



Public Services & Facilities Committee Meeting
9:00am, Tuesday, August 20, 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 Miars, Hahn, Pierce

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Director Kerr, Director Pitts, Asst. Director Asero

2. Citizen's Comments

Julie Nestler said she would like to see the Recreation Department include water safety training in the summer camp program. She is willing to pay for it or provide staff with contact information and resources that could fund such a class. She shared pictures of the life rings at the public dock, which she says are not hung properly for life-saving purposes.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes – July 9, 2024

MOTION: Council Member Pierce made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024 meeting. Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Old Business

A. Discussion and consideration of commercial bulk container services

Administrator Fragoso shared a brief summary of the situation that has brought the City to needing a decision about the contract for commercial bulk container services. This Committee recommended to City Council and Council approved a 6-month extension with the current service provider to allow the City time to make decisions about how to move forward with the price increase and policy.

She shared that the price per yard for pickup did not change much if the scope of the contract only included the condominiums. The City had been paying \$0.65/yard, which increased to \$3.75/yard. To secure a \$2.50/yard price, a decision needs to be made now. Any action taken now will be effective March 1, 2025.

Mr. Rod Turnage, President of the IOP Chamber of Commerce said he has spoken to the restaurant owners and said most of them understand the "cost of doing business." He stressed the importance of clearly and thoughtfully communicating the situation to the businesses. He recommended the City find a way to allow the businesses to work this new expense into their

budgets. He added that most of the restaurants did not understand what they had been paying towards trash pickup.

Administrator Fragoso explained what the County charges for, what the City charges for, and how the businesses are billed for those services.

Committee members discussed how it might be possible to ease this expense into the businesses over a longer period of time. Treating everyone who currently benefits from this service equally moving forward was of utmost importance. Director Pitts pointed out that several of the rental homes have many more than the 2 roll carts permitted per business and suggested enforcing that will need to be part of the policy change moving forward.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce made a motion to recommend to City Council the adoption of the new contract at \$2.50/yard beginning March 1, 2025, to absorb the current costs of the contract for the affected business entities through October 31, 2025, then transition costs to those businesses after that date, and continue the current policy of charging users for use of the municipal compactor. Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff will bring to the next Committee meeting data on excessive roll cart usage.

B. Discussion of island wide beach monitoring and surveying

Administrator Fragoso said that an RFP was issued for this contract with an expanded scope of surveying the beach and reporting to the City twice a year. Only Coastal Science & Engineering, the City's current vendor, responded to the RFP. Their current contract needs to be renewed. Their proposal for the expanded services is \$106,000 for semi-annual monitoring and reporting. The current contract is \$60,000 for an annual survey and report.

Administrator Fragoso said semi-annual reporting will allow Council and the City to react to changing erosional situations more quickly. Council Member Hahn added that more frequent monitoring also details seasonal changes.

MOTION: Council Member Hahn made a motion to recommend to City Council the approval of the proposal for a 5-year contract from Coastal Science & Engineering for semi-annual surveying and reporting in the amount of \$106,000/year. Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **New Business - none**

6. **Miscellaneous Business**

The next regular meeting of the Public Services & Facilities Committee will be Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 9am. Discussions will include yard debris and information about roll cart usage by businesses.

7. **Adjournment**

Council Member Pierce made a motion to adjourn and Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08am

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk