



## **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**4:00pm, Thursday, January 8, 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: Laura Lovins, Cindy Marrs, Sean Popson, Todd Murphy, Eric Cicora, Britton Foy, Susan Smith, Charlotte Webster

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, Deputy Admin. Kuester

Absent: Council Member Miars

New members, Susan Smith, Britton Foy, and Charlotte Webster introduced themselves to the rest of the Committee.

#### **2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Mr. Cicora nominated Laura Lovins as Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all in favor of Ms. Lovins as Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Ms. Lovins nominated Todd Murphy as Vice Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee. Mr. Cicora seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all in favor of Mr. Murphy as Vice Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee.

#### **3. Approval of previous meeting's minutes**

**MOTION: Ms. Popson made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11 meeting, and Ms. Marrs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **3. Citizen's Comments -- none**

#### **4. Presentation – none**

#### **5. Old Business**

#### **A. Review of Water Quality Testing Results Wrap-Up**

Ms. Lovins referenced some typographical errors to be changed in the document. After some discussion, she will add in specific metrics related to the levels of dog E. Coli found in the water. She will also prepare a write up and call to action for the island's newspapers.

Administrator Kerr said the staff will add a brief post in the City's newsletter directing readers to the test results on the Environmental Advisory Committee's page on the City's website.

**B. Discussion of implementation of SC Aquarium projects**

A lengthy discussion ensued as to whether or not posting flooding lines and or flood markers on the island would be helpful. Administrator Kerr pointed out that the City has spent over \$10 million to protect the back of the island from tidal flooding. He's not sure there is a prominent public place on the island where significant flooding will still occur. Remaining flooding locations around the island are slated for mitigation in the near future.

Mr. Murphy wondered if homeowners may want such markers near their homes, concerned it may affect home values or the resale of a home.

Administrator Kerr suggested asking the SC Aquarium if they would be interested in tracking rain-generated ponding at the beach accesses. He also agreed that having the Hugo line at City Hall and the Recreation Center would be helpful. Ms. Lovins will reach out to the SC Aquarium for feedback and the matter will be discussed at the February meeting.

**6. New Business**

**A. Organization of EAC-related matrix activities**

Committee members discussed how best to work through the EAC-related matrix activities. Mr. Cicora sent a link to a shared Google doc for members to review. Ms. Lovins suggested smaller subcommittees be formed to continue this work outside of the meeting.

Mr. Cicora noted that much of the current list includes activities related to the Hurricane & Resilience Expo in February. He also noted the crossover between those activities and the IOP Path document being compiled by Ms. Marrs and Mr. Murphy.

Ms. Lovins will speak to her husband, who has event planning experience, about preparing a proposal for the Committee to consider in their preparations for the Hurricane & Resilience Expo. She suggested Committee members assign themselves to some of the items in the matrix.

**B. Discussion of trip to the new water & sewer plant**

Ms. Lovins said the Water & Sewer Commission has invited the Committee to tour the new Water & Sewer Plant. She shared available dates and times. Administrator Kerr noted that Committee members must attend in groups of three or less because there cannot be a public meeting at the plant. Committee members will email Ms. Lovins their first and second choices for tour times, and she will set up the tours.

**C. Discussion of EAC 2025 Accomplishments**

Ms. Lovins will send individual emails to Committee members requesting their feedback regarding the list of EAC 2025 Accomplishments.

7. **Miscellaneous Business**

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 4pm.

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane  
City Clerk