



Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina
Public Facilities Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 7, 2026

A. Call to Order & Freedom of Information Act Requirements: The Public Facilities Committee of Council met at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Council Committee members Ned Higgins, Carl Hubbard (Chair), and Laura Schroeder. Staff members present were Charles Drayton, Rebecca Fanning, Police Chief Glenn Meadows, Town Administrator Joe Henderson, Bridget Welch, and Max Wurthmann. There were two (2) members of the public present and no (0) members of the media.

B. Chair Hubbard called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and stated the press and public were duly notified pursuant to State Law.

C. New Business (Possible Action Item)

1. Greenbelt funding opportunity for beach boardwalks (R. Fanning)

Director of Resilience and Natural Resource Management Rebecca Fanning stated Greenbelt funding is from Charleston County's transportation tax and is mainly used for beach access improvements in coastal communities. Sullivan's Island typically qualifies for around \$27,000 to put towards boardwalk renovations and improvements. She reviewed the priority list for station repairs, with around twenty needing some kind of help. Stations 22 and 28 are highest on the current priority list. She provided photos, cost projections, and explained the damage the boards see. She explained some of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) requirements for boardwalks regarding grades, handrails, permits, etc. Councilmember Schroeder asked about cost efficiency. After consulting with the maintenance department, it was decided Station 22 should be the first project. She then took questions and asked for a recommendation to Council.

Motion was made by Laura Schroeder, seconded by Ned Higgins, to take to Council a decision about applying for the \$27,000 grant to move forward with boardwalk improvements, passed unanimously.

2. Draft of Boat/Trailer parking prohibition in DOT right of way (G. Meadows & C. Drayton)

Zoning Administrator Charles Drayton reviewed the reasons for this discussion and presented a potential ordinance change to prevent boat trailer parking on public Town property and in the DOT rights-of-way. He took questions from the Committee.

Public Comment:

- Tim Reese, town resident – reviewed the issues that arose when this topic was discussed during his tenure on Council. There are a few areas that could serve as potential storage space, with behind Battery Logan being the most viable. There was a lot of concern from adjacent neighborhoods, as well as the issue of potentially having boats on trailers and non-residents using the area. He supports keeping trailers out of the rights-of-way. He also answered questions from the Committee.

Mr. Henderson stated all the dirt and construction materials will be removed after the SCIIP grant projects are completed. Creating a parking area there would need to be a separate project. He will have the lawyers look at the ordinance language prior to the next meeting. Police Chief Meadows gave his opinion, stating he knows many residents use the area on Thompson Avenue to store their trailer because they do not have storage space on their property.

D. Old Business (Staff update available)

1. Update on Station 32 beach access improvements and cost estimates (J. Henderson)

Town Administrator Joe Henderson provided a map overview from Coastal Science for the path improvements. They are now waiting on adjacent property surveys before moving forward. Once those are in hand, they can hopefully complete the project next week.

2. Update on Banners and Signs for SC250 (J. Henderson)

Mr. Henderson stated the banners and all installment equipment has been received and maintenance will need a lift to get them installed. Once locations are determined, maintenance can get them put up. More can be ordered if there is money leftover from the Palmetto Log Fort project.

Mr. Henderson has gotten bids for construction on the pathway up to and around the fort. They will stake the footprint tomorrow and construction will begin soon.

3. Update on Old Town Hall – Subcommittee meeting (M. Wurthmann & C. Drayton)

Building Official Max Wurthmann did not have an update but said there were still good discussions going on.

E. Public Comment

F. Executive Session

Motion was made by Laura Schroeder, seconded by Ned Higgins, to go into Executive Session at 10:55 a.m., passed unanimously.

- 1. Contractual: Osceola Stormwater Outfall Improvements (Station 9.5) = 4 bid proposals received**

G. Upon Returning to Open Session, Committee may take action on items discussed during Executive Session

Motion was made by Laura Schroeder, seconded by Ned Higgins, to come out of Executive Session at 11:14 a.m., passed unanimously.

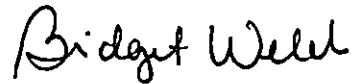
Motion was made by Laura Schroeder, seconded by Ned Higgins, to move forward with Seamon Whiteside's recommendation to contract with Gulf Stream Construction to complete the work needed at Lift Station #1, recommending to send this on to Town Council for further review and approval, passed unanimously.

The Committee requested Mr. Henderson provided updates and possibly a handy little table on grant and stormwater construction projects during these Committee meetings.

H. Adjourn

Motion was made by Laura Schroeder, seconded by Ned Higgins, to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 a.m., passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bridget Welch