



**Beach Preservation Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 9:00am
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC and
broadcasted live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>**

MINUTES

Present: Dan Slotchiver, Cindi Solomon, Andrew Vega, Tim Ahmuty, Council members Miars and Pierce, Stephen Traynum, Mayor Pounds, Administrator Fragoso, Director Kerr

1. Call to order

2. Discussion of proposed recommendations regarding beach preservation policies

The Committee continued their discussion assessing the level of consensus around their recommendations to City Council.

Administrator Fragoso shared data about the financial contributions made by Wild Dunes to the Beach Preservation Fund via Accommodations taxes and property taxes. She said this is information that could be used to discuss Wild Dunes' contributions to future beach renourishment projects on the north end of the island. These conversations with Wild Dunes will continue at the staff level.

She then reviewed the financial planning model, the financial assumptions and cash needs as previously discussed by the Committee, and the projected outlook of fund balances over the next 30 years if the City were to follow the project timing and frequency suggested by the Committee. Mayor Pounds reminded the Committee that the projections are based on the "worse-case scenario."

3. Next Steps

The Committee discussed when and how their recommendations should be presented to City Council. Ms. Solomon will share the background of the Committee's work and briefly review the grid of recommendations at the January Council workshop.

Mr. Traynum updated the Committee on the work of the USACE. He said they anticipate finishing their work on Sullivan's Island by the end of the year. It will take two weeks to move the pipe, and they should begin pumping sand onto the Isle of Palms in mid-January. There will be a meeting with the contractor who will move sand into the dunes next week.

He said the USACE anticipates dredging some of the waterway in the next year or two and will pump some sand onto the beach near Breach Inlet. He is unsure of how much sand will be placed during that project.

4. **Adjournment**

Mayor Pounds thanked the Committee for their time and dedication to this effort.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk