

Lisa Sulka

Mayor

Larry Toomer

Mayor Pro Tempore

Stephen Steese

Town Manager



Council Members

Fred Hamilton

Dan Wood

Bridgette Frazier

Marcia Hunter

Town Clerk

To: Town Council

From: Stephen Steese, Town Manager

Date: July 11, 2023

Town Operations / Community Meetings

- The Town Emergency Manager held hurricane preparedness training for all town staff.
- Town staff held the 2nd annual Juneteenth celebration at the Rotary Community Center. A short presentation on the meaning and origins of Juneteenth was followed by a lunch prepared by the Juneteenth Celebration Committee.
- Town staff met with the Lutzie 43 Foundation. The Town will no longer be affiliated with this foundation and will re-brand these efforts and the scholarship program.
- Town Staff held a mobile Town Hall at Hampton Hall. Approximately 50 people attended. It was a very positive meeting, and we received several comments on how knowledgeable and professional our team is.

Town Council / Town Attorney Related Meetings

- Weekly Mayor / Mayor Pro Tempore / Town Manager meetings.
- Mayor Sulka and staff attended the SOLOCO meeting at the Rotary Community Center. There was an update on municipal growth boundaries from the City of Hardeeville and the Town of Bluffton. The committee discussed the goals of a new committee to study traffic, growth, and zoning designations along jurisdictional boundaries.
- Mayor and staff met with County staff regarding LATS priorities and how we can better partner and assist with completing projects.

Updates and Miscellaneous Information

- The Town received a Aaa rating from Moody's Investor Services. The rating upgrade occurred June 22, 2023.
- Staff met with the County and surrounding jurisdictions regarding the new Tax Advisory Committee. Bluffton will get one representative to serve on the committee.
- Staff met with the Military Enhancement Committee (MEC) of the Beaufort Chamber. They would like Bluffton to have a representative on the community.