



Public Services & Facilities Committee Meeting
9:00am, 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: Council members Miars, Pierce, and Streetman

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, Deputy Administrator Kuester, Director Pitts, Asst. Director Asero, Director Ferrell

2. Citizen's Comments – none

3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Council Member Pierce nominated Council Member Miars as Chair of the Public Services & Facilities Committee. Council Member Miars seconded the nomination. A vote was taken with all in favor of Council Member Miars as Chair of the Public Services & Facilities Committee.

Council Member Miars nominated Council Member Pierce as Vice Chair of the Public Services & Facilities Committee. Council Member Pierce seconded the nomination. A vote was taken with all in favor of Council Member Pierce as Vice Chair of the Public Services & Facilities Committee.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes – December 2, 2025

MOTION: Council Member Pierce made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Marina Tenant's Comments

MOTION: Council Member Pierce made a motion to discuss the parking lot update at this point in the meeting since Mr. Dave Lorenz was in attendance. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee members discussed the layout agreed upon by the City and the restaurant. Administrator Kerr pointed out that the cost estimates cannot be more accurate without putting the project out to bid. At the time of the meeting, the estimated cost of the project is approximately \$500,000 including \$50,000 in soft costs.

Mr. Lorenz would like the drive lanes to be of impervious asphalt to prevent constant repairs.

Administrator Kerr said there are two scenarios to consider: “One is if you had a goal, if your goal was to leave the impervious surfacing at a net zero change, you would remove all of the existing and the reconfigure that impervious in the circle to have the ring road being out of asphalt and then all of the material in the middle, the parking spaces, being gravel. If you were to want to leave the driving surface and then add impervious surfacing to kind of add that ring road back in, you would be increasing the amount of impervious surfacing and probably triggering some amount of permitting.”

Mr. Lorenz suggested using the restaurant’s overages to fund the project, allowing the restaurant to oversee the parking lot renovation. The restaurant would need to bring the final design back to the Council for final approval. Such a change in responsibility would be a component of the changes to the lease agreement.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce made a motion to “go forward with the design we talked about, which is to pull up the asphalt, make the ring, try to, with the objective of going neutral on the impervious surfacing, and to have Mr. Cline put together a specification to give to Dave, and for us to take this up to Council and consider up to \$500,000 with the hope of saving \$50,000 on the engineering” and to move forward with the redesign of the Marina parking lot and to redo the lease to reflect the new design and get the City access to the public dock.

Administrator Kerr said, “I think you would want to recommend is recommend to Council that the City spend up to \$500,000 in exchange and to initiate the process of amending the leases.”

Mr. Lorenz will use the approved design to secure pricing.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce made a motion to amend his motion to recommend to City Council to authorize up to \$500,000 to reconfigure the marina lot and to amend the leases to reflect the new design. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Presentations** – none

7. **Old Business**

B. Update on Waterway Boulevard Project

Council Member Miars asked if the Waterway Boulevard Multi-Use Path could turn up into the buffer when complete. Administrator Kerr said there is a requirement for a vegetative buffer, so he would need to speak to the Zoning Administrator about the matter. He also said there is a lot of infrastructure in that area which could limit the materials that can be used there. He will report back his findings to the Committee.

Administrator Kerr reported that since City Council awarded the contract for the project to the Bastian Group, Quality Enterprises is making plans to appeal the award. The window for that appeal closes on January 21. A Notice to Proceed will not be issued until the appeal window closes. If an appeal is filed, the matter will come before City Council. He is seeking legal advice and will update Council at their January 29 meeting. In the meantime, the Bastian Group will work on their submittals to Thomas & Hutton.

C. Update on beach projects

Council Member Pierce requests that Mr. Traynum update City Council on the situation with US Fish & Wildlife and the status of the permits. He would also like a “steady forecast on the project status” and more frequent updates to the public.

Administrator Kerr said staff will do their best to provide updates, but details of the project change daily. It is a very fluid situation. The best the City can provide are date ranges.

D. Update on MOU with Wild Dunes Community Association

Administrator Kerr reviewed the slides regarding the cost sharing scenarios for the upcoming beach renourishment project that were discussed with City Council at January 13th's Special City Council meeting. He said that establishing cost sharing is the key part of the MOU.

Council Member Pierce would like verification on the legality of spending public monies in private spaces. Council Member Miars suggested using percentage in the MOU. Administrator Kerr agreed but added that there will be a cap on what the City will spend.

At their January 29 meeting, City Council will review the alternatives proposals. He reminded the Committee that there is a \$4 million placeholder for hard structures in the FY26 budget. He said it is appropriate to talk with WDCA about cost sharing such improvements.

Before work can begin on hard structures, Administrator Kerr said the MOU for the upcoming project needs to be in place, and the City needs to determine if there is a long-term cost benefit of adding a hard structure to stretch out the renourishment cadence.

Council Member Pierce would like the City to make a formal request to the State and to County Council for \$20 million.

Administrator Kerr stated that the path for those sorts of requests is via SCPRT, and the City has requested \$5.2 million. There is currently not another means by which to make such a request since earmarks are not permitted. However, the State legislature is reconsidering the earmark matter.

MOTION: Council Member Miars made a motion to recommend cost sharing scenario 5 to City Council. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The cost sharing discussion will be on the February workshop agenda.

8. New Business -- none

9. Miscellaneous Business

The next regular meeting of the Public Services & Facilities Committee will be Monday, February 9, 2026 at 9am. Discussion of the draft MOU will be on the agenda.

10. Adjournment

Council Member Miars made a motion to adjourn and Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk