

# Beautification Committee Meeting

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

October 16, 2025

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## I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bowen called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

## II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairman Johnny Bowen

Vice Chair Dot Jeger

Dan Ciufreda

Hugh Williamson

ABSENT

Jessica Palladino

## III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

September 18, 2025 Minutes

Chairman Bowen made a motion to approve September 18, 2025 minutes as written.

Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jegger.

Voting Yea: Chairman Bown, Vice Chair Jegger, Ciuffreda and Williamson.

All were in favor and the motion passed.

## IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

## V. OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Palmetto Pride Tree Grant Update & Planting Schedule

Members to solicit volunteers from the Rotary Club to plant trees at New Riverside Barn Park on Friday, November 7th at 8:00 AM.

### 2. Paint Out Pollution Storm Drain Art Project Update & Slogan Vote

Members voted on their top six favorite slogans to use for the solicitation of art from Bluffton Middle and High Schools for the first phase of the Storm Drain Art Project. The winning slogans were as follows:

"Only rain down the drain"

"Be a part of the solution, not water pollution"

"Keep it clean, we're all downstream"

"The river begins here"

"All drains lead to the ocean"

"Don't let trash travel"

### 3. Steve Doocy's Main Street USA Tour Submission Update

Members discussed partnering with the Town of Bluffton's Public Information Officer, Debbie Szpanka, to coordinate a submission for the Town of Bluffton. The Public Services Coordinator, Colleen Hall, will do additional research on Steve Doocy's Main Street USA Tour submission requirements and reach out to Debbie Szpanka for assistance.

### 4. Hanging Flower Baskets Update, Delayed Shipping

Members informed of delayed shipping of hanging planters from the vendor, Planters Unlimited. Estimated shipping date for the hanging planters is September 18, 2025. Charter Vista is expected to begin work filling the Town's flower pots in early November.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Review 2026 Committee Meeting Dates

Members reviewed and voted on the adoption of 2026 Beautification Committee Meeting Dates.

Chairman Bowen made a motion to adopt the 2026 Committee Meeting Dates as presented.

Seconded by Vice Chair Jeger.

Voting Yea: Chairman Bowen, Vice Chair Jeger, Ciuffreda, Williamson

All were in favor and the motion passed.

### 2. Discuss Cancellation of November Committee Meeting

Members discussed whether or not to meet in the months of November and December.

All members agreed to meet in November. All members agreed that a meeting in December was not necessary.

## VII. DISCUSSION

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bowen adjourned the meeting at 9:31 AM.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025**