CITY OF BEAUFORT
WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AMENDED AGENDA
1911 Boundary Street, Planning Conference Room, Beaufort, SC 29902
January 12, 2026 at 5:00 pm

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I. **Call to Order**
II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
III. **Meeting Agenda Approval**
IV. **Approval of Minutes from December 1, 2025**
V. **Discussions**
   A. **Status report on Waterfront Park Public Opinion Survey**
   B. **Approval of draft report to Council on issues regarding marina premises**
   C. **Status of plan to provide interim access to the Day Dock**
VI. **Committee Comments**
VII. **Public Comment**
VIII. **Executive Session**
   A. **Pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 4, Section 70(a)(2) of the SC Code of Laws, 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**
IX. **Adjourn**

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

December 1, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER 5:01 PM

Mr. Oliver, Chair.

Members in attendance – David Bartholomew, Ben Coppage, Scott Marshall, Joseph Oliver, David Russell, Josh Schott, Bill Suter, Mike Sutton.

Absent – Josh Scallate

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Oliver, Chair.

III. MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Suter made a motion to amend the agenda by adding an item under Discussions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sutton. The title shall be – Relationship of Bay Street/Charles Street Stormwater Project to the Waterfront Park.

All were in favor, motion carried.

IV. MINUTES

A. October 21, 2025 and November 3, 2025.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Sutton and seconded by Mr. Suter.

Minutes approved as presented.

V. DISCUSSIONS

A. Relationship of Bay Street/Charles Street Stormwater Project to the Waterfront Park.

Mr. Marshall started off by saying after the work began, the team uncovered a large mass of concrete fill behind the seawall. This appears to have been placed decades ago to stabilize the 54 inch pipe that currently drains through the seawall. Engineers think removing that concrete could damage the seawall, so the new system is being adjusted to work around it. They are going to connect the upgraded system to the existing outfall, an add a 36 inch pipe above the relieving platform. This will be encased and not above ground. This eliminates the need to prematurely demolish parts of the promenade.

B. Future Meeting Dates.

Meeting dates were set for January 12, 2026, February 2, 2026, March 2, 2026, and April 13, 2026.

C. Status Report on Waterfront Park Public Opinion Survey.

Mr. Marshall provided an update on the progress of the survey. To date, there have been 1,033 responses. Several media posts have been made across many platforms, and the QR code was also placed in The Beacon Newsletter that was sent out to all residents within the City limits.

D. Initial discussion of Marina Planning issues assigned by Council.

Mr. Oliver went over some of the items the group were tasked with when the Committee was formed. He said there were three marina-related issues. Review of the lease, identify opportunities to enhance public benefit and recreational access through the marina and associated partnerships, and explore and recommend policies for aligning commercial and community interests within the marina area.

Some of the discussions revolved around public relations, improving the parking lot, rearrangement of the existing footprint near the dinghy dock for accessibility, redoing the West End entrance to make it look more appealing to include relocating the trash dumpster enclosure, and the relocation of the fuel tanks. It was noted the fuel tanks must be above ground. Also discussed was the possible relocation of where the horse carriage tours begin and end, and the revitalization of the City Marina Buildings.

Some of the items that are related to the creation of a Master Plan were:

Redevelopment of the existing buildings.
Relocation of the bus parking, carriage tours, trash enclosure and fuel tanks.
Mitigate parking loss.
Reconfiguration of the marina for additional public access.

Mr. Oliver will draft a memorandum to City Council containing the recommendations discussed today and will distribute to the committee for additional comments. The draft memorandum will then be discussed at the next meeting.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Howell Beach, Alternate Member of the Committee.
Graham Trask, 1211 Bay Street.

VII. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

There were no additional committee comments outside of the discussions.

VIII. 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.

Mr. Sutton made a motion to go into Executive Session and seconded by Mr. Schott.

All were in favor, motion carried.

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

All were in favor, motion carried.

No actions from Executive Session.

IX. ADJOURN 7:35 PM

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

All were in favor, motion carried.