all of his recommendations need more study. He suggested implementing any hard structures on the beach with a nourishment project. He recommended "exploring shoal management over structures as the first step on the north end. See if we can kind of eliminate the problems versus fighting the problem."

On the south end, he suggested following "beach monitoring closely, and start exploring protection there more aggressively."

When asked if there is anything better City Council could permit other than sandbags to help people better protect their properties, Mr. Creed said he has seen success with geotubes because they are more stable and protect larger areas of the beach. He added that comprehensive community-led efforts have been most successful.

When asked about the bid process for the next renourishment project, Mr. Creed suggested speaking with the dredging industry and "make sure the contract conditions are as favorable as they can be to let them be creative in how they build your project." He said to not put unnecessary restraints in the contract.

He also noted that nourishment projects tend to be less expensive in the summer because there are more work days.

3. **Next steps**

Council Member Pierce said he would like a "very actionable beach management program." He believes the City is losing ground. Mr. Ahmuty would like to put more pressure on the State to provide funding. Council Member Miars stressed the importance of having Wild Dunes as part

of the conversation particularly in reference to hard structures since they will change the look and feel of the beach.

The Committee would like Foth Olsen to put a plan around the recommendations in their document, including a timeline to execute the recommendations and detail what studies need to be done to implement the recommendations. Mr. Vega stated it will be important to set the public's expectations about what can be done.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk