



# **Consideration of a Proposed Lighting Agreement with Dominion Energy for Wharf Street Lighting Project (Fiscal Impact – \$153,648.58 over a 10-year term)**

Presentation to Town Council

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# *Background*



- Wharf Street is a SCDOT owned road located in the Historic District of Old Town Bluffton.
- Staff requested Dominion to install lighting along the corridor to improve nighttime visibility, safety, and walkability throughout the corridor.
- The corridor is scheduled for 18 Sheppard Crook LED Lights which will match the existing fixtures found throughout the Historic District
- The cost for the project is within the allotted FY 24 Budget
- The duration of the agreement is 10 years, and a total cost of \$153,648.58 over 10 years.
- Staff is bringing this for approved due to the duration of the agreement and the financial amount.

# *Background*



- The Wharf Street agreement will have the Town pay “up front” for the facility construction cost.
- This will leave only the lease cost for electricity and maintenance remaining over time.
- Dominion will own both the Poles and the Lights and will maintain both.
- Pursuing this option rather than financing will be a savings of approximately \$47,901.02.



# Examples of Lighting in Old Town





## *Recommendation*

- Staff recommends Town Council authorize the Town Manager to execute an Agreement with Dominion Energy totaling \$153,648.58, which is in budget for Fiscal Year 2024, for Lighting Installation and Energy Services related to the Wharf Street Lighting Improvements project.



## *Next Steps*

- Following Council approval of the Agreement, the Town Manager will execute the contract.
- Staff along with Dominion will finalize easements and begin installation of conduit facilities.
- Installation of the poles will commence after the previous two steps are completed with all work anticipated to be completed in 2024.



# **QUESTIONS &** **DISCUSSION**



## *Proposed Motion*

- *“I move to **approve** authorizing the Town Manager to enter into a Lighting Agreement with Dominion Energy for the Wharf Street Lighting Project with a total fiscal impact of \$153,648.58 over a ten-year term.”*