



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
5:00pm, Wednesday, November 12, 2025
City Hall Council Chambers
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Present: Council members Hahn, Miars, Streetman, Anderson, Bogosian, Ward, Carroll, Pierce, and Mayor Pounds

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, various department heads

2. Citizens' Comments

Mr. Glenn Davidson, a Goat Island resident, spoke with concern about the work being done behind his house. He said it is negatively affecting his quality of life and is worried it will affect others. He believes there could be a better spot for the dump site.

Mr. Adam Bernholz, a Goat Island resident, also spoke with concern about the dump site. He said, "We don't want your toxic sludge." He believes the Isle of Palms could face liability with regards to the dumping.

3. Special Presentations

A. Presentation of the FY25 Audit – Russell Deal, Veris

Mr. Russell Deal of Veris said there were no difficulties with the audit and no material journal entries were necessary. The City received a clean/unmodified opinion. He reviewed some of the data from the audit. His presentation is attached to these minutes.

B. After action review of 2025 beach parking season with PCI and consideration of recommendations or next season – Kwento Ikwuezunma, PCI

Mr. Kwento Ikwuezunma of PCI presented City Council with parking-related data for 2025. That presentation is attached to these minutes. Revenue showed a slight increase over last year (\$1.5m vs. \$1.3m). Payment compliance increased 7% over last year.

Increased signage helped reduce the amount of residential permit tickets issued.

He noted that less than 10 seasonal permits were sold to non-residents. PCI will endeavor to market the pass better next year.

Mr. Ikwuezunma recommends “going from an annual resident permit renewal to a two-year resident permit renewal. Part of the thought process with that is right now the hurricane reentry sticker is every two years, so kind of aligning it with that as well as reducing some of the burden on the residents.”

He would also like to implement the use of PATH – an app currently in use on Folly Beach that will alert drivers to parking availability around the island. Mr. Nate Garrison was introduced as the new PCI parking manager for the Isle of Palms.

4. **Approval of previous meeting’s minutes**

MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2025 meeting. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to suspend the rules of order and re-order the agenda to allow for discussion about the marina dredging operation. Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Capital Projects Review**

B. ii. **Marina Dredging**

Administrator Kerr said the primary spoil site on Goat Island requires significant repairs to a breached embankment before it can be used. The Canal Association must agree to fund these repairs, which then need USACE approval. A decision is expected within 30 days. Alternative disposal sites are included in the permit but would be more costly due to distance. The cost difference is currently unknown.

Toxicity testing was completed by ATM as required by the environmental agencies, and the agencies were satisfied with the results.

The project is budgeted for this winter and has a \$1 million State allocation, which is believed to have no spending deadline, and Administrator Kerr will verify. A decision is needed on whether to proceed alone or wait for adjacent property owners whose permits are lagging.

5. **Dashboard of City Operations and Short-Term Rental Report**

Administrator Kerr reported on the vacancies in Public Safety: 2 Firefighters, 3 Paramedics, and 2 Police Officers.

To date, 1,700 short-term rental licenses have been issued. STR license revenue is down by \$75,000 due to the hotel now being counted as one unit. New data from the County has been received and will be incorporated into next month’s data.

6. **Departmental Reports**

7. Financial Review

Financial Statements and project worksheets

Director Hamilton said as of October, revenue is up 22% year-over-year, and the city's cash position is \$8.6 million better. The city earned \$191,000 in interest from LGIP investments in October. State Accommodations Tax revenue is up 4%, while Hospitality Tax is lagging by 1%. The County pass-through has not been received yet. LOST is up 7% over last year.

Referencing the Future Cash Needs sheet, Director Hamilton said, the “Beach Preservation Fund, that negative \$6 million is just there to show if that project does take place, then that's where the Beach Preservation Fund will land. However, we know that we can't have negative fund balance, so as the budget shows in 2027, funds from other areas will be allocated to the Beach Preservation Fund so that fund will not be negative.”

Council Member Anderson asked what percentage of revenues came from grants in the last year. Director Hamilton will report back on that number.

8. Procurement

9. Capital Projects Update

Administrator Kerr reported Phase 1 of the Waterway Boulevard project is complete, and Phase 1A is complete except for some landscaping. Phase 2 is in permitting, and he hopes it will be well underway by February. Phase 3 of the project will happen next year.

The Phase 4 drainage project is anticipated for the winter of 2026.

Public Services & Facilities is continuing to work on the greenspace and changes to the marina parking lot. City Council will need to decide in the future how much it wants to allocate towards parking lot improvements at the marina.

All emergency beach preservation work previously approved by City Council was completed ahead of the king tides, which caused only minimal damage.

No further progress has been made on undergrounding power lines. BCDCOG continues to work on the mobility/walkability study. Council Member Streetman noted there has been no follow up on the undergrounding master plan discussed with Dominion Energy earlier in the year. He would like this item removed from the Capital Projects update until Dominion Energy has delivered the master plan. Administrator Kerr said a formal request needs to be made to spend some of the City’s non-standard service funds on such a plan. Council Member Miars said it did not feel like a pertinent issue at the time.

The project at 21st Avenue is now complete.

10. Old Business – none

11. **New Business**

A. **Discussion and consideration of 2026 beach season parking recommendations**

MOTION: Council Member Bogosian made a motion to approve all recommendations offered by PCI. Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. **Discussion of next steps for beach management and preservation**

Administrator Kerr said the goal is to make beach nourishment projects more durable, as sand is disappearing faster. Council agreed to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a coastal engineering firm to conduct an "alternatives analysis" on options like groins, breakwaters, and geotubes. Breach Inlet was added to the scope of the analysis.

Administrator Kerr said both CS&E and Foth/Olsen can meet the short turnaround time that will allow City Council to discuss this at there December 9 meeting.

C. **Discussion and consideration of lobbyist directive for 2026**

MOTION: Council Member Bogosian made a motion to approve the lobbyist directives with the inclusion of “home rule” related to short-term rentals. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **Boards and Commissions Report**

- A. Board of Zoning Appeals – minutes attached
- B. Planning Commission – no meeting in November
- C. Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee – met 11/12
- D. Environmental Advisory Committee – no meeting in November

12. **Ordinances, Resolutions, and Petitions**

- A. **Second Reading** – none
- B. **First Reading**

Ordinance 2025-12 – to update the class schedule for Business Licenses as required by Act 176 of 2020

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to approve by title only, and Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. **Resolutions and Proclamations**

Resolution 2025-12 – Holiday Street Fest

MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to approve and waive the reading. Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13. **Miscellaneous**

14. **Executive Session** – none needed

15. **Adjournment**

Council Member Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk



City Council Presentation of June 30, 2025 Audit

**Presented by:
Russell Deal, CPA | Partner**

Audit Summary

- No difficulties encountered during the audit. Information was provided timely by IOP staff.
- Excellent communication and organization from Debra and team!
- No material journal entries necessary.
- No internal control findings.
- No compliance findings.

Auditor's Report

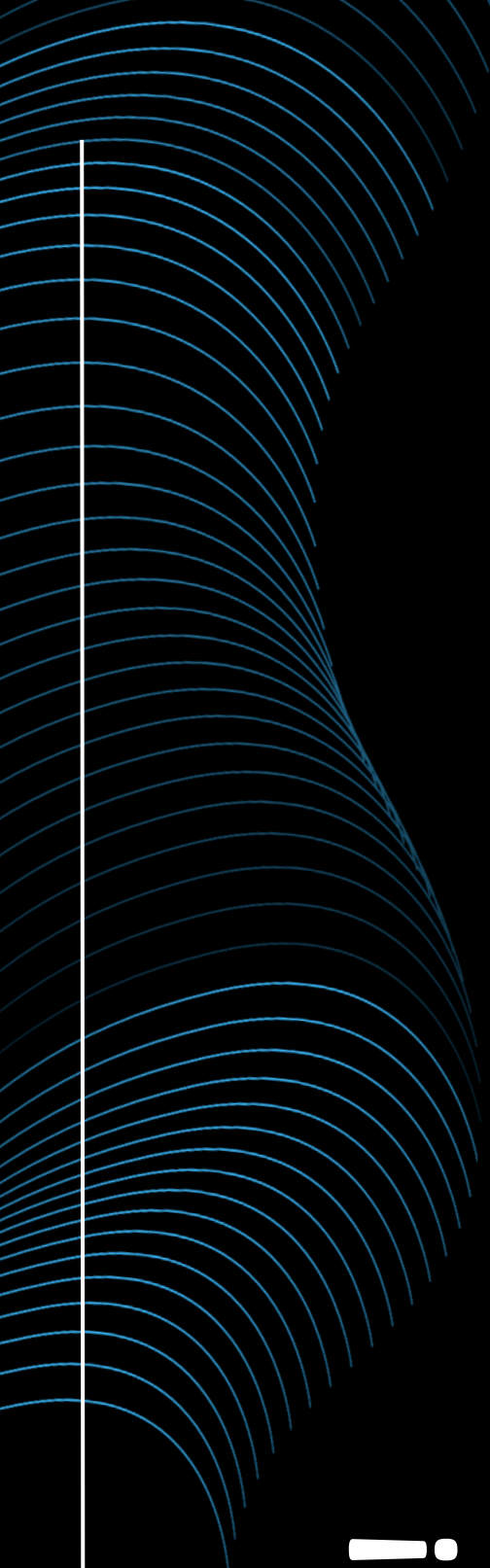
- Pages 1 – 3 of the financial statements
- Year of audit coverage: Year ended June 30, 2025
- In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present, fairly in all material respects.
- Unmodified opinion is also referred to as a “clean” opinion.
- Presenting “Draft” FS – only item needed is City Council approval.
- Single Audit related to Federal Funds – no findings.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

- Summarizes City's performance for fiscal years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024
- Highlights:
 - Assets exceeded liabilities by \$71.4M (net position), of which, \$63.1M and \$8.3M were related to the City's governmental and business-type activities (Marina), respectively.
 - Revenues exceeded expenses by approximately 11.0M
 - Ending governmental funds balances were \$48.6M, an increase of \$5.7M over prior year.
 - \$4.0M of the total fund balance is available for spending at the City's discretion.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

- Capital asset additions during the year were \$4.4M and \$881,000 (governmental and business-type, respectively) including:
 - Storm water and tidal drainage projects
 - Vehicles and equipment
 - Dog park and various other projects
- Total debt decreased by approximately \$1.3M
- City's bond rating:
 - Moody's = Aa1 (high quality and are subject to low credit risk)



Thank you!

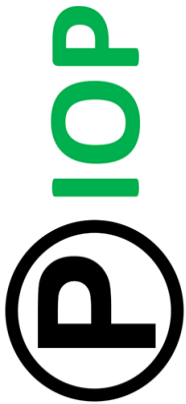


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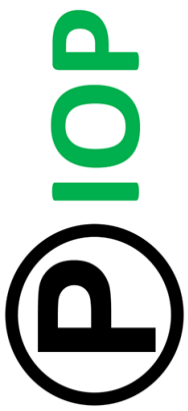
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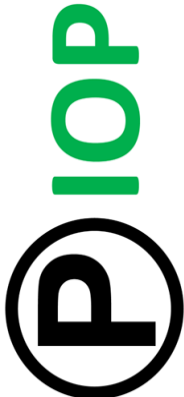
2025 PARK IOP Review



Payment Preference

- Mobile Pay vs Kiosk Payments
 - 2025 - 90% Mobile Payment
 - 2024 - 85% Mobile Payment
 - 2023 - 54% Mobile Payment
- Phasing Out of Kiosks (cash)
 - 5 Machines / 4 Cash Acceptance
 - 1 Machine non-operable
 - >3% Cash Payments



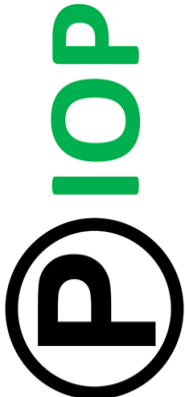


Parking Payment Revenue Comparison

Month	Total Transactions 2025	2025 Revenue	Total Transactions 2024	2024 Revenue
March	17,819	\$ 91,034.58	18,184	\$ 98,137.00
April	24,320	\$ 149,194.00	22,846	\$ 162,196.00
May	24,665	\$ 222,347.00	27,114	\$ 217,340.00
June	31,351	\$ 299,001.00	33,159	\$ 262,784.00
July	31,132	\$ 284,444.45	30,727	\$ 242,945.00
August	21,293	\$ 187,715.00	21,723	\$ 176,317.00
September	17,253	\$ 129,564.16	16,432	\$ 96,693.00
October	11,767	*\$ 150,000.00	14,674	\$ 81,464.00
Season Total	179,600	\$ 1,513,300.19	184,859	\$ 1,337,876

Revenue Overview

- Parking Rate Adjustments
 - March- rates remained same as 2024
 - April- Council approved IOP rate implemented
 - June- Council approved after 4pm rate adjustment to \$3/hr
- Transactions down 3%, Revenue up 13%
- Marina Parking Lot performance



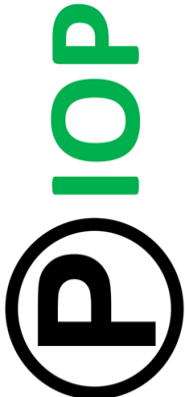
Marina Parking Lot

➤ (40) Paid Spaces

➤ \$10 Daily Rate



Month	2025 Revenue	2024 Revenue	% Change
March	\$90	-	-
April	\$290	-	-
May	\$3,145	-	-
June	\$5,030	-	-
July	\$5,600	\$2,870	95%
August	\$1,810	\$1,570	15%
September	\$1,920	\$1,400	37%
October	\$1,240	\$1,510	-18%
Season Total	\$19,125	\$7,350	160%



2025 Payment Compliance

Month	Mobile Payments	Kiosk Payments	Non-Payment Citations	2025 Compliance %	2024 Compliance %
March	15,555	2,264	411	98%	92%
April	21,335	2,985	872	96%	96%
May	22,402	2,263	619	97%	98%
June	28,736	2,615	541	98%	98%
July	28,850	2,282	427	99%	98%
August	18,848	2,445	548	97%	98%
September	15,378	1,875	514	97%	97%
October	10,373	1,394	780	94%	96%
Season Total	161,477	18,123	4,712	97%	97%

Non-Payment Citation Comparison

Month	Non-Payment Citations '25	Non-Payment Citations '24	% Change
March	411	1484*	-72%
April	872	889	-2%
May	619	630	-2%
June	541	561	-4%
July	427	484	-12%
August	548	345	59%
September	514	496	4%
October	780	572	36%
Season Total	4,712	5,461	-14%



Citations Issued by Type



Vio Description		2025 Warning Count	2025 Valid Citations	Total Valid
NON-PAYMENT		297	4240	4537
RESIDENTIAL PERMIT REQUIRED		125	575	700
PARKED WITHIN 4FT OF PAVEMENT		99	528	627
PARKED AGAINST THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC		151	660	811
NO PARKING ZONE		25	274	299
PARKED ON PAVEMENT		89	242	331
IMPROPER PARKING		10	80	90
PARKED IN A LOADING ZONE		6	37	43
BLOCKING/ OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC		4	17	21
HANDICAPPED/ NON-VISABLE PLACARD		1	9	10
GOLF CART PARKING ONLY		5	22	27
PARALLEL PARKING ONLY		17	29	46
PARKED WITHIN 30FT OF STOP SIGN		2	8	10
PARKED WITHIN 15FT OF FIRE HYDRANT		1	16	17
PARKED IN OR WITHIN 20FT OF A CROSSWALK		6	10	16
BLOCKING VEHICLE ACCESS		0	4	4
BLOCKING DRIVEWAY		2	5	7
PARKED WITHIN 25FT OF INTERSECTION		3	18	21
PARKED MORE THAN 18" FROM A STREET CURB		1	1	2
BLOCKING BEACH ACCESS		6	15	21
VEHICLE OVER 20FT IN ROW OVER 1 HOUR		0	1	1
PARKED ON SIDEWALK		1	3	4
PARKED IN A YELLOW ZONE		0	1	1
DOUBLE PARKING PROHIBITED		4	8	12
MUST PARK ANGLED		1	2	3
PARKED ALONGSIDE OR OPPOSITE ANY STREET EXCAVATION		0	1	1
PARKED WITHIN 20FT OF FIRE STATION DRIVEWAY		0	1	1

2025 Total – 7,663

Non-Payment 59%

Against the Flow 11%

Residential Permit 9%

4ft of Pavement 8%

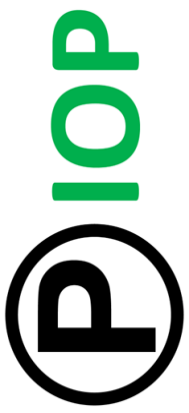
2024 Total – 9,704

Non-Payment 54%

4ft of Pavement 13%

Residential Permit 11%

Against the Flow 9%

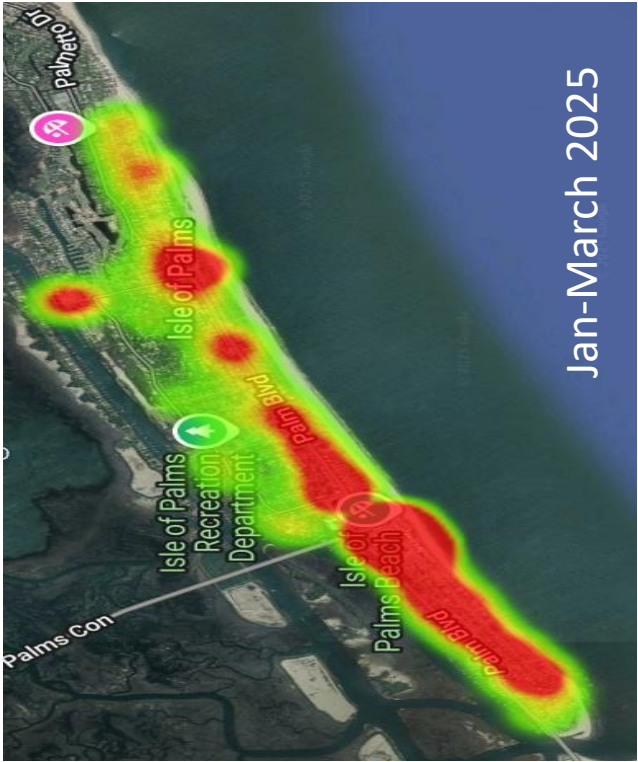


Enforcement Review

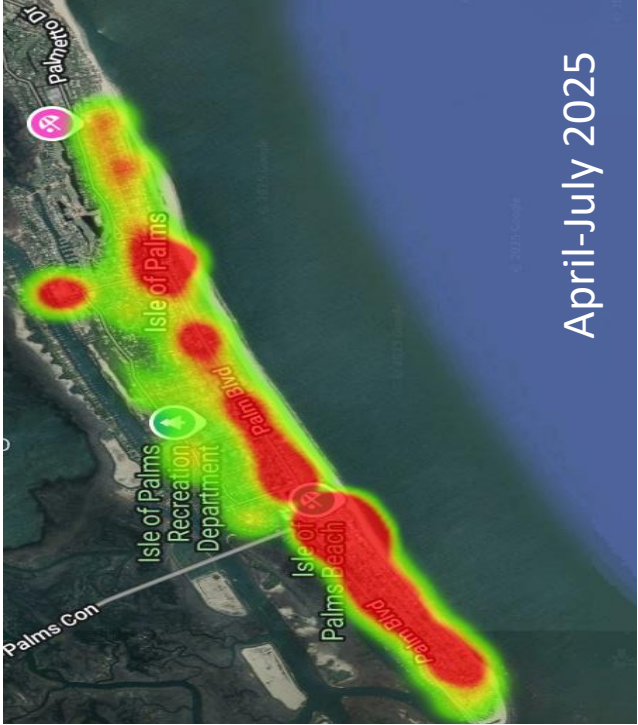
- **Swearing-In Process:** led to temporary delays
- **Strategic Enforcement Approach:** efforts made to maintain a balanced enforcement strategy across the entire right-of-way (ROW)



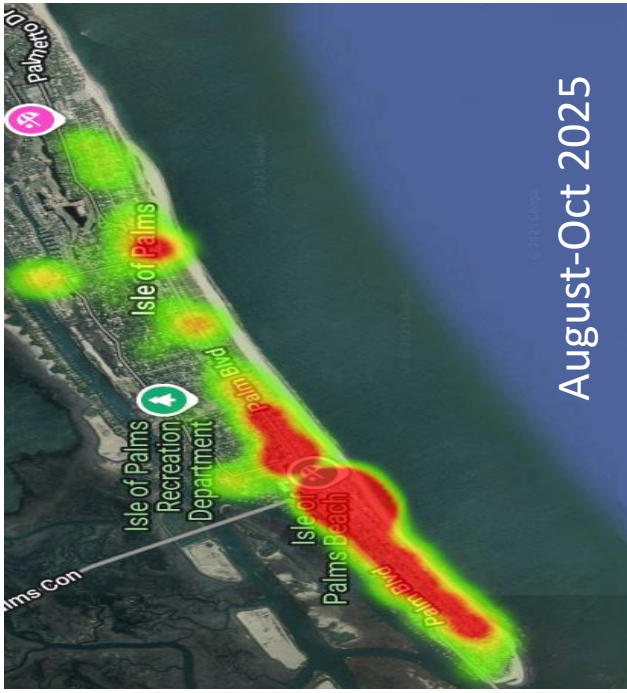
Enforcement Coverage



Jan-March 2025



April-July 2025

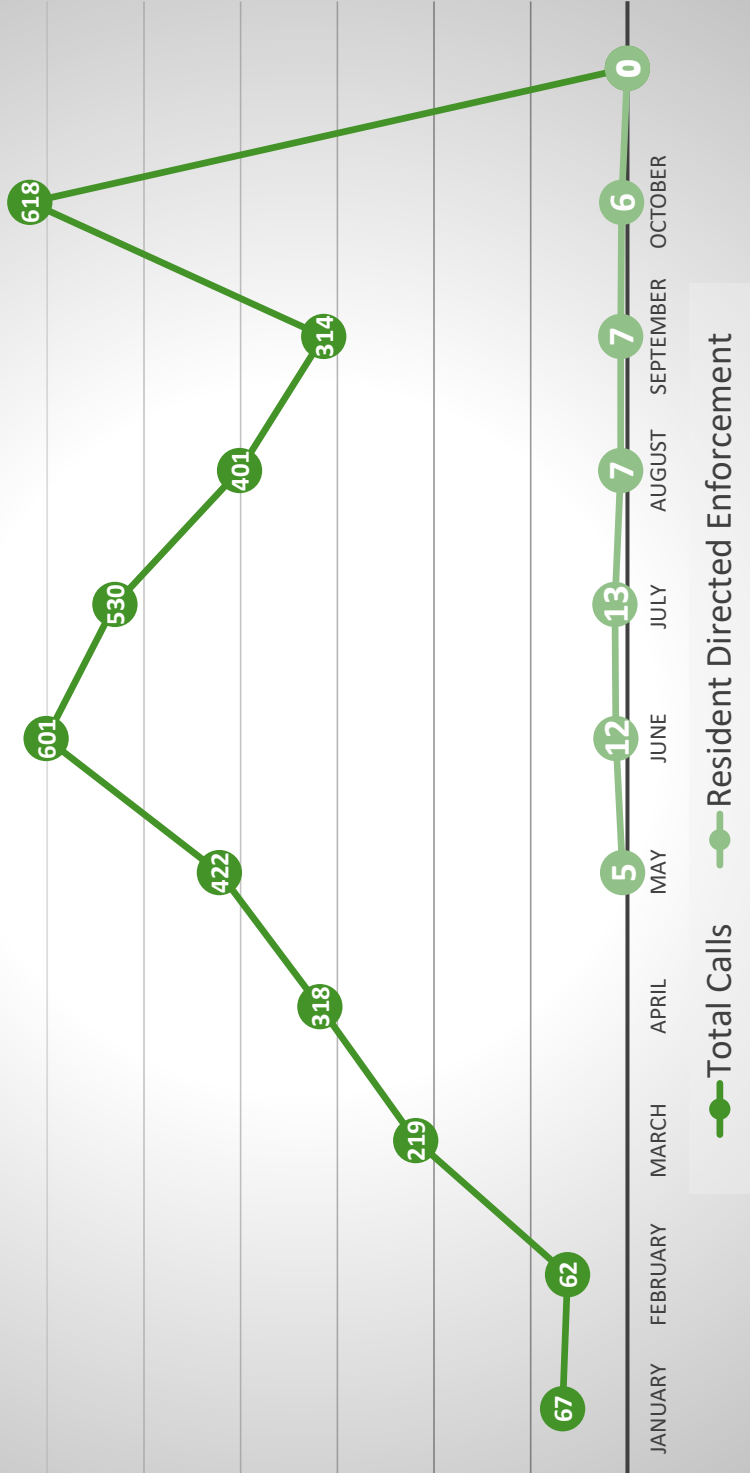


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Call Center Review

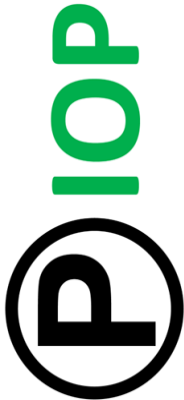
- 24/7 Call Center
 - Customer Support
 - Level 1 Info
- Top Reasons for Call
 - Citation Questions
 - General Parking informat

2025 IOP Call Center Volume



Beach Parking Improvements

- Weekly and Seasonal permit; increase marketing strategy
- Reduce total kiosks from six to five
- Recommend 2-year Resident permit renewal (effective January 2026 with renewal in January 2028)
- PATH app: wayfinding, payment and customer info



PATH app



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Support

Traffic Alerts

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Available Parking as of 1:20 PM

601 West Ashley

Spaces Taken: 0

Lot Capacity: 16

Percent Taken: 0%

701 West Ashley

Spaces Taken: 0

Lot Capacity: 13

Percent Taken: 0%

801 West Ashley

Spaces Taken: 1

Lot Capacity: 9

Percent Taken: 11%

901 East Arctic

Spaces Taken: 0

Lot Capacity: 10

Percent Taken: 0%

1001 West Ashley

Spaces Taken: 0

Lot Capacity: 12

Percent Taken: 0%

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FEATURING CLASSIC & SPECIALTY SANDWICHES, PLUS LOCAL CRAFT BEER ON TAP.

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