



**Planning Commission Meeting
4:00pm, Wednesday, January 14, 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: Sue Nagelski, Tim Ahmuty, Ron Denton, Jeffrey Rubin, Rich Steinert,
Bill Laughlin

Absent: Sandy Stone

Staff present: Administrator Kerr

Mr. Laughlin introduced himself to the Commissioners.

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Ms. Nagelski nominated Mr. Denton as Chair of the Planning Commission. Mr. Laughlin seconded the nomination. A vote was taken with all in favor of Mr. Denton as Chair of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Denton nominated Ms. Nagelski as Vice Chair of the Planning Commission. Mr. Rubin seconded the nomination.

Ms. Nagelski nominated Mr. Ahmuty as Vice Chair of the Planning Commission. Mr. Steinert seconded the nomination. Mr. Ahmuty declined the nomination.

A vote was taken with all in favor Ms. Nagelski as Vice Chair of the Planning Commission.

3. Approval of minutes

MOTION: Mr. Denton made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2025 meeting. Mr. Rubin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. New Business -- none

4. Old Business

A. Discussion of proposed lighting ordinance

Administrator Kerr said the Environmental Advisory Committee's "slimmed down" version of the proposed lighting ordinance was attached to the agenda. This ordinance is aimed at new and

existing residential homes that would require lighting be shielded around natural areas and any outdoor lighting not shine onto neighboring properties. A separate technical document of best practices will be prepared and handed out during the permitting process.

Mr. Rubin suggested removing “for safety purposes” at the end of subsection A in the new unnumbered section of the ordinance. He believes this will cover the enforcement of Federal safety regulations regarding docks. Administrator Kerr said the City cannot become an enforcement agency for the Federal government.

Mr. Ahmuty supported the removal of those words from the ordinance.

Commissioners offered some wording changes to the ordinance for clarity and suggested adding LED to the lighting definitions.

MOTION: Mr. Laughlin made a motion to recommend the ordinance as amended to City Council for consideration. Mr. Rubin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Review of Recommendations Matrix

Commissioners reviewed the current status of the recommendations assigned to the Planning Commission. A review of the tree ordinance will be on the February agenda. Administrator Kerr will send the ordinance ahead of the meeting.

Mr. Rubin suggested putting something in the local papers requesting photos and materials for a commemorative exhibit. Administrator Kerr said he would have the PIO create a Facebook post about this effort, requesting materials be emailed to him. This recommendation will be changed to green/underway on the matrix.

5. Miscellaneous

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 4:00pm.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Rubin made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Nagelski seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk