



**Public Safety Committee Meeting
11:15am, Monday, April 6, 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 Bogosian and Cohen

Absent: Council Member Carroll

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, Deputy Administrator Kuester, Chief Oliverius, Chief Cornett

2. Citizen's Comments -- none

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2026

MOTION: Council Member Bogosian made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2026 meeting. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Old Business

A. Discussion and consideration of AI Traffic Signal Software, RFP 2026.03

Representatives from each vendor who bid on the project will be present at the May meeting to answer questions from the Committee. Administrator Kerr stated that the meeting will not be livestreamed until after the interviews with each company are completed.

B. Discussion of Mt. Pleasant's concerns with connector redesign

Council Member Bogosian said he will be setting up meetings with the Mayor of Mt. Pleasant and Council members to discuss their concerns.

C. Consideration of stamped asphalt crosswalk installations for Palm Boulevard at 43rd and 46th avenues – Asphalt Concepts, \$17,820 (unbudgeted)

Administrator Kerr said the reason this project has been stalled is because Public Works ran out of budgeted funds to complete the project. He said the work could be completed within 30 days of approving the unbudgeted expense.

Everyone agreed the project could wait until the fall if City Council decided to budget for it in the FY27 budget. The matter will be discussed at the April 14 Ways & Means Committee meeting.

D. Discussion of Public Safety-related matrix recommendations

Chief Cornett and Chief Oliverius have updated the matrix to reflect recommendations that are in progress, completed, feasible, and not feasible. Chief Cornett noted that many of the recommendations are staff-level work.

Council Member Bogosian asked that Public Safety staff continue to work on those recommendations that they can work on and identify those recommendations needing Council input. A list of those recommendations will be compiled and shared with the Committee.

5. New Business

A. Discussion with Jennifer Bihl about Connector/Palm intersection

Committee members discussed with Jennifer Bihl possible ways to improve traffic flow at the intersection of Palm Boulevard and the IOP Connector. How AI traffic signal software could work and how IOP Police officers do work at the intersection were also discussed.

Ms. Bihl will prepare a proposal for the Ways & Means Committee to consider that would allow her to study the intersection and propose timing changes to the signal for the summer season. If approved, the AI traffic signal software would likely not be in place until the fall.

B. Discussion and consideration of entering into a mutual aid agreement with the College of Charleston Department of Public Safety

Chief Cornett said this is a standard mutual aid agreement.

MOTION: Council Member Bogosian made a motion to recommend to City Council the approval of a mutual aid agreement with the College of Charleston Department of Public Safety. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Discussion and consideration of partnering with Charleston County EMS to house an ambulance and staff at Fire Station 1

Chief Oliverius said that Charleston County is looking to expand its ambulance service, particularly east of the Cooper. They would like to expand their presence here on the island to 24/7/365 instead of just during the summer season. He said staff is looking at different configurations for sleeping arrangements to see if they can accommodate more people.

MOTION: Council Member Bogosian made a motion to recommend to City the approval of this expanded ambulance arrangement with Charleston County. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Discussion of e-bikes on Waterway Boulevard multi-use path

Chief Cornett said golf carts and LSVs will not be permitted on Waterway Boulevard unless City Council changes the ordinance. Similarly, e-bikes will be permitted on Waterway Boulevard unless City Council changes the ordinance and moves all the bikes to the roadway. He said staff can add signage about the golf carts and LSVs as soon as the path is complete.

Council members Bogosian and Cohen agreed that the issue is with irresponsible e-bike operators.

Chief Cornett will continue to research and work on the issue. It will remain on the agenda for further discussion.

6. Miscellaneous Business

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be on Monday, May 5, 2026 at 11am.

7. Adjournment

Council Member Bogosian made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk