

Projects Done in 2016

New fire station and a new Fire Chief

Boundary Street 49% complete and on budget

Update of our Business License and taxing of property to be fair to all

Bond issue and cost reduction/RATING as high as a City our size could get

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Stormwater improvements throughout City

Sale of property, including 302 Carteret Street

Food truck ordinance

On line business license

Updated business license schedule & fees AND discounts for early payments and established businesses

Annexations plan, and grants

Development over all permits highest in last 12 years - \$202,390 a 66% increase – new jobs, new revenue and positive economic development.

Digital corridor – BDC not just a place but the foundation for a new industry in our City

Don Ryan Center for innovation – opportunity for those that wish to “Try”.

Grants over \$1.0 million -Police, Fire, Parks, CDBG, Hargray, MASC, Dept. of Commerce

Budget performance

Police Diversity recognition

Civic Master Plan Award – national recognition

Review of Beaufort code

Duke St. improvement project – In-Fill

Tropical Storm Hermine and Hurricane Matthew – the good and the bad

Commerce Park listed with Commerce Dept. – Palmetto Program of listed sites

OpenGov financials on line and real time.

Southside sidewalks/ Broad Street Stormwater improvements

Southside Park -dog park and grant for walking trail

We are prepared to make 2017 even better and it will start with our Council Retreat on February 7 & 8th.

I thank our Staff for the work they have done to accomplish all of these items and also thank you for having the vision and for supporting our efforts throughout the year.

I will be happy to answer any questions.