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# **Town of Ravenel**

## **Town Council 2024 Goal Setting Session**

**Tuesday, April 23 at 4:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers at Town Hall - 5962 Highway 165, Ravenel, SC 29470**

**IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE MAY BE LIMITED.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA,  
PLEASE CALL RAVENEL TOWN HALL AT (843) 889-8732.**

### **AGENDA**

**Town Council 2024 Goal Setting Session:                      4:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order / Roll Call
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
3. Mayor's Comments
4. Ashley Kellahan – Field Services Manager, Municipal Association of South Carolina
5. Council Comments
6. Adjournment

## Town Council 2023 Goal Setting Session

Saturday, January 21, 2023 @ 9 AM

### Ravenel Town Hall

**Attendees: Mayor Stephen Tumbleston, Councilmember Andrea Gail Farris, Councilmember Jim Rodgers Jr., Councilmember Robert Cochran, Councilmember LaJuanda Brown, Councilmember Buckey Waters, Councilmember Terry Wilkinson, and Municipal Association of South Carolina Field Services Manager Ashley Kellahan (Facilitator).**

- The Workshop began with Mayor's Comments followed by a review of prior year goals and providing updates of ongoing activities, and reviewing items that have been completed. Below is a list of items completed in 2022:
  - Short-term improvements made to the former E.B. Ellington School
  - Hired Code Enforcement Officer who has inventoried dilapidated structures and successfully removed one, with lien placed on property.
  - Concession Stand at Ravenel Hall is under construction
  - Sewer System
    - Consultant has been hired and system assessed, rate study performed
    - RIA SCIP grant applied for to leverage funds (will be notified in 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. of 2023 regarding any awards)
  - Broadband - State has taken the lead and many under-served areas have been addressed and others are in process of being identified / addressed
  - Garbage Service – Town has privatized with Republic
  - Monthly staff reports being issued to Council
  - Completed turning lane at Bethel AME

### 2023 Goals

#### Must Do:

- ✓ 1. Former E. B. Ellington School and surrounding neighborhood(s)
  - Community Input Meeting - Engage the surrounding neighborhood and public at large regarding future uses **Completed: October 21, 2023**
- 2. Adopt New Sewer Rates as developed by consultant's rate study **\*Pending: 75% Complete\***
- 3. Town-written Emergency Management Plan
  - Hire a consultant to assist

### Should Do:

1. Rental Policy and Procedures
  - Specifically needed for Rantowles Grove
  - Review Rates
  - Perhaps take a comprehensive look at all facilities
2. Grant Consultant
  - **Explore working with a Consultant** *\*Seamon Whiteside - Sewer Grant\**
  - Develop a Grant Needs Assessment – Match needs with opportunities
  - Look at possibly establishing a separate foundation (501c3)
3. Building a Multipurpose trail at former E.B. Ellington School

### Could Do:

1. Apply for MASC's Hometown Economic Development Grant
  - Applications open in August/September and are due in October
  - Focus on an innovative project that demonstrates financial need
- ✓ 2. **Install new Town Clock at the Depot**
  - **Town has received insurance settlement for damages to old clock** **Completed: October 26, 2023**
3. **Photo Gallery on Town's Website**
  - **Showcase the Town events, meetings, completed projects, etc.** *\*Needs Attention\**

### Other Goals Proposed (no order assigned):

- Get a plan for demolition and pricing to buildings at former E.B. Ellington school that need to be removed
- Review Rental Rates for Ravenel Hall (ties into #1 Should Do)
- Host a signature Annual Event at Rantowles Grove
- Work with County to ensure all Town residents receive Recycling Services
- Develop a Citizen's Committee for History
  - Develop a written history; Collect Oral histories
- Expand bathroom stalls at Depot
  - The number of toilets/urinals is not enough to support large events/functions

- Start a Holiday Tree Program
  - Display at Depot
  - Get local businesses to sponsor
- Review Operational Issues with the Farmer's Market **\*Non-Urgent\***
- Look into acquiring more land at Bennett Park
- Beautify Medians