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To: Town Council
From: Stephen Steese, Town Manager
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Town Operations / Community Meetings

- It has been a very heavy month for the FY 25-26 budget. First Reading was held at the May 13th Council Meeting followed by two Budget Workshops on May 22nd and 27th. The Public Hearing and Final Reading is scheduled for June 10th.
- The Town held our Annual Historical Symposium on May 15th. This year's event focused on the homes that have received a Preservation Grant from the town and the renovations the grant has supported. We were also notified that we received a State Historic Preservation Award for the Town's Grant Program.
- Staff continued to meet with the engineer that is reviewing the entire Bluffton Parkway as part of the LATS study. They are finalizing options, along with their impact and costs, that will be presented to LATS in August.
- The Town has finalized our new Resident Resource Guide that will be mailed to all residents in the Town. We will also be recording videos and doing a social media push as well.
- Town offices were closed May 26th in observance of Good Friday.

Town Council/Town Attorney Related Meetings

- Weekly Mayor / Mayor Pro Tempore / Manager meetings.
- Mayor, Councilmembers, and staff attended the SOLOCO meeting in Bluffton on April 22nd. Bluffton provided an update on the Wetlands Ordinance that was approved at First Reading. The Regional Planning Committee presented a recommendation of partnering on a consultant to put together a regional outline of development rights and progress on development. There was also continued discussion on the TriShare Childcare program.
- Councilman Wood presented the Stay Safe Bluffton Scholarships on behalf of the Town.
- Mayor and Councilmembers attended the Police Annual Banquet and Awards event.
- Mayor Toomer presented the Mayor Service Awards to over 100 students that met the community service requirements.
- Mayor and Town Manager attended the Countywide Mayor/Manager meeting that was hosted by the City of Beaufort. We will host the next quarterly meeting.
- Mayor, Council, staff attended the Beaufort Memorial Groundbreaking Ceremony.

Updates and Miscellaneous Information

- The Town put up banners to honor our graduates. We will transition to our Juneteenth banners when they come down.
 - Continued Our Movie Night on May 2nd from 5:00 – 8:00 at Martin Family Park.
 - The May River Cleanup was held on May 3rd and had a great turnout.
 - Staff attended the BJVM annual fundraising event to support their work in the community.
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