



**Town of Bluffton**  
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**To:** Town Council  
**From:** Stephen Steese, Town Manager  
**Date:** November 5, 2025

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

- We continue to monitor the weather as we move towards the end of hurricane season. The overall season has been below expectations, but we remain prepared.
- The election was held November 4<sup>th</sup> and Councilman Hamilton and Councilwoman Burden both won reelection. The election results will be certified on November 6<sup>th</sup>, and we will swear in both members for their new term at the January Council Meeting.
- Staff has worked to prepare for Strategic Planning. Staff will have their work session with the consultants on the 5<sup>th</sup> and then with Council on the 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be planning for the FYs 27-28.
- Land Acquisition Updates:
  - The Town has closed on the Mooney Tract parcel following Council approval.
  - We are finalizing the covenants for the Foothills properties and will bring to Council for approval in November and close right after.
  - The Green Penny Committee also gave initial approval to our second application.
  - Purchase and Sale Agreement in place for 182 Bluffton Road and anticipate closing by the end of the year.

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

- Weekly Mayor / Mayor Pro Tempore / Manager meetings.
- Mayor Toomer, Councilmembers, and staff attended the SOLOCO meeting in Bluffton on October 28<sup>th</sup>. I will be making a presentation about projects, updates, and priorities in Bluffton at the next meeting.
- Mayor, Council, and staff attended the Chamber's State of the Region. Mayor Toomer recorded a video update for the Town and then participated in a panel with other Mayors.
- Held our Quarterly Work Session and are looking at coordinating a community input meeting for the Buck Island Park.
- Held One-on-One Meetings with Town Councilmembers.
- Provided walkthroughs at the New Riverside Barn and new DRCI building for Town Council.
- Mayor, Council, and staff attended several ribbon cutting events.

### **Updates and Miscellaneous Information**

- Held the Town's last concert event at Buckwalter on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Town held our Annual Spooktacular Event on October 24<sup>th</sup> at Oscar Frazier Park.
  - Town Offices will be closed November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran's Day.
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