

TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND
2025 Council Strategic Planning Meeting
Kiawah Town Hall
Room: Council Chambers
January 29, 2025
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

AGENDA

Wednesday, January 29

Call to Order: 9:00 am

Opening Comments: Mayor Brad Belt

CHARTING A PATH FORWARD: PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF THE TOWN OF KIAWAH ISLAND

Health, Safety, and Security of Our Citizens

Public Safety and Code Enforcement Resources

- Status of feasibility study and review of current CCSO coverage and off-duty deputy contract
- Code enforcement policies and priorities
- Evaluation of emergency access locations and maintenance protocols for existing access paths while ensuring minimal impact on the dune ecosystem.
- Emergency response protocols and coordination between Beach Patrol, Public Safety, and EMS
- BIOR Contract
- Review the upcoming BIOR contract renewal for the February Town Council meeting. Discuss contract terms, service delivery, and recommendations for extension.

Emergency Preparedness

- Emergency preparedness process and partnerships with Charleston County Emergency Management during named storms and other events.
- Review of CodeRed systems implementation, Annual Disaster Event participation, and hurricane table-top exercises.
- Assessing emergency power infrastructure needs and Emergency Debris Removal MOU with KICA.

Lunch Break

Resiliency and Protecting our Natural Environment

Beach Management Issues

- Beach jurisdictional issues focusing on town regulatory authority, property owner rights, and coordination with state regulatory agencies.
- Review of Beach Management ordinance and implications for Kiawah's shoreline management, including permitting requirements, setback policies, and beach preservation strategies

Marsh Management Issues

- Marsh Management Plan status update and committee structure
- Living shoreline projects
- Regulatory tools to address

Wildlife Management Issues

- Discuss wildlife management strategies, specifically coyote population management, alligator response protocols, and other nuisance wildlife concerns
- Review of current wildlife management practices and development of comprehensive response strategies

Resiliency Initiatives

- Coordinating resiliency initiatives across departments, committees, and other stakeholders; consider potential Chief Resiliency Officer
- Evaluate federal, state, and NGO funding opportunities
- Update the 2018 Sea Level Rise and Adaptation Report
- Net zero stormwater management

Infrastructure and Community Facilities

Infrastructure

- Evaluate contractual relationships with utility providers, focusing on service delivery agreements, economic considerations, and regulatory authority
- Assess infrastructure capacity and resiliency
- Town role in supporting high-quality connectivity and broadband access
- Update 2019 Risk Assessment Report to address current and emerging infrastructure challenges

Rethinking the Role of the Municipal Center

- Expanding community amenity and meeting space
- Improving connectivity to FFV and JI
- Options for wastewater solutions

Wrap up

3:00 pm