

## TOWN COUNCIL

### STAFF REPORT

#### Projects and Watershed Resilience Department



<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	February 11, 2025
<b>PROJECT:</b>	Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Easement Donations from Property Owners Necessary to Complete a Portion of the Public Safety Cameras Project
<b>PROJECT MANAGER:</b>	Kimberly Washok-Jones, Director of Projects and Watershed Resilience and Joe Babkiewicz, Chief of Police

**REQUEST:** Town Staff requests Town Council approve the Resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing the acceptance of easement donations for the purpose of completing a portion of the Public Safety Cameras Phase 6 project.

**BACKGROUND:** With the approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Strategic Plan and Fiscal Year 2025 Consolidated Budget, Staff continue to implement Public Safety Cameras – Phase 6 improvements. The acquisition of these easements is necessary to complete several camera and pole installations throughout Bluffton. Sample Easement is included as Attachment 2.

These private easement donations are necessary as the cameras may not be attached to existing poles in SC Department of Transportation Right of Way due to pending state litigation.

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

1. Town Council approve the acceptance of the easement donations.
2. Town Manager executes easements.
3. Recording of easements.

**SUMMARY:** Town Staff requests Town Council accept the donation of the easements and authorizes the Town Manager and Staff to take such actions as are necessary to complete the acceptance of the easement donations.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution
2. Sample Easement
3. Proposed Motion