



MINUTES

James Island Intergovernmental Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

James Island Town Hall ♦ 1122 Dills Bluff Road ♦ James Island, SC 29412

In attendance:

James Island:

Mayor Brook Lyon, Council Member Troy Mullinax, and Mike Hemmer

City of Charleston:

Charleston County:

Council Member Jenny Honeycutt, Devri Detoma, Philip Sexton, Eric Adams, Carter McMillan

Charleston County School District:

Dr. Carol Tempel

Folly Beach:

James Island PSD:

Commissioner Brenda Grant, Commissioner Marilyn Clifford, Commissioner Inez Brown-Crouch, District Manager Ashley Kellahan,

Others / Members of the Public:

Representative Tommy Harnett, Representative Spencer Wetmore, Leslie Skardon, Deanna Miller, Annette Begner, Julia Drayton-Crumblin, Michael Williams, Stan Kozikowski, Meredith Poston, George Tempel, Deana Dockery, Bobby Dockery, Carlton Walker, Herbert Adam Friend, Lucifer Sam, Norty Glover, Linda Glover, Bill Young, Amelia Ann Washington, Ryan Brown, **others who did not sign-in**

1) Call to Order:

Mayor Lyon called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in Dr. Cynthia Mignano's absence and led the group in a prayer and the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Lyon then introduced attendees and asked others to introduce themselves.

2) Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made to approve minutes from July 30, 2025, seconded; motion passed.

3) Public Comments:

- Michael Williams, 746 Willow Lake Road. Thanked the Town and the County for keeping residents safe with deputy patrols and pedestrian improvements; including roadway work. Williams urged greater funding for the Greenbelt program through the County Transportation Sales Tax program.

4) Old Business:

- a. Raised Medians (Ft. Johnson & Folly Roads) and SCDOT Safety Audit Update:
Mayor Lyon described the recent update from SCDOT and noted that the SCDOT are still considering raised medians and do not find that the signalization of Folly Road and Santee Street is warranted; but they would restrict left turning traffic. Marilyn Clifford noted that SCDOT doesn't understand the concerns for businesses, residents, tourists, and emergency vehicles and asked for a contact person. She also noted that SCDOT considered closing the road at one point. Mayor Lyon noted that the SCDOT contacts and their engineers are in the packet. Representative Harnett asked for some clarification on the maps. It was noted that the medians need to be well marked. Representative Wetmore noted that she has been unsuccessful in changing SCDOT's plans.
- b. Camp Road Middle School:
Mayor Lyon noted that she met recently with Superintendent Huggins and that the Middle School is considering using the old track at a future date for more stacking capacity. For this year, the traffic does seem improved. Dr. Carol Temple reported that the school is using the Baxter-Patrick library for some bus pickups.
- c. Greenhill Road (re) paving:
Mayor Lyon noted how poor recent paving job has left the road surface. Alex Owsiak with the County provided a recent email, noting that there will be a punch list for Sanders Brothers and hopefully that will correct many of the issues.

5) New Business:

- a. Devri Detoma:
Provided a quick update on current projects:
 - Jeff Galliard Lane recently awarded
 - Maybank and Woodland Shores complete streets and sidewalks is under construction; completion mid-2026
 - Central Park drainage culvert replacement and road elevation construction underway. Completion in April 2026, but the road will be temporarily opened in the evening for the Festival of Lights.
 - Fort Johnson and Secessionville Traffic Light bids groundbreaking held and notice to proceed issued.

- The same can be said about the Fort Johnson and Camp Road roundabout; this was bid together with the Secessionville intersection light. There will be a public meeting next week to further discuss activities with the public.

Rural Roads In-Design

- Donnie and Rafael
- Orangeburn
- Rosebush
- Central Park and Riverland Drive intersection improvements are projected to be advertised in December of 2025.
- City golf course and sidewalk connection improvements was advertised with one bid for \$770,000 for one traffic signal. This will require a determination of greater CTC funding committee for more funding, and it will need to be rebid.
- Folly Road bike and pedestrian improvements project is the multi-use project from Ellis Creek to George Griffith Blvd. This project has been bid three times. DBE issues caused a recent issue and the project will be rebid in a couple of months.
- Country Club Drive and Folly Road pedestrian improvements is ready for bid advertising in the next few months also.
- Dills Bluff Sidewalk Phase 3 is expected to be advertised in the 4th quarter of 2025. Plans are almost ready.
- Fleming Road sidewalk the County is working on utility and easements and hopes to advertise in 2026.
- James Island County Park bike/ped access via Riverland Drive will be 700' of concrete sidewalk for park access. Will be ready mid-2026.
- Sol Legare Sidewalk is a mile long phase to start. \$2 million has been secured by State Representative Leon Stavrinakis. Design is expected to be at about 30% by end of year.
- West Oceanview rocking is a Town of James Island TST project is on hold pending resident requests.

Pavement Management:

- Data collected in 2025, Fort Johnson is due to be repaved and have new sidewalk construction.

- b. The County then provided a presentation regarding the Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax (½ cent) effort. The TST will be considered for extension, and the County is looking for specific recommendations and project lists for such an extension. A publicly vetted list will be developed by December 1. Clifford asked about the resurfacing of roads in James Island and it was noted that no rejuvenation is occurring in the Town of James Island.

6) Legislative Updates:

James Island PSD Updates:

District Manager Ashley Kellahan provided updates on:

- The District's new website, and noted the capital projects page
- Harbor View Force Main replacement project is expected to be completed in January.
- Clark's Point public sewer has 185 properties to connect, 60% of the infrastructure is complete. April 30 is anticipated completion date for phase 1. Phase 2 is tying in residents.
- Cured in place pipelining continues.
- Fire Department received a grant for \$22,000.
- Commission approved a feasibility for replacement of Fire Station #4 farther down Folly Road. Station #2 is on schedule to open in February of 2026.

Charleston County:

- Council Member Honeycutt noted that the County is working very hard on the TST input and noted if the public is not interested in extending the tax, the County will have to look at other ways to fund infrastructure projects.

City of Charleston

There were no updates provided by the City.

Town of James Island

Mayor Brook Lyon provided updates on the following:

- Cecil Circle Drainage project starting
- Permitting of new Art and Community center and a public input meeting is scheduled for November 17.
- Community meeting for the stoplight and roundabout on Fort Johnson will be on Monday December 3rd.
- On November 15, there is an unveiling for the Simeon Pinckney memorial marker replica at Simeon Pinckney Park.
- ReThink Folly Road meeting will be held on November 19th
- On December 1, there will be a Grace Triangle Park Input meeting
- Fall Festival on November 14th.

Charleston County School District:

Dr. Carol Tempel reported:

- Camp Road Middle School and Stiles point Elementary School received "excellent" ratings.
- Harbor View is waiting to hear about the Palmetto Award, James Island elementary students did the best in math. And the early childhood centers are on target to open next year.
- Mayor Lyon noted she was Principal of the Day at Camp Road Middle School recently. It was fun and impressive.

James Island Outreach (Brenda Grant):

- The winter clothing drive will occur on November 8.
- Community Thanksgiving Service on November 16.
- Mayor Lyon also noted that, due to the efforts of staff member Parker Richardson, the town raised \$3,100 for the outreach pantry building project.

State Updates:

Representative Harnett announced that the Intergovernmental Task force on Flooding will be kicked off again and the group needs to know the details of the flooding issues.

- 7) Additional Comments:
Marilyn Clifford noted the current Wreaths Across American campaign beginning December 15.
- 8) Closing Remarks:
Mayor Lyon thanked the audience and community leaders for attending.
- 9) Next meeting is Wednesday January 28, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. here at James Island Town Hall.
- 10) Mayor Lyon adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.