



**Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina
Water and Sewer Committee of Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 8, 2025**

1. Call to Order & Freedom of Information Act Requirements:

The Water and Sewer Committee of Council met at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Council Committee members Justin Novak (Chair) and Gary Visser. Staff members present were Town Administrator Joe Henderson and Bridget Welch. There were no (0) members of the public and no (0) members of the media present.

Chair Justin Novak called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m., and stated the press and public were duly notified pursuant to State Law.

2. Public Comment

3. Communications/Additional Items from WWTF Manager, Greg Gress

a. Construction updates as to the Lift Stations and WWTP

Mr. Gress was not at the meeting. Joe Henderson gave an update from the Seamon Whiteside & Associates and stated they have begun working on RFPs for both the Stormwater Outfall project and restructuring all of the rip-rap for the Water & Sewer stations.

4. Discussion/Motions:

a. Approval of the Minutes from March 13, 2025 Committee Meeting

Motion was made by Mr. Visser, seconded by Chair Novak, to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2025 Committee Meeting, passed unanimously.

b. FY2026 Draft Budget

Chair Novak stated the budget still remains with a projected 1.47% increase for sewer and a 11.6% increase for water. Overall, there will be a 4.8% increase for the average 6,000-gallon user. He explained the projected increases are due to the Town having purchased an additional 100,000 gallons of water from Charleston Water System as well as the increase in rates with CWS because of a five-year projection plan to comply with new federal requirements.

Mr. Visser requested future input from Mr. Gress on clarifying the budgeting aspect of the new PFAS regulations.

- c. Discussion of the South Carolina Wastewater Surveillance Program – no updates
- d. Plan for Town Deep Water Wells – no updates
- e. Discussion FY 2023-2027 CIP Plan and Funding for AMI Meters (Greg Gress Recommendations)

5. Review of Active and Pending Projects:

- a. W&S Ordinance Clean-Up Discussion
- b. Written Cost Recovery Program
- c. Private Sewer Lateral Policy for I&I Reduction
- d. Pump/Lift Stations
 - i. Protection using rip-rap
- e. Update Capital Improvement Plan

6. Set the date for the next W&S Committee Meeting

- a. The next Sullivan's Island W&S Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 9:15 a.m.

7. Adjourn

Motion was made by Mr. Visser, seconded by Chair Novak, to adjourn the Water and Sewer Committee meeting at 9:22 a.m., passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bridget Welch