



## **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**4:00pm, Thursday, May 9, 2024**

**1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC**

**and broadcasted live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>**

### **MINUTES**

**1. Call to order**

Present: Sandra Brotherton, Mary Pringle, Todd Murphy, Laura Lovins, Doug Hatler, Lucia Spiotta, Dane Buckout, Belvin Olasov

Staff Present: Director Kerr, Zoning Administrator Simms, Council Member Miars

**2. Citizen's Comments -- none**

**3. Approval of previous meeting's minutes**

**MOTION: Ms. Lovins made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2024 meeting as amended, and Ms. Pringle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**4. Presentation – Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan**

Ryne Phillips, Mary Martinich, and Aaron Aiken from Seamon Whiteside gave a presentation to the Committee about the Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan they have been engaged to prepare for the City. Director Kerr added that these types of plans are being developed and used by many coastal municipalities. He would like Committee members to address any areas they believe are missing and need further attention.

Mr. Phillips discussed the project goals and process of developing the plan that will be submitted to City Council that includes a public survey to be launched later in May. Mr. Aiken shared data they have collected – water levels/tide data, GIS data, completed and ongoing projects such as the Drainage Master Plan, the Comprehensive Plan, and Beach Management Plan – and how that was used to develop a benchmark and future projections.

Ms. Martinich and Mr. Aiken presented preliminary ideas for projects, policies, and programs that could be implemented. Mr. Aiken said he anticipates this plan to be a living document the City will update frequently.

Their presentation appears alongside the agenda for this meeting on the City's website.

**MOTION: Mr. Hatler made a motion to defer the remainder of the agenda to the June meeting. Ms. Lovins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**5. Old Business**

**A. Wildlife**

**B. Litter**

**C. Water Quality**

- i. An update on potential water quality testing program
- ii. Discussion of Folly Beach septic ordinance

**D. Climate Action**

Update on bill H.5118 regarding upcoming natural gas project

**6. New Business**

**A. Discussion of EAC hosting a table at the upcoming IOP Farmers Market**

**B. Discussion of installing compost liner dispensers at compost drop-off locations**

**6. Miscellaneous Business**

**7. Adjournment**

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 4pm.

Mr. Murphy made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Hatler seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane  
City Clerk