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

- It has been a very heavy month for the FY 25-26 budget. We are finalizing the Budget Book that will be presented to Council at First Reading at the May 13th Meeting. We have our first Budget Workshop scheduled for May 22nd.
- Staff continued to meet with the engineer that is reviewing the entire Bluffton Parkway as part of the LATS study. They are finalizing options, along with their impact and costs, that will be presented to LATS in August.
- Town offices were closed April 18th in observance of Good Friday.

Town Council/Town Attorney Related Meetings

- Weekly Mayor / Mayor Pro Tempore / Manager meetings.
- Councilmembers, and staff attended the SOLOCO meeting in Bluffton on April 22nd. Bluffton provided an update on the Wetlands Ordinance that was approved at First Reading. The Regional Planning Committee presented a recommendation of partnering on a consultant to put together a regional outline of development rights and progress on development. The County also provided an update on the single use plastic survey.
- Mayor, Council, and staff attended the State of the College (TCL) and met with Novant Health prior to the event.
- Mayor, Council, and staff attended the WAPAC Meeting to hear the update on the May River Baseline Study and the Resiliency and Flooding Study. These studies were shared with all after the meeting.
- Held a Joint Council Workshop with the City of Hardeeville to discuss upcoming growth and regional topics.
- Held our Quarterly Workshop Meeting where the Community Survey and Space and Facility Needs Study were presented. We also workshopped some proposed edits to the Wetlands Ordinance prior to Second Reading.
- Council attended the unveiling of the Historical Marker at First Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

Updates and Miscellaneous Information

- The Town put up banners for the Heritage Golf Tournament. The mayor attended the Opening Ceremonies and Parade.
 - The Town held their Family and Friends Day event on April 5th at Oscar Frazer Park.
 - Town held our inaugural Bluffton Bunny Bonanza at New Riverside Park on April 12th.
 - Continuing Our Movie Night on May 2nd from 5:00 – 8:00 at Martin Family Park.
 - The May River Cleanup is scheduled for May 3rd at 9:00 at Oyster Factory Park.
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