

TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Town Hall – Conference Room | 323 Myrtle Ave | Pawleys Island SC 29585

12/8/2025 – 5:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Brian Henry, Sarah Zimmerman, and Rocky Holliday

STAFF PRESENT: Daniel Newquist, Corey Higdon, and Chief Fanning

ADDITIONAL PRESENT:

ABSENT: Ashley Carter, Guerry Green

1) CALL TO ORDER / OPENING REMARKS

- Mayor Henry called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

2) PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance 25-02: 2026 Annual Budget:

- No public comments were presented.

3) PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No public comments were presented.

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 11-10-2025

- Mayor Henry requested a motion to approve or amend the 11-10-2025 Town Council minutes. Mr. Holliday motioned to approve the minutes. Mrs. Zimmerman seconded the motion. No further discussion. All voted in favor.

5) REPORTS AND UPDATES

a) Police Report

Chief Fanning explained that November was a slow and uneventful month for the Police Department, with no incidents to elaborate on further.

b) Building Report

Mr. Higdon presented the building report for November, stating that 13 new permits were issued during the month. He explained that permit volume is continuing to increase as the Town moves further into the offseason, with November having the second-highest permit total of the year. Mr. Higdon noted that the 13 permits issued in November were all smaller projects, with no significant permits to update the Council on.

c) Financial Report

Mr. Newquist highlighted the Town's local and state accommodations tax collections for 2025, noting that collections exceeded the 2025 budget and 2024 totals with two months of A-Tax checks still to come. He updated the Town Council on the year's legal fees, which have remained under budget, and anticipates that the fees will remain under budget by the end of the year. Mrs. Zimmerman questioned whether the Town would receive any additional checks for the state accommodation tax for the year of the year, to which Mr. Newquist clarified that the final state A-Tax check of the year has been received.

6) BUSINESS

a) Flood Mitigation / Drainage Master Plan Presentation

Seamon Whiteside presented their final presentation for the Town's Flood Mitigation / Drainage Master Plan to the Town Council. This presentation outlined five major items that were highlighted in the plan, including the following:

1. An inventory and assessment of the condition of all existing drainage infrastructure on the island.
2. Modeling of 15 different scenarios across the island, accounting for current conditions, future conditions with sea level rise, storm events, and extreme tides.
3. Specific flood mitigation project recommendations for each subsection of the island, including short-term (15 years) and long-term (50 years) project recommendations.
4. Cost estimates for the project recommendations.
5. Potential funding sources for future projects.

For the full report and presentation, please visit:

www.townofpawleysisland.com/floodmitigationproject/

b) Second Reading- Ordinance 25-02: 2026 Annual Budget

Mr. Newquist prefaced the second reading of the 2026 Annual Budget by thanking Town Council for a productive two prior sessions of budget discussion. He further explained changes made to the budget after the first reading, first explaining the increase in budgeted golf cart permit revenue to reflect the proposed change to the golf cart permit fee. Secondly, he disclosed that the anticipated purchase of a new police vehicle in 2026 has been separated from the rest of the Police Department's expenditures in the budget, to help more efficiently reflect changes in the rest of the department's expenditures aside from the police vehicle. Lastly, he highlighted a \$10,000 increase in the public works expenditure, reflecting the proposed purchase of two new Big Belly Trash Compactors.

Mayor Henry requested a motion to approve or deny the second reading of the 2026 Annual Budget. Mr. Holliday motioned to approve the second reading of the budget. Mrs. Zimmerman seconded the motion. No further discussion. All voted in favor.

c) First Reading- Ordinance 2025-03: Town Golf Cart Permit

Mr. Newquist stated that an increase from a \$25 fee to a \$50 fee for a town golf cart permit was proposed in the previous Town Council meeting. He explained that the town staff is holding off on issuing any permits until the fee change is finalized. Mayor Henry suggested that the Town could add language to the website encouraging golf cart permit holders to be courteous on the road and pull over when a car is behind them. Mr. Holliday added that the same notice could be handed out to all golf cart rental companies to further limit the issue.

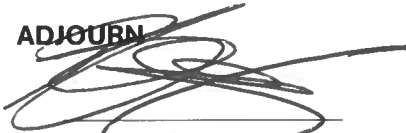
Mayor Henry requested a motion to approve or deny the first reading of Ordinance 25-03: Town Golf Cart Permit fee increase. Mr. Holliday motioned to approve the first

reading of the proposed golf cart permit fee increase. Mrs. Zimmerman seconded the motion. No further discussion. **All voted in favor.**

7) COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Mayor Henry commended Mr. Holliday, Mr. Green, and Mr. Carter for their contributions to the Town Council over the past 8-10 years, as the three members' terms conclude following the December Town Council meeting. Mayor Henry presented commemorative plaques in honor of the three Council members.

8) ADJOURN



APPROVED

2/9/26
DATE



ATTEST

1-12-2026
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