



Public Safety Committee
1:00pm, Wednesday, November 13, 2025
City Hall Council Chambers
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

Public Comment:

Citizens who wish to speak during the meeting must email their first and last name, address and topic to Nicole DeNeane, City Clerk, at nicoled@iop.net no later than 3:00 p.m. the day before the meeting. Citizens may also provide written public comment here: <https://www.iop.net/public-comment-form>

Agenda

- 1. Call to order and acknowledgement that the press and the public have been duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.**
- 2. Citizen's Comments** – All comments have a time limit of three (3) minutes.
- 3. Approval of previous meeting's minutes – October 7, 2025.**
- 4. Presentation** – Reggie Chandra- Rhythm Solutions, Adaptive Traffic Signals
- 5. Old Business**
 - a. Discussion of noise ordinance
 - b. Update on scope of future traffic study
 - c. Update on Breach Inlet Signage
 - d. Update on painting of crosswalks at 43rd and 46th avenues
 - e. Discussion of Public Safety-related matrix recommendations
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Discussion of additional speed signs
 - b. Discussion of no passing on Palm Blvd.
- 7. Miscellaneous Business** – Next meeting date: TBA
- 8. Adjournment**



**Public Safety Committee Meeting
11:00am, Tuesday, October 7, 2025
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 Streetman, Anderson, Bogosian

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, Chief Oliverius, Chief Cornett

2. Citizen's Comments

Ms. Julie Nestler encouraged the Committee to make the salaries of Public Safety personnel their top priority so that all vacancies can be filled and turnover limited.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2025

MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2025 meeting. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Old Business

A. Discussion of changes to the noise ordinance/nighttime noise levels

Council Member Streetman said he is in favor of the noise ordinance as written but will vote against it because he does not agree with the 55 dB noise limit.

Council Member Anderson offered language for Section C so that it is consistent with Section B. She believes the proposed 55 dB noise limit is reasonable and gives the Police Department something solid to enforce.

MOTION: Council Member Anderson made a motion send the revised ordinance to City Council for discussion. Council Member Bogosian seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Bogosian, Anderson

Nays: Streetman

The motion passed 2-1.

B. Update on e-bike and motorized scooter regulations

Chief Cornett said he would like to see how the General Assembly will deal with e-bikes in their upcoming session before changing or adding any ordinances on the Isle of Palms.

Rather than indicate which behaviors lead to a ticket, Council Member Bogosian suggested adding, “Some of these are State law and could lead to a ticket.” Council Member Anderson suggested removing the word “tips.”

Further discussion of the e-bikes and motorized scooters will be tabled until after the State deals with them. Chief Cornett will distribute the brochures to local bike rental companies.

C. Update on golf cart regulations brochures

Chief Cornett shared an updated golf cart regulations brochure with Committee members. Committee members were supportive of the brochure as presented.

Council Member Anderson asked about signage of the recent golf cart path designations. Chief Cornett reported that SCDOT is working out appropriate ways to mark them.

D. Update on future traffic study

Administrator Kerr reported that the Town of Mt. Pleasant will not financially support a traffic study but will lend their staff expertise to the effort. He referenced an email highlighting all that the Town of Mt. Pleasant has done to alleviate beach traffic concerns. He will forward the email to the Committee members.

He will be meeting with the Town of Sullivan’s Island on October 13 to discuss their participation. They would like to be a part of the study, but since it will be an unbudgeted expense, he anticipates they will take a conservative approach on the matter.

He also shared that BCDCOG has five engineering firms on call for such work. He is talking with them about which firm could best effectuate this study.

Administrator Kerr noted City Council’s prior hesitation in funding a study and needs their direction as well as a firmer scope of work before approaching an engineering firm.

Council Member Bogosian said the problems regarding beach traffic are evident and further study and data collection are unnecessary. He wants to “beat the bushes for different technologies” to help solve the problems. Council Member Anderson said traffic signal software exists that can be adapted to the needs of traffic.

Administrator Kerr suggested that the City may be able to pay a consultant on an hourly basis to review the data and provide some direction on the next steps. Council Member Anderson would like a list of short, medium, and long-term solutions.

E. Discussion of Ordinance 2025-07 – fishing regulations

Council Member Bogosian noted the change in the ordinance from First Reading that says “It shall be unlawful to use any artificial/mechanical means other than traditional rod and reel handcasting.”

MOTION: Council Member Bogosian made a motion to recommend the amended ordinance to City Council for Second Reading. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Discussion of public safety-related matrix recommendations

Administrator Kerr said that staff will prioritize the top five recommendations they believe need Council attention or action and also update the status of all recommendations.

G. Update on Breach Inlet signage

Chief Oliverius said he will be meeting with the sign company on site from the 5th Avenue beach access to Breach Inlet next week. Asst. Director Asero will help consolidate signage. He anticipates the signs being installed in 4-5 weeks. He will ensure the signs stabilized in the sand.

H. Update on marina boat ramp safety

Administrator Kerr said downlighting has been added to each side of the marina ramp. A solar-powered sign with blinking light has been added as well as a center aisle lane divider.

Chief Cornett said he contacted Google Maps and made the changes he requested.

5. New Business -- none

6. Miscellaneous Business

The need for additional speed limit signs will be discussed at the next meeting. Chief Cornett said he has spoken with SCDOT about this in the past, and they indicated they will not be adding any more signs.

Council Member Streetman would like an update on the painting of crosswalks at 43rd and 46th avenues. Council Member Bogosian said the speed sign is not always working. Chief Cornett said staff attempts to keep the sign clean but noted it may be time to budget for a new one.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 11:00am.

7. Adjournment

Council Member Streetman made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk

Sec. 9-2-5. Noise.

- a. *Declaration; specific noises.* It shall be unlawful for any person to create, assist in creating, permit, continue, or permit the continuance of any noise in the City that is unreasonably loud or disturbing in the circumstances to a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities except as expressly allowed pursuant to subsections e. and f. of this section. The following are declared to be unreasonably loud or disturbing noises in violation of this section, but such acts shall not be deemed to be exclusive:
- (1) *Blowing horns.* Except as required by law, no person shall blow or cause to be blown within the City any steam whistle, electric horn, or other signaling or warning device, except as alarm signals in case of fire or collision or other imminent danger.
 - (2) *Pets.* It shall be unlawful to keep, stable, harbor or maintain any animal or bird which disturbs the comfort or repose of any reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities in the vicinity by making continually or frequently loud noise.
 - (3) *Loudspeakers, etc.* It shall be unlawful to use, maintain or operate loudspeakers, sound trucks, amplifiers or other mechanical or electrical devices for increasing the volume of sound, upon the street, sidewalks, parks or other outdoor public places owned or under the control of the City, except as permitted under subsection e. and f. of this section; provided, however, that any City-owned property subject to a commercial lease and a noise control agreement or permit is exempt from the requirements of this paragraph.
 - (4) *Hawking or peddling.* It shall be unlawful for any person to make any noise on a public street or in such proximity thereto as to be distinctly and loudly audible on such street by any kind of crying, calling, or shouting or by means of any whistle, rattle, bell, gong, clapper, horn, hammer, drum, musical instrument, or other device for the purpose of attracting attention or of inviting patronage of any persons to any business whatsoever. It is the express intention of this paragraph to prohibit hawking, peddling, soliciting or using other loud noises to attract attention to a business and not to prohibit the spill-over noise emanating from a lawfully operating business.
 - (5) *Radios, phonographs, televisions, etc.* The use, operation or playing of or permitting the use, operation or playing of any radio, hi-fi, stereo system, phonograph, piccolo, television or any musical instrument in such manner or with such unreasonably loud volume in the circumstances as to disturb any reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities, or the playing of such instrument in such manner as to disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities in any dwelling or other residence.
 - (6) *Use of vehicle.* The use of any automobile, motorcycle, motor boat, personal watercraft, water jet pack or other type of vehicle in such a state of disrepair, or so loaded, or used or repaired in such a manner as to create unreasonably loud or disturbing noises in the circumstances, particularly grating, grinding, rattling, riveting, revving or other disturbing noises.
 - (7) *Exhaust discharge.* To discharge into the open air the exhaust from any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine, motor boat engine, motorcycle or motor vehicle except through a muffler or other device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises therefrom.
 - (8) *Noise in proximity to schools, courts, etc.* The creation of any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning, library, or court, while the same is in session, or adjacent to any church during church services, which interferes with the work or worship at any such place or institution.
- b. ~~*Amplified Music—Nighttime sound-play.*~~ It shall be unlawful for any person, entity or establishment to play, operate or cause an equivalent sound level in excess of 55 dBA beyond the property of the noise source as

measured with a sound meter conforming to ANSI/ASA S1.13-2005 (or later) during the nighttime, which is the time between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, and or between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday. Additionally, at nighttime it shall be unlawful to play, operate or cause to be played or operated, any radio, amplified musical instrument (including but not limited to brass or drum instruments), or other amplification device or apparatus with the primary purpose of making sound making or reproducing musical or other sounds or cause any sound created by yelling, screaming, or loud talking between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, or between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday, in such a manner as to be plainly audible on any adjacent street or right-of-way, or adjacent to any place of public accommodations, dwelling or other residence in any adjacent street or right-of-way, adjacent place of public accommodation, or adjacent dwelling or other residence. For the purpose of this section, plainly audible shall mean any sound that can be detected by a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities using his or her unaided hearing faculties, including the understanding of spoken speech, comprehension of whether a voice is raised or normal, or comprehension of musical rhythms.

- c. *Amplified Music—Daytime sound Play.* It shall be unlawful for any person, entity or establishment to play, operate or cause ~~to be played or operated, any radio, amplified musical instrument (including but not limited to brass or drum instruments), or other amplification device or apparatus making or reproducing musical or other sounds~~ between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, or between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, in such a manner or with such unreasonably loud volume in the circumstances as to disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities in any dwelling or other residence.
- d. *Piledrivers and other apparatus, tools or equipment.* It shall be unlawful for any contractor, subcontractor, landscaper, supplier or vendor to operate or use any piledrivers, steam shovels, pneumatic hammers, derricks, steam or electric hoists, or other apparatus, tools or equipment, the use of which is attended with loud or disturbing noises, at any time other than between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. No such use shall be permitted on Sundays or on the following legal holidays: New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Fourth of July; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day. Approval for such use may be granted by the City for performing emergency repairs outside of the hours specified. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit an owner or member of an owner's immediate family from performing maintenance, repairs, or other work on their own property at any time, provided that such work is otherwise in compliance with City ordinances.
- e. *Public interest events.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, on application to, and approval by, the Chief of Police, written permits may be granted to broadcast programs of music, speeches, general entertainment, or announcements as a part of and incident to community celebrations of national, State, or City occasions, public festivals, or other public interest events, provided that traffic on the streets is controlled. In determining whether or not to issue such a permit, the Chief of Police shall weigh the public interests in the event against the noise and disturbance anticipated to be created by the event and must consider the intensity and duration of the noise and the area that will likely be affected. The language or content emanating from the event shall not be considered.
- f. *Exceptions.* None of the foregoing prohibitions shall apply to or be enforced against:
 - (1) Any City vehicle engaged in City business;
 - (2) Any City-hosted, City-sponsored or City-sanctioned special events;
 - (3) Excavations or repairs of bridges, streets or highways, by or on behalf of the City, county or state during the night, when the public welfare and convenience renders it impossible to perform the work during the day; nor shall the same apply to work performed by public utility companies under like conditions and circumstances, or when there is urgent necessity therefor;