



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

5:45pm, Tuesday, January 6, 2026

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 Ward, Carroll, Bogosian, Miars, Miller, Carroll, Pierce, and Cohen, and Mayor Pounds

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, Deputy Administrator Kuester, various department heads

2. Special Presentations

Consideration of nominations for Standing Committees for 2026

MOTION: Mayor Pounds made a motion nominating Council members Miller, Pierce, and Ward to the Administration Committee, and Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mayor Pounds made a motion nominating Council members Bogosian, Carroll, and Cohen to the Public Safety Committee, and Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mayor Pounds made a motion nominating Council members Miars, Pierce, and Streetman to the Public Services & Facilities Committee and Council Member Bogosian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Consideration of nominations to Boards and Commissions

MOTION: Mayor Pounds made a motion to appoint Barb Bergwerf, Mike Boykin, Chrissy Lorenz, and Margaret Miller (terms all ending on 12/31/28) to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. Council Member Miars seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mayor Pounds made a motion to appoint Jeffrey Rubin, Suzanne Nagelski, Ron Denton, Richard Steinert, and Bill Laughlin (terms all ending on 12/31/28) to the Planning Commission. Council Member Bogosian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mayor Pounds made a motion to appoint Laura Lovins, Todd Murphy, Susan Smith, Britton Foy (terms all ending 12/31/28) and Charlotte Webster (student term

expiring 12/31/26) to the Environmental Advisory Committee. Council Member Miars seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mayor Pounds made a motion to appoint Ellen Gower to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mayor Pounds made a motion to appoint Robert Miller to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Council Member Miller abstaining from the vote.

4. Consideration of nominations for City Judges, City Attorney, and City Prosecutor

MOTION: Mayor Pounds made a motion nominating: Michael Molony for City Judge, Christopher Skipper for Associate Judge, Mac McQuillin of Haynsworth, Sinkler, Boyd, PA for City Attorney, and Culver Kidd for City Prosecutor. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Consideration of nominations for CARTA Board of Directors

MOTION: Mayor Pounds made a motion nominating Council Member Ward to the CARTA Board of Directors. Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Consideration of nominations to the Charleston Visitors Bureau

MOTION: Mayor Pounds made a motion nominating Council Member Streetman to the Charleston Visitors Bureau. Council Member Ward seconded the motion. Voting in favor of Council Member Streetman were Council members Streetman, Ward, Carroll, and Mayor Pounds.

MOTION: Mayor Pounds made a motion nominating Council Member Bogosian to the Charleston Visitors Bureau. Council Member Miars seconded the motion. Voting in favor of Council Member Streetman were Council members Cohen, Miars, Bogosian, Pierce, and Miller.

Council Member Bogosian will serve as Council's liaison to the Charleston Visitor's Bureau.

7. Consideration of nominations to the Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester Council of Governments

MOTION: Mayor Pounds made a motion nominating Council Member Miller to the Charleston, Berkeley Dorchester Council of Governments. Council Member Bogosian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Consideration of nominations for liaison for the Environmental Advisory Committee

MOTION: Mayor Pounds made a motion nominating Council Member Miars as the liaison for the Environmental Advisory Committee. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Consideration of nominations for liaison for the Beach Preservation Committee

MOTION: Mayor Pounds made a motion nominating Council Member Cohen as the liaison for the Beach Preservation Committee. Council Member Miars seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Consideration of Waterway Boulevard Flood Barrier Project – Phase 2 construction – Bastion Group, LLC - \$2,890,156

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to approve, and Council Member Carroll seconded the motion.

Administrator Kerr explained that Phase 2 of this project provides for “not only a flood barrier in terms of elevating low portions of that walkway, but it also provides for repaving the entire Waterway Boulevard Multi-Use path and widening it. It also provides for additional stormwater systems in areas of Waterway Boulevard that have been problematic in the past.”

The City received four bids and staff recommends the project be awarded to the Bastion Group, LLC. The City has worked successfully with this company before. The third phase of the project is anticipated for early 2027.

Administrator Kerr reviewed the breakdown of how the project will be funded: FEMA grant (\$980,000), SC State Budget allocation (\$1,250,000), NPDES funds (\$1,600,000), and City Capital Fund (\$2,524, 667) for a total of \$6,345,667.

FEMA has granted an extension for the grant. Administrator Kerr will verify the deadline, but he believes it to be in November 2026. He anticipates the work to take 6 months.

Administrator Kerr explained that the project was not awarded to Quality Enterprises even though they were the lowest bidder due to previous experience with the company that ended in litigation and project delays.

Additionally, the project was not awarded to Low Country Site Works (the next lowest bidder) because they did not identify their subcontractors and their placeholders within the bid were low, leading the City to believe the company would be surprised by the actual cost of the work.

Council Member Pierce spoke with concern about the increase in the cost of the project over time and asked how the City can “get in front of” estimates for better fiscal planning.

Administrator Kerr said these sorts of increases are not uncommon for these types of projects, and Council Member Ward noted this has happened numerous times in the past.

VOTE: A vote was taken with all in favor.

11. Consideration of purchase of tide valves for the Waterway Boulevard flood barrier project – Wapro, Inc. - \$48,518

MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve, and Council Member Bogosian seconded the motion.

Administrator Kerr said the City has made this sort of valve purchase in the past to ensure that they get the proper valves, and in doing so, the City saves 15-20%.

VOTE: A vote was taken with all in favor.

12. Adjournment

Council Member Ward made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk