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To: Town Council
From: Stephen Steese, Town Manager
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Town Operations / Community Meetings

- We held two Budget Workshops on May 21st and May 28th. The first Workshop focused on all funds (except Capital) and had a presentation from LRTA on their FY 25-26 and FY 26-27 funding requests. The second Workshop covered Capital Projects and a few carryover items from First Reading and the initial Workshop.
- We started our Parks and Recreation Master Planning process with community input. The consultants were here to hear from Councilmembers, staff, regional partners, and residents.
- Instead of a Historic Preservation Symposium, we did a series of Historic Walking Tours that were well attended.
- Town held our Annual Townwide Hurricane Preparedness Meeting and training. June 1st kicks off the official start to Hurricane Season, and we continue to ensure we are prepared.

Town Council/Town Attorney Related Meetings

- Weekly Mayor / Mayor Pro Tempore / Manager meetings.
- Mayor, Council, and staff attended the SOLOCO meeting held in Bluffton on May 26th. We heard updates on the Beaufort County Transportation Penny, the Regional Planning Committee, and on the Tri-Share Pilot Program potential.
- Mayor, Council, and staff attended several ribbon-cutting and celebrations throughout the month.
- Attended the Quarterly Mayor/Manager meeting that was hosted by Port Royal.
- Town attorney, staff, and I attended the Beaufort County Council Meeting on May 11th for the discussion and final vote on our Green Penny application for the Foothill tracts. County Council approved and we finalized the grant approval.
- The Mayor presented the Mayor Service Awards to over 100 high school students on May 20th. Each recipient completed a minimum of 50 hours of community service with the highest completing over 640 hours of community service.
- Mayor, Police Chief, and I held our bi-monthly check-in meeting.

Updates and Miscellaneous Information

- Town held our Movie Night on May 15th at New Riverside Barn Park. We also have a School's Out Celebration at the Welcome Center on June 1st and Waterslide Event on June 6th at Field of Dreams.
 - We celebrated Public Service Week May 4-8 for all the Town and celebrated Public Works Appreciation Week May 18-22.
 - Offices were closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.
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