

Budget Workshop Meeting

Theodore D. Washington Municipal Building, Henry “Emmett” McCracken Jr. Council Chambers, 20
Bridge Street, Bluffton, SC

May 28, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-tempore Hamilton called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Mayor Toomer and Councilmember Burden were absent from the meeting.

II. CALL TO ORDER

No Public Comment

III. WORKSHOP ITEMS:

1. Discussion of Carryover Items of May 21, 2026 Budget Workshop Meeting

Stephen Steese, Town Manager, provided the recap & updates from the FY27 Consolidated Budget First Reading and First Budget Workshop meeting.

Each of the following topics were discussed:

- Shuttle Services for Events

Events approved for State Accommodations Tax funds that request support by Town of Bluffton Police Department are funded by Transfers into Local Accommodations Taxes

- \$30,000 Beaufort Marine Search & Rescue

- Properties Not Hooked to Sewer

Staff estimates of approximately 50-75 septic systems remaining in Historic District, Buck Island and Simmonsville Road neighborhoods following Town Sewer Extension/Connection Projects. Staff are again requesting BJWSA's assistance with their updated billing information.

- Additional SRO Positions in the school area are currently being evaluated with Dr. Frank Rodriguez, Superintendent of the Beaufort County School District and Joe Babkiewicz, Bluffton Police Chief.

2. Capital Improvement Program Fund

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

FY27 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 5:45 PM.

Marcia Hunter, Town Clerk

Town of Bluffton, South Carolina

Larry C. Toomer, Mayor

Town of Bluffton, South Carolina

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