

TOWN COUNCIL

STAFF REPORT

Projects and Watershed Resilience Department



MEETING DATE:	January 13, 2026
PROJECT:	Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Easement Donations from Property Owners Necessary to Complete a Portion of the Public Safety Cameras Project
PROJECT MANAGER:	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 an easement donation from Drayton-Parker Companies, LLC at 6200 Jennifer Court, Bluffton, SC (R610-039-000-0758-0000) for the purpose of completing a portion of the Public Safety Cameras Project.

BACKGROUND: With the approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Strategic Plan and Fiscal Year 2026 Consolidated Budget, Staff continue to implement Public Safety Cameras improvements. The acquisition of this easement is necessary to complete a camera installation in Bluffton. A "Sample Easement" is included as Attachment 2.

This private easement donation is necessary as the camera cannot be located within the South Carolina Department of Transportation Right of Way due to pending state litigation.

NEXT STEPS:

1. Town Council approves the acceptance of the easement donation.
2. Town Manager executes easement.
3. Recording of easement.

SUMMARY: Town Staff requests Town Council approve a Resolution accepting the donation of an easement to install public safety camera and authorizing the Town Manager and Staff to take such actions as are necessary to complete the acceptance of the easement donation.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. Sample Easement
3. Proposed Motion