

The Town of James Island held a Budget Workshop on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in person at the Town Hall, 1122 Dills Bluff Rd., James Island, SC. The workshop was also live-streamed on the Town's website at [www.jamesislandsc.us/livestream-townmeetings](http://www.jamesislandsc.us/livestream-townmeetings) and was held in accordance with the SC Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of James Island.

The following members of Council were present: Boles, Dodson, Mignano, Mullinax, and Mayor Lyon, who presided. Also in attendance were: Michael Hemmer (incoming Town Administrator), Merrell Roe, Finance Officer, and Frances Simmons, Town Clerk.

Call to Order/Opening Exercises: Mayor Lyon called the workshop to order and welcomed those present. One member of the public was present.

Presentation of Recommended Draft Budget for FY 2024-2025: Mr. Hemmer presented and discussed the proposed timeline for the 2024-2025 Annual Budget.

- March 18 Budget Workshop
- April 18, Draft to Council
- April 25, Notice to Newspaper
- April 29, Notice Published
- May 16, First Reading Amendments
- June 20, Final Reading/Adoption

Mr. Hemmer indicated that these dates could be modified and solicited Council's input and discussion. He shared that fund codes needs to be established.

An overview was made of the revenues and expenditures anticipated for FY 2024-2025 by Mr. Hemmer and Finance Officer, Merrell Roe. Questions from Council were addressed as they related to various line items. Copy of draft attached.

There was brief discussion regarding the Town's Cost Sharing Agreement with the James Island PSD and Councilman Boles suggested this discussion be done in a separate workshop. Councilwoman Mignano shared about a meeting she is having with the High School on Friday to discuss the Repair Care Program. She talked about the benefits that could be done under this program and does not want this line item decreased. Students completing the program will be given a certificate for the number of hours they work in the Repair Care Program.

The workshop adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Frances Simmons  
Town Clerk