



**Public Services & Facilities Committee Meeting
9:00am, Tuesday, March 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 Miars, Pierce, and Streetman

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, Deputy Administrator Kuester, Director Pitts, Asst. Director Asero, Director Ferrell, Director Hamilton

2. Citizen's Comments – none

3. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes – February 9, 2026

MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Miars seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Miars made a motion to reorder the agenda to allow for the discussion with about the marina parking lot to be first on the agenda. Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Marina Tenant's Comments – none

5. Presentations – none

6. Old Business

A. Update and discussion of marina parking lot lease amendments

Mr. Dave Lorenz with Islander 71 was present for this discussion. Committee members and Mr. Lorenz discussed the City relieving the restaurant of paying their rent overages in 2026 and 2027 in exchange for them paying for the marina parking lot improvements and managing the project. Islander 71 would then be responsible for the parking lot maintenance for the remainder of the lease. Some light landscaping would be expected in the City's greenspace area.

Administrator Kerr said those rent overages are included as revenues in the budget.

Mr. Lorenz also asked if the lease amendments could change the payment of the overage to March 2 instead of January 2 to give them time to verify their accounting. The lease amendments will be discussed at the April meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Miars made a motion to recommend to City Council that rent overages from Islander 71 for the upcoming two calendar years be removed and the \$500,000 budget line item for the parking lot improvements be removed from the budget. Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Update and discussion of Waterway Boulevard project

Administrator Kerr said they have received a work schedule from the Bastion Group who is currently locating utilities and will begin removing silt fencing soon. The project is expected to be completed at the beginning of July. They have been asked to work on the most traffic-disruptive pieces of the project early in their work schedule.

Easement acquisition for Phase 3 of the project continues. Administrator Kerr said that phase of work involves the backyards of 5-6 homeowners and will not be in the multi-use path.

C. Update and discussion of beach projects

Administrator Kerr reported that five contractors attended the pre-bid meeting for the renourishment project. He said there was a good indication of favorable pricing due to openings in contractor work schedules. Permits have not been received yet. Bids are due on March 18, with hopes to have everything aligned for City Council to award a contract at their April meeting.

Council Member Pierce asked what work will be done to clean up the areas of beach littered with clay balls. He would like to have an independent group assess the damage. Administrator Kerr said someone would need to engage to do that work if it is the will of City Council.

Administrator Kerr said he is waiting on a cleanup plan from USACE. Both Ahtna and Cottrell are stopping operations and leaving the island. More information will be available at next week's Council meeting.

D. Update and discussion of escrow agreement with Wild Dunes Community Association

Mr. David Swanson with Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd joined the meeting via Zoom to discuss the changes to the agreement submitted by Council Member Pierce.

E. Update and discussion of beach renourishment easements

Administrator Kerr shared a timeline of events prior to City Council's consideration of awarding a contract for the beach renourishment project at their April 28 meeting. Addresses for property owners from which easements are needed will be mailed information on March 16. There will be a meeting to discuss the easements on April 2 at the Recreation Center. The deadline to return easements will be April 22. He has received one firm "no" to the easement request so far.

F. Update and discussion of marina dredging

Administrator Kerr reviewed the costs of the marina dredging project with the Committee. If the City does their portion of the project on their own, the project will cost the City \$535,000.

Waiting until the marina residents are ready will cost a total of \$2 million. The City has a \$1.5 million grant from the State to complete the project. Administrator Kerr said that the marina residents' portion of the project has its own hurdles, and the City will not be creating complications for them should they opt to complete their portion of the project now.

The City has permits in hand and only needs USACE approval to use their spoil site. Administrator Kerr will ask ATM if more material could be dredged using the leftover money from the grant. He will also ask Director Hamilton to research if the City can use the leftover grant money for another project.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce made a motion to recommend to City Council that the City move forward with their portion of the dredging project. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. New Business

A. Review and consideration of surfing lesson applications and locations

Administrator Kerr shared the requested locations for each of the applicants: IOP Surf Lessons (26th Avenue), Salt Marsh Surf (21st Avenue), Share the Stoke (34A beach access), and Sol Surfers Surf Camp (27th Avenue).

MOTION: Council Member Miars made a motion to recommend to City Council the approval of all four applications for surfing lessons. Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Discuss IT services and providers

Council Member Pierce would like a schedule of telecom and internet expenses for the April meeting. He said these services should be going out for bid regularly.

Administrator Kerr said that VC3's contract is up at the end of 2026. They have begun reaching out to other local municipalities for recommendations.

C. Review and consider FY27 Operational Budgets for Public Works Department, Recreation Department, Drainage, Front Beach, Beach and Marina

Director Hamilton said she has included Evergreen's wage increases in the proposed budget as well as the COLA and merit increases due on 1/1/2027.

Council Member Pierce would like to see last year's 2027 projections compared to what is on the information provided. He believes them to be drastically different. He expressed concern about not having a plan to cover increased costs.

Administrator Kerr said staff will present a list of proposed cost cuts and revenue generators at the budget workshop.

Director Hamilton reviewed notable increases and decreases in the FY27 budget including a 13% price increase expected from Dominion Energy. The overall forecast for the Public Works

budget shows an increase of \$200,000. The Recreation Department budget notes payroll and electricity increases as well as other minimal increases.

Director Hamilton also pointed out the increased amount to building maintenance fund for the Recreation Department since it is a 20 year-old building.

Director Ferrell took out the roof repair request from the capital budget requests. She found someone to make repairs for \$9,000 that will give 3-5 years more life to the current roof.

Director Hamilton said she will add the marina dredging project back into the budget and ask about additional uses for the grant.

9. Miscellaneous Business

The next regular meeting of the Public Services & Facilities Committee will be Monday, April 6, 2026 at 9am.

10. Adjournment

Council Member Streetman made a motion to adjourn and Council Member Miars seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane

City Clerk