

Budget Workshop Meeting

May 30, 2024

I. Call to Order

The workshop was called to order at 5:00 PM.

II. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

III. Workshop Items:

1. Hilton Head - Bluffton Chamber of Commerce Annual DMO Presentation

Ariana Pernice, Vice-President Visitor & Convention Bureau, Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce presented the annual DMO to Council.

2. Lowcountry Regional Transport Authority - Mary Lou Franzoni, Executive Director

Mary Lou Franzoni, Executive Director, conducted the annual Lowcountry Regional Transport Authority presentation.

3. Discussion of Carryover Items from May 16, 2024, Budget Workshop Meeting

Discussions for carryover:

Currently the Bluffton Police Department only accepts cash as a form of payment. A new procedure is being investigated to provide other options of payment to include cash, check and card.

Beaufort County is working to amend the single use plastic ordinance to extend the products covered within the current ordinance. This amendment of the ordinance failed at first reading. If the Town Council would like to investigate the topic, further information will be provided. Councilmember Frazier discussed the possibility of an incentive program to food and beverage customers to be discussed at a future date.

Councilmember Frazier discussed the position of a mental health professional to give services in a mental health crisis. She would like staff to revisit what the position was intended and doing right by the intended budgeted position. Stephen Steese discussed partnerships with outside agencies to be further explored to meet the intended needs of the position and hiring in the future.

4. Capital Improvement Program Fund

Stephen Steese - Town Manager, conducted the presentation for the Capital Improvement Program Funding.

The topics for discussion were as follows as well as a breakdown of the Capital Improvement Program Process:

FY25 Proposed Consolidated Budget with each transfer being made by category/project name: General Fund, Hospitality Tax Fund, Local Accommodations Tax Fund, Stormwater Fund, Debt Services Fund.

IV. Adjournment

The workshop adjourned at 7:06 PM.

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