



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**6:00pm, August 27, 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: Council members Bogosian, Anderson (via Zoom), Ward, Miars, Pierce, Hahn, and Carroll, Mayor Pounds

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Director Kerr, City Attorney McQuillin, various department heads

**2. Citizen's Comments**

Rusty Streetman thanked City staff and Council for all their hard work during Hurricane Debby. He spoke highly of the efforts of all City departments as well as the response from the State and neighboring agencies.

**3. Approval of previous meetings' minutes**

**A. Public Hearing – July 23, 2024**

**B. Regular City Council meeting – July 23, 2024**

**C. Special City Council Workshop – August 13, 2024**

**MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to approve the minutes, and Council Member Bogosian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**4. Special Presentations**

**Consideration of proposed FY25 CARTA Budget – Andrea Kozloski, Deputy Director of Operations & Support**

Ms. Andrea Kozloski from CARTA referenced the memo detailing the FY25 CARTA budget. The \$28 million budget represents a \$1.7 million increase over last year. She shared highlights of the projects planned for FY25. She thanked City Council for their ongoing support of the Beach Reach Shuttle initiative. Administrator Fragoso reminded Council that this expense is shared with the Town of Mt. Pleasant, with each municipality contributing \$10,000 this year to keep the service free to riders.

**MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to approve, and Council Member Bogosian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

5. **Old Business -- none**

6. **New Business**

A. **Approval of proposal from First Tryon Advisors for development of long term capital planning model**

**MOTION: Council Member Bogosian made a motion to approve, and Council Member Ward seconded the motion.**

Administrator Fragoso said this proposal is just for the capital planning model. First Tryon has the City's budget spreadsheets, and staff is waiting to meet with them to clarify their ability to consolidate the different models. Any additional expense will be brought to City Council for consideration.

**VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.**

B. **Recommendation from the Public Services and Facilities Committee to enter into a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for bulk container collection services for condos and businesses through October 31, 2025, and after that date, businesses would be responsible for their own bulk container collection services**

Mayor Pounds said he would like this issue to be discussed in more detail at the September workshop. Administrator Fragoso said a decision is needed by the end of September so that if a new vendor is selected, time is available to switch out the dumpsters.

Mayor Pounds said he is concerned about the number of vendors that could be imposed on the island after October 31, 2025. He also has questions about the funding of this recommendation through ATAX funds. Council members Ward and Carroll agreed this topic needs to be discussed in the workshop. Administrator Fragoso asked Council members to send her their questions and ideas in advance of the workshop so they have time to research answers and options.

**MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to defer this discussion until the workshop. Council Member Carroll seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

C. **Recommendation from the Public Services and Facilities Committee to award a five-year contract to Coastal Science and Engineering for semi-annual island wide monitoring and surveying at an annual cost of \$106,000**

**MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to approve, and Council Member Miars seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

D. **Purchase of Mini Excavator in the amount of \$53,634.23 state contract pricing [FY25 Budget, Capital Projects Funds, Public Works - \$50,000]**

**MOTION: Council Member Bogosian made a motion to approve, and Council Member Miars seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**E. Purchase of Skid Steer in the amount of \$62,500 state contract pricing [Phase 3 Drainage Bond Proceeds, \$159,163]**

**MOTION:** Council Member Miars made a motion to approve, and Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**F. Replacement of Recreation Dept. truck in the amount of \$41,316 state contract pricing [FY25 Budget, Muni ATAX Fund, Recreation Dept. - \$40,000]**

Administrator Fragoso said the overage for this expense will be made up through other line items without overages.

**MOTION:** Council Member Miars made a motion to approve, and Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**G. Approval of award of a contract to Icon Contracting, LLC for the construction of two (2) ADA boardwalks at 46th and 52nd Avenue in the amount of \$298,204 [FY24 State Budget Allocation \$500,000]**

**MOTION:** Council Member Hahn made a motion to approve, and Council Member Carroll seconded the motion.

Council Member Bogosian asked out the City determines where these ADA boardwalks are installed. Administrator Fragoso said there are limited places on the island where an ADA-compliant ramp and accompanying handicap parking can be made available. They work from a list related to flooding concerns. There will be approximately \$200,000 left over to build another boardwalk this year.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

**H. Discussion and consideration of change order from Coastal Science & Engineering for additional and ongoing emergency coordination on Breach Inlet and Beachwood East**

Administrator Fragoso said this change order is for the additional expenses and work at Breach Inlet and Beachwood East for July through the end of the year.

**MOTION:** Council Member Pierce made a motion to approve, and Council Member Bogosian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**I. Discussion of emergency conditions at Beachwood East and consideration of approval of \$200,000 expenditure for the placement of an additional 200 sandbags and 500 unfilled bags to keep on hand for future needs and ongoing maintenance**

Administrator Fragoso said, "The situation at Beachwood East is much more critical than it was a few weeks ago. The last series of King tides that we had last week deteriorated several sections of the seawall revetment, if you will. Just as a reminder, the City last year approved \$300,000 for the installation of sandbags along that stretch. We installed 500 bags as part of that project earlier this summer. We had \$66,000 from that \$300,000 allocation left, and we wanted to add sandbags in some areas that were low. At that time, we added 100 sandbags. So the City has placed 600.

So if you compare, Council approved some monies last month to install down at Breach Inlet 800 bags. So it is a very similar section in length, maybe a bit wider, but we are in need of additional funds. We've expended \$300,000 allocation approved by Council last year for sandbags, and now that we have to maintain this revetment until we are ready for the shoal management project, which we anticipate and hope to be able to do this winter, early next year if permits are issued. There is a need for additional sandbags, and we are asking for \$200,000.

“Stephen, Douglas, and I have met every day this week and last week to discuss a plan to present to you all as an option. The \$200,000 would allow us to purchase about 200 sandbags. As of this morning, we think we need 300 and an allowance for us to purchase unfilled bags. This is something that we had talked about wanting to keep an inventory, a number that allows us to maybe deploy them quicker because that is what drives the schedule is how quickly the manufacturer can create and ship these bags for the contractor to then fill in the sand. So we are looking at about maybe 300 bags and reducing the amount of sandbags that we buy unfilled. But we feel comfortable with a \$200,000 allocation that allows us to move pretty quickly in that area.”

She added that the City is required by the permit to maintain the bags and remove them upon the start of the shoal management project.

**MOTION: Council Member Bogosian made a motion to approve, and Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**7. Boards and Commissions Reports**

- A. **Board of Zoning Appeals** – no meeting in July
- B. **Planning Commission** – no meeting in July
- C. **Accommodations Tax Advisory Board** – meeting on August 28, 2024
- D. **Environmental Advisory Committee** – no meeting in July

**8. Ordinances, Resolutions, and Petitions**

- A. **Second Reading -- none**
- B. **First Reading -- none**
- C. **Resolutions and Petitions**

**MOTION: Council Member Ward made a motion to suspend the rules of order and approve all resolutions with one vote. Council Member Miars seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

- i. **Resolution 2024-05** Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only, road closures and amplification of music at the IOP Connector Run and Walk for the Child on October 5, 2024
- ii. **Resolution 2024-06** Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only, road closures and amplification of music at the Lowvelo Bike Ride on November 2, 2024
- iii. **Resolution 2024-07** Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only, road closures and amplification of music at the Holiday Street Festival on December 7, 2024

**MOTION:** Council Member Ward made a motion to approve Resolutions 2024-05, 2024-06, and 2024-07 and waive the reading of each. Council Member Miars seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **Executive Session**

**MOTION:** Mayor Pounds made a motion to enter into Executive Session according to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) to receive an update and legal advice protected by the attorney client privilege concerning Case No. 2023-CP-10-00201, Wild Dunes LLC v IOP. Council Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

City Council entered into Executive Session at 6:40pm.

City Council returned from Executive Session at 6:46pm.

**MOTION:** Council Member Hahn made a motion to follow the advice of legal counsel as presented. Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **Adjournment**

Council Member Pierce made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Ward seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane  
City Clerk