PUBLIC HEARING
5:30pm, Wednesday, June 24, 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, Streetman, Carroll (via Zoom), Ward, Miller, Miars, Pierce, and Cohen, Mayor Pounds

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, Deputy Administrator Kuester, City Attorney McQuillin, various department heads

2. **Ordinance 2026 – 04** – An ordinance to raise revenue and adopt a budget for the City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027

Administrator Kerr reviewed the highlights of the proposed FY27 budget. His presentation is attached to these minutes. The major drivers of the increased budget can be attributed to the beach renourishment project and increased personnel costs.

3. **Adjournment**

Council Member Ward made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Bogosian seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

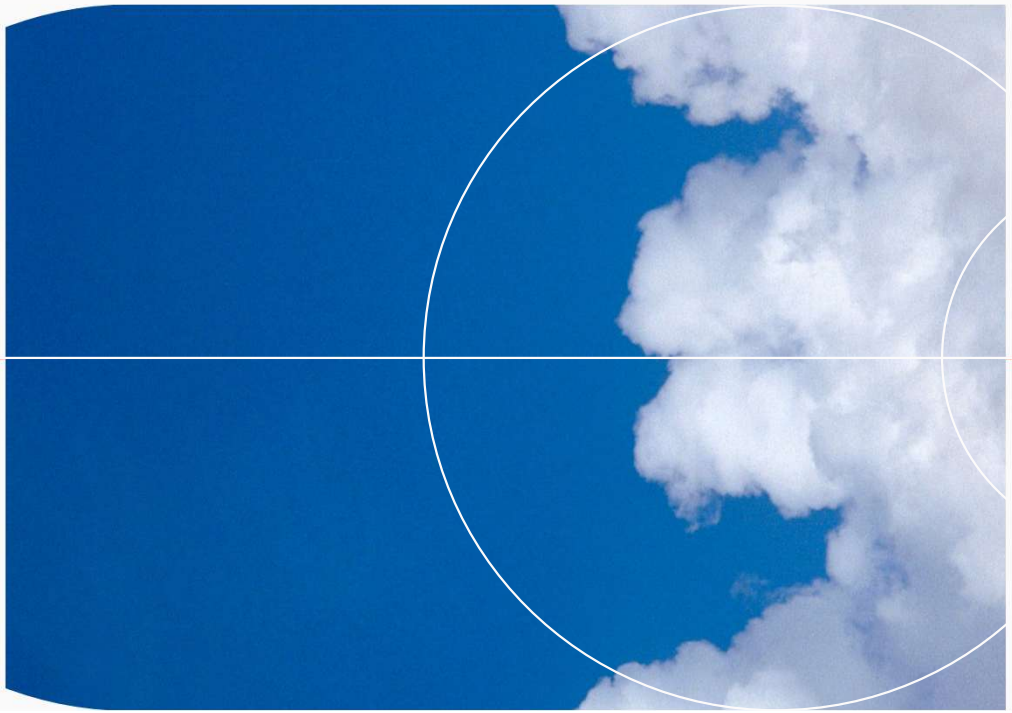
Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk

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Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

City of Isle of Palms

June 24, 2026 Public Hearing



Expenditure Highlights FY2027

*Total proposed expenditures for **FY2027** are $47,468,000, a 57% increase from the **FY2026 budget**. Major contributors to this increase include:*

- *$14,320,000 for City's share of large-scale beach renourishment project*

- *$1,468,000 in higher personnel costs*
  wage study adjustment
  incentive program
  three new positions
  5.8% COLA and merit increase

Revenue Highlights FY2027

Total projected revenues for FY2027 are $39,301,950, representing a 20.20% increase over the FY2026 budget. Key drivers of this increase include:

- *$514,000 increase in property tax revenue from a 1.80 millage increase*
- *$300,000 increase in debt service revenue from a 0.93 millage increase for ladder truck*
- *$333,000 increase in revenue by lowering Local Option Sales Tax passthrough from 100% to 71%*
- *$1,140,000 increase in tourism-related revenues, a 15% increase over the FY2026 budget*
- *$3,783,000 increase in Beach Preservation Fee Fund revenues from fees and grants over FY2026 budget*

General Government Highlights FY2027

- *$162,000 reinstate full time Director of Building, Planning and Zoning*
- *$110,000 for City Hall repairs including doors and elevator modernization*
- *$60,000 for AV upgrades to Council Chambers*
- *$45,000 for replacement truck for Building Inspector*

Police Department Highlights FY2027

- *$232,529 for two additional Police Officers*
- *$259,000 for four new Police vehicles*
- *$75,000 incentive pay for Police personnel*
- *$150,000 for AI traffic signal implementation*
- *$39,500 for radios and AI reporting software*
- *$73,500 for drone and cradle point software*
- *$70,000 for Civic RMS software*

Fire Department Highlights FY2027

- *$2,500,000 for ladder truck*
- *$150,000 for two replacement trucks*
- *$75,000 incentive pay for Fire personnel*
- *$30,000 for high water equipment*
- *$40,500 for drone technology*
- *$27,000 for ATV*
- *$25,000 for flat-bottom rescue boat*

Public Works Department Highlights FY2027

- *$4,075,000 for routine and major drainage projects on Waterway Blvd and Palm Blvd*
- *$435,000 for a new side loader*
- *$131,000 for underground utility line projects*
- *$100,000 for carts supporting side loader operations*

Recreation Department Highlights FY2027

- *$60,000 for IT upgrades*
- *$25,000 for exterior lighting improvements*
- *$20,000 for routine playground equipment*
- *$22,000 for basketball goals*
- *$125,000 to reconstruct two tennis courts*

Front Beach Highlights FY2027

- *$10,000 for public artwork*
- *$75,000 for infrastructure improvements*
- *$100,000 for Ocean Boulevard resurfacing*
- *$70,000 for sidewalk improvements*

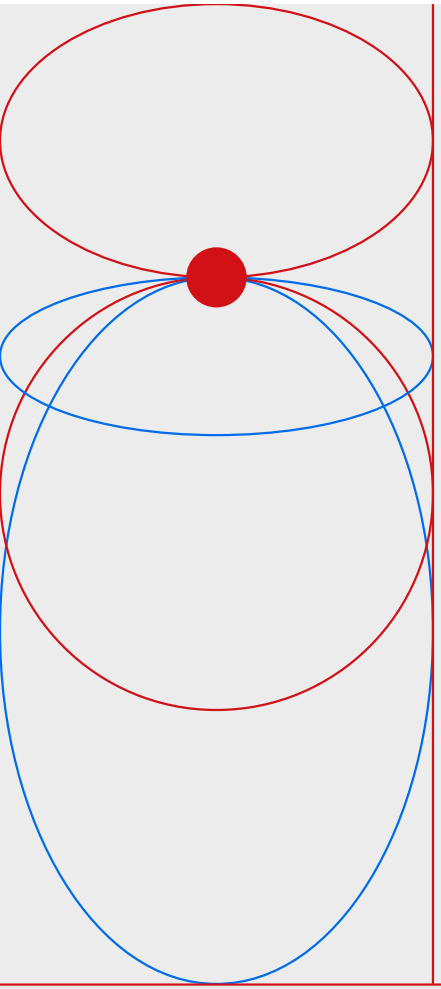
Marina Highlights FY2027

- *$450,000 Bulkhead improvements*
- *$700,000 Dredging projects*
- *$500,000 Public green space and parking improvements*

FY2027 Budget Summary

Fund	Revenues	Transfers In	Expenditures	Transfers Out	Fund Balance
General Fund	18,985,361	1,843,099	18,949,937	1,078,523	7,103,379
Capital Projects Fund	3,681,887	1,078,523	5,137,334	-	16,097,487
Municipal Accommodations Fee Fund	3,348,982	-	1,242,374	745,744	8,534,132
Hospitality Tax Fund	1,528,768	-	1,137,657	434,844	1,880,367
State Accommodations Tax Fund	3,863,963	-	2,392,490	1,464,584	5,779,883
Beach Preservation Fee Fund	5,751,517	802,073	15,777,434	-	2,112,592
Disaster Recovery Fund	130,280	-	13,506	-	4,466,202
Marina Enterprise Fund	1,627,400	-	2,445,578	-	3,534,700
All Other Funds	383,792	3,000	371,476	3,000	146,903
Total	39,301,950	3,726,695	47,467,784	3,726,695	49,655,644

*The Marina Fund's net position represents the overall financial health of the City of Isle of Palms' marina operations. Unlike other governmental funds that report a fund balance, the Marina Fund is an enterprise fund, which follows accrual accounting and reports a net position instead.



Thank you