

# Budget Workshop Meeting

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

May 28, 2026

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## 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 Babbkiewicz, 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

APPROVED