



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
5:00pm, Tuesday, December 9, 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 Bogosian, Anderson, Ward, Hahn, Miars, Pierce, Streetman, and Carroll, Mayor Pounds

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, Deputy Administrator Kuester, various department heads

2. Special Presentations

A. FY25 Audit Presentation

Mr. Chris Kerr of Veritas shared the final FY25 audit, noting no changes had been made since the November Council meeting. He acknowledged strong organization and communications of the IOP staff. No adjustments are needed. There were no findings or compliance issues, and the City has good internal controls.

He also explained a new accounting standard regarding compensated absences as well as the capital additions including stormwater and drainage projects, some beach access paths and footbridges, and several pieces of equipment.

B. Recognition of Outgoing Council Members – Jan Anderson and Blair Hahn

Mayor Pounds thanked Council members Anderson and Hahn for their service to the City and presented them with gifts in acknowledgement of their service.

3. Consideration of nominations and appointments to standing committees for 2026:

Mayor Pounds nominated Council Member-elect Miller, Council Member Pierce, and Council Member Ward to the Administration Committee.

Mayor Pounds nominated Council Member Bogosian, Council Member Carroll, and Council Member-elect Cohen to the Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Pounds nominated Council Member Miars, Council Member Pierce, and Council Member Streetman to the Public Services & Facilities Committee.

4. Consideration of appointments to Boards and Commissions

Mayor Pounds made the following appointments to the City's Boards and Commissions:

Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee – reappoint Margaret Miller, Barb Bergwerf, Mike Boykin, and Chrissy Lorenz

Environmental Advisory Committee – reappoint Laura Lovins and Todd Murphy, appoint Britton Foy and Susan Smith, appoint Charlotte Webster to the student position

Planning Commission – reappoint Ron Denton, Suzanne Nagelski, Jeffrey Rubin, and Rich Steinert, appoint Bill Laughlin

Beach Preservation Committee – appoint Alice Bova, Dieter Ostermann, Wendi Pasternik, John Shilling, and Dan Slotchiver

5. Consideration of nominations for City Judges, City Attorney, and City Prosecutor:

Mayor Pounds made the following nominations:

Michael Molony for City Judge, Christopher Skipper for Associate Judge, Mac McQuillin of Haynsworth, Sinkler, Boyd, PA for City Attorney, and Culver Kidd for City Prosecutor.

6.. Consideration of nominations and appointment to CARTA Board of Directors – Jimmy Ward

Mayor Pounds nominated Council Member Ward to the CARTA Board of Directors.

7. Consideration of nominations and appointment to Charleston Visitors Bureau Board of Directors – Rusty Streetman

Mayor Pounds nominated Council Member Streetman to the Charleston Visitors Bureau Board of Directors.

Council Member Miars nominated John Bogosian to the Charleston Visitors Bureau Board of Directors.

8. Consideration of nominations and appointment to the Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester Council of Governments – Bev Miller

Mayor Pounds nominated Council Member-elect Miller to the Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester Council of Governments.

9. Consideration of nominations for liaison to the Environmental Advisory Committee – Katie Miars

Mayor Pounds nominated Council Member Miars to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

10. Consideration of nominations for liaison for the Beach Preservation Committee – David Cohen

Mayor Pounds nominated Council Member-elect Cohen for liaison to the Beach Preservation Committee

11. Consideration of proposal from Thomas & Hutton to provide bidding and construction administration services for Phase 2 of the Waterway Boulevard flood barrier project for \$75,000 (FY26 Capital Projects Fund)

Mayor Pounds noted that this expense has always been in the budget, and this motion is to approve their construction bidding and oversight for the next phase of the project.

Administrator Kerr added, “This is that part of the work that we have kind of a critical deadline that we are working towards with the FEMA grant. We are still working under the assumption that we are not going to be successful in getting that grant extension, but it has been reiterated to us from the construction community and our engineers that it will be very challenging to have a million dollars of work actually in place by February. So we are trying to get that done. But at the same time, we are also working with our federal lobbyists to try to get that extension granted from FEMA. We are just not hearing anything back through the State and or the FEMA offices on the extension.”

The deadline for bids is December 31. Staff anticipates having the bid recommendation for Council to vote on in early January.

Council Member Pierce asked where the money will come from if the grant extension is not approved. Administrator Kerr responded, “We have a drainage savings accounts that is held with Charleston County as part of the City’s NPDES fund. The balance of that account is about \$1.8 million at this point. That would certainly be money that would be available. We also have, and not to get too far afield, but we also have in this year’s budget work on Palm between 38th and 41st that we are hearing is not going to be practical to get completed in the off season. So we are faced with a choice of either that going into the busy season or delaying that until the fall. So that is money that is in our budget. There’s also, I think it’s about \$2.2 million that was dedicated to that project in the prior State budget. So we are going to reach out to the State Budget Office about that potentially because we’re going to have the issue of not only the million, but we do think that the contract for this project is going to be beyond what we budgeted for the project. So we think we’re going to be over budget even without the FEMA grant issue.”

The City budgeted \$2 million for the project in FY26, but Administrator Kerr believes “it’s going to be in the magnitude of \$4.5 million spent this year if we’re able to do this next section of work. So the total this year will be \$4.5 million. We only budgeted \$4 million. A million of that comes back, but we are still going to be over budget about a million and half.”

Council Member Pierce requested a summary update to the next meeting including all phases of the project.

VOTE: A vote was taken with all in favor.

12. Consideration of responses to RFQ 2025-02 to provide beach management alternatives analysis services

Administrator Kerr said four bids were received. Council needs to decide from which companies they would like to receive bids.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce made a motion to request further information from Coastal Science and Engineering and Foth/Olsen. Mayor Pounds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The matter will be further discussed at the January Council meeting.

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

MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve, and Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Adjournment

Council Member Hahn made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk