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**To:** Town Council  
**From:** Stephen Steese, Town Manager  
**Date:** March 3, 2025

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#### **Town Operations / Community Meetings**

- The Town officially opened the Welcome Center February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The event was well attended and thank you to everyone who attended and coordinated the event. The Center has been popular with locals and visitors alike. Many locals who have been watching the renovations have dropped in to tour the home.
- We are preparing for community stakeholder discussions as part of the feasibility study for a Performing Arts Center which will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Pinecrest POA met at Town Hall and the Mayor attended to address their concerns over development that has been proposed to the community driving range. He advised they have no development rights and the steps they would have to go through to be able to do anything.
- Councilman Wood and staff met with some residents from New Riverside area that wanted to share some concerns related to approved Alston Park Phase III Initial Master Plan.
- Staff met with Dominion to discuss some transmission line upgrades they are continuing into the town limits. They will be upgrading the transmission lines that run from 170 to Burnt Church Road along or near the Buckwalter Parkway.
- Town Hall was closed on February 17<sup>th</sup> in observance of Presidents Day.

#### **Town Council/Town Attorney Related Meetings**

- Weekly Mayor / Mayor Pro Tempore / Manager meetings.
- Mayor Toomer and Staff met with Council to discuss some potential interconnectivity items. Thank you all for your input and guidance.
- Councilwoman Frazier, Councilman Wood, and staff attended Sgt. Frazier's promotion.
- Mayor and Council members Wood, Hamilton, and Burden attended the joint Council-LECAC meeting Thursday to hear the report from CPSM.

#### **Updates and Miscellaneous Information**

- We have put out new banners for Black History Month on the light posts and across Boundary Street. The banners were designed by local artist Randell Chambers in partnership between the Public Art Committee and MLK Jr. Observance Committee.
  - The FY 25-26 Department Budget meetings were held.
  - The New Riverside Park celebration occurred on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - The Town held their Black History Month Luncheon on February 27<sup>th</sup>.
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