



Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – Planning Conference Room, 1st Floor

October 6, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

5:01 PM

Mr. Oliver, Chair.

Members in attendance - David Bartholomew, Scott Marshall, Joseph Oliver, David Russell, Josh Scallate, Josh Schott, Bill Suter, Mike Sutton.

Ben Coppage joined the meeting about 35 minutes after the start time.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Oliver, Chair.

III. MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilman Scallate made a motion to accept and seconded by Mr. Schott.

All were in favor, motion carried.

IV. MINUTES

A. September 2, 2025.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Scallate and seconded by Mr. Suter with an addition made by Mr. Oliver. 6th paragraph down under New Business add - Mr. Barna replied that no information on this had been found.

Minutes approved as amended.

Chair, Mr. Oliver, asked Councilman Scallate to address the committee regarding potential funding sources. Councilman Scallate stated before the standing up of this committee he met with a members of Congresswoman Nancy Mace's office and presented them a copy of the survey that was done by the engineers back in June 2024. Recently, he, along with City Manager, Scott Marshall, had the opportunity to go back to Congresswoman Nancy Mace's office to go over the data information collected and to start talking about some of the different alternatives. They discussed what type of grant funding might be obtained, not just for this year, but in years to come. He has also had communications with Senator Tim Scott's office.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Engineering Project Update.

Raul Dominguez, Capital Improvement Projects Director, started off by saying McSweeney Engineers will work on the Day Dock design and permitting, and this is an independent project. JMT/McSweeney are beginning the preliminary design concepts based on the following:

- Do nothing
- Repair
- Rebuild same as existing
- Build Seawall and back fill
- Hybrid approach

O'Quinn Marine is assisting with cost estimates. Davis and Floyd will provide commentary as needed on the impacts of these alternatives as they relate to drainage and utilities.

B. Communications Update.

Scott Marshall, City Manager, stated on September 30, 2025, right before the furlough, he had a conversation with a gentleman from the National Park Service. He had received the information that Congresswoman Nancy Mace's office had sent him. Mr. Marshall explained the situation to him. He will be back in touch with Mr. Marshall at a later date.

C. Future Meeting Dates Confirmation.

The meeting dates of November 3, 2025, and December 1, 2025, were confirmed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Committee's Deliverable to City Council.

Mr. Oliver mentioned there isn't much Council does not already know after having the joint meeting on September 24, 2025. He believes only a presentation on where the committee is now, and how it plans to move forward is warranted.

He asked for opinions as to whether the committee should meet separately with downtown business owners and property owners or whether all interested persons should have an equal opportunity to voice their opinions. After some discussion, Councilman Scallate suggested a public survey could be issued. The committee agreed.

Should the survey and public charette be done before the engineers spend time preparing their design concepts.

A meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 5:00 pm to go over the Public Survey process.

Councilman Bartholomew, Councilman Scallate, and Mr. Sutton will collaborate on coming up with some questions for the survey to be discussed.

Ashley Brandon, Public Information Officer, will coordinate the effort to help spread the word about the survey and posting links on our social media pages and website.

There was a discussion on clarifying which scenarios were being presented to Council. They are listed below.

- Rebuilding the relieving platform at the same size and shape
- Replace with seawall and backfill
- Replace with hybrid structure - fixed and floating elements

Should other items that have to do with aesthetics be presented to Council, like moving the swings so they can be accessible.

VII. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Councilman Bartholomew asked if the permitting process could be sped up and inquired about replacing the chain link fencing to 4 x 4's with rope to make it look more appealing. He also questioned if the day dock could be extended.

Mr. Sutton mentioned the dinghy dock and getting it repaired also as an access point.

Linda Roper, Downtown Operations Director, stated they are working with McSweeney Engineers about possibly widening the day dock by two feet on each side. The permitting process has been started.

Mr. Suter inquired about making the functionality of the park better as a whole. Adding water and electrical lines, renovated restrooms, updating the fuel storage facilities.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Savannah White, Field Representative for Congresswoman Nancy Mace.

Howell Beach, Alternate Member of the Committee.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 4, Section (70) (a) (2) of the South Carolina Code of Law: For the purpose of discussions of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, and receipt of legal advice relating to matters covered by attorney-client privilege.

Councilman Scallate made a motion to go into Executive Session and seconded by Councilman Bartholomew.

All were in favor, motion carried.

Councilman Scallate made a motion to come out of Executive Session and seconded by Mr. Sutton.

All were in favor, motion carried.

No actions from Executive Session.

X. ADJOURN

7:46 PM

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Bartholomew and seconded by Mr. Sutton.

All were in favor, motion carried.

approved: November 3, 2025
Jaci Wilder