



**Public Safety Committee Meeting**  
**11:00am, Tuesday, February 3, 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 Bogosian, Cohen, and Carroll (via Zoom)

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, Deputy Administrator Kuester, Director Hamilton, Chief Oliverius, Chief Cornett

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

Council Member Cohen nominated Council Member Bogosian for Chair of the Public Safety Committee. Council Member Carroll seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, a vote was taken with all in favor of Council Member Bogosian as Chair of the Public Safety Committee.

Council Member Bogosian nominated Council Member Cohen for Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee. Council Member Carroll seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, a vote was taken with all in favor of Council Member Cohen as Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee.

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

**4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2025**

Council Member Bogosian requested that the minutes be amended to reflect the correct next step for the noise ordinance.

**MOTION: Council Member Bogosian made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2025 meeting as amended. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**4. Old Business**

**A. Update on scope of future traffic study**

Administrator Kerr said he spoke with Jennifer Biehl about acting as the City's traffic consultant. She provided an agreement to work on an hourly basis. Staff would like agreement from the Committee to work with her up to \$10,000 for her services and update that agreement as needed.

Administrator Kerr noted that there is money in the budget for a traffic engineer, and because this is considered consulting services, there does not need to be a bid process.

After discussing the hourly rates for her services, the Committee agreed to move forward with having Ms. Biehl act as the City's traffic consultant.

**B. Discussion on AI Traffic Signal Software**

Administrator Kerr said the cost of the software, hardware, securing encroachment permits, and installation of the software presented to the Committee in November would be approximately \$100,000. The Committee agreed the City should put out an RFP for proposals from other vendors to do a comparison.

**C. Update on painting of crosswalks at 43<sup>rd</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> avenues**

Administrator Kerr said SCDOT has completed the work they needed to do at these crosswalks. Asst. Director Asero is securing pricing on the decorative aspects of the project. He believes this will be a low-cost project and within the budget.

This item will stay on the agenda until completion.

**D. Discussion of Public Safety-related matrix recommendations**

Chief Cornett said the departments continue to work on updating the matrix. An updated version of the matrix will be available at the March meeting.

**5. New Business**

**A. Consideration of purchase of turnout gear for the Fire Department**

**MOTION: Council Member Bogosian made a motion to approve the purchase of the turnout gear for \$29,707. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**B. Discussion/status update of IOP Connector Redesign**

Administrator Kerr reminded the Committee that the changes to the Connector previously approved by City Council were not well received by the Town of Mt. Pleasant. Because the neighboring municipalities could not agree on a resolution, SCDOT said no changes will be made.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that Administrator Kerr will reach out for clarification from the Town of Mt. Pleasant about their specific misgivings regarding the Council's preferred redesign option.

**C. Review of 10-year Capital Plans for Police and Fire Departments**

Chief Cornett reviewed his FY27 Capital Plan requests which includes additional vehicles for two additional officers, a new drone and docking station, radios, RMS software, in-car cradles, report writing software, and replacement vehicles. Chief Cornett explained in detail what the

proposed drone could do for the City and reviewed some options with the Committee. The option preferred by the Committee will cost \$81,000/year for 4 years. This drone allows the department to deploy the drone from the rooftop to calls for service and includes the software to view the camera live. It can respond to calls and reduce response time for some incidents.

Council Member Bogosian suggested reviewing the cadence of vehicle purchases in the out years.

Chief Oliverius said he expects delivery of the new ladder truck in October 2026. He said it would be a challenge for the department if they had to delay the receipt of that truck. He said it is possible to push out the purchase of a new engine truck to FY29 if the ladder truck is received on time. He noted that jet ski and mule purchases are being pushed to FY28. Current equipment will be evaluated after the upcoming season.

He noted a line item for SCBA equipment for \$36,000 that would be purchased upon failure of current equipment. Council Member Bogosian said to keep that in the budget and move it further out if it is not purchased. Chief Oliverius added that there is a “hard stop” in FY29 when new equipment must be purchased if current equipment does not fail.

Chief Oliverius is waiting to hear on the status of the Port Security Grant so that he can apply again for the rescue boat. Administrator Kerr said he will mention it to the City’s federal lobbyists and have them look into the grant.

**6. Miscellaneous Business**

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 11am.

**7. Adjournment**

Council Member Bogosian made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Carrol seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane  
City Clerk