Comprehensive Emergency Plan
Worked with a team of residents and consultant, Scott Cave to complete the Town’s Comprehensive Emergency Plan that addresses potential threats to Kiawah; follows the Incident Command Structure; outlines initial preparation; and identifies response and recovery methods for each type of threat. This is the first document of this type published by the Town. The undertaking took five months and 100 meeting hours. It involved collaboration with each of the Island entities. The project also included revising existing Town ordinances for completeness. This plan was adopted by Town Council in May 2014 followed by staff and Council training.

RFP for Emergency Services
In April 2014, Council commissioned a study of all emergency services provided to Kiawah Island. Worked with Public Safety Chair to review responses from national firms and selected PSSI Consulting. The evaluation was completed in November 2014 and the newly elected Council will review the final consultant’s report on January 6th at 1 pm.

Kiawah Bridge Joint Project
Worked with Collins Engineering to manage the project and oversee the construction. The bridge joints are still holding with no evidence of crumbling or cracking. This project was funded by the County Transportation Tax Fund totaling $75,000.

Beachwalker Drive Pedestrian Path Project
Worked with McSweeney Engineers and Three Oaks Contractors to complete the asphalt pedestrian path into Beachwalker County Park. The path enhances beach access and reduces on street parking. This project was funded from the County Transportation Tax Fund totaling $60,000.

VOA Transition
Transitioned Town operations to a Virtual Office or the “Cloud.” This included an appraisal of all operating systems, documents and software to assure full migration of all applications, and testing and activation of the system. Operating in the Cloud eliminates the need for back up servers or record storage. It increases functional efficiency and allows users to work on the system from any location; continuous data backup; and ease of recovery from a disaster.

Communications
The Town advanced its communications by introducing electronic delivery of the newsletter and biweekly email blasts. The Town website was modified to include a new page for the biweekly e-blasts. Published a newly redesigned quarterly Town website was modified to include a new page for the bi-blotic delivery of the newsletter and biweekly email blasts. The Cloud eliminates the need for backup servers or record storage. It increases functional efficiency and allows users to work on the system from any location; continuous data backup; and ease of recovery from a disaster.

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Ordinance 2014-10 – To Amend Article 14, Chapter 3 – Elevated Buildings
Council approved the 1st reading of Ordinance 2014-10 and scheduled a town hall public meeting for October 24th, 2014 to further discuss the amendments. Council unanimously approved 2nd reading of ordinance 2014-10 at its November 6th meeting.

PSI Contract Update and Presentation
PSI consultants provided Council with an update on the progress of the Emergency Services Assessment.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation
Mayor Lipuma read a proclamation that declared October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Kiawah Island.

Betsy Kerrison Parkway Connectivity
Pathway Council considered a proposal from County Councilman Quayle for a connectivity project that would connect Betsy Kerrison Parkway to and connect it to Freshfields. Council decided not to support this project application due to the scope of the project; limited funding; and continued safety concerns.

Construction Board of Appeal Members
Appointments Council appointed the approved the appointment of two additional Board members to the Construction Board of Appeals.

Accurate Window Cleaning Contract Amendment
Council approved a one-year contract extension for Accurate Window Cleaning at the annual rate of $2,500.

Charleston County Sheriff’s Office Fiscal Year 2015 Contract Amendment
Council approved a contract amendment to increase the hourly rate for deputy supervisors’ from $25 per hour to $30 per hour.

Fiscal Year 2014 Audit
Accepted the Fiscal Year 2014 audit completed by Webb Rogers.

Betsy Kerrison Parkway Property Acquisition
In a 3-2 vote, Council approved the purchase of a 27-acre tract of land located on Betsy Kerrison Parkway for $2,200,000. The vote was taken following full public disclosure via town hall public information meetings held on October 28th and 30th.

Arts and Cultural Event Committee
Chamber Council approved a committee charter which expands the Arts Council to the Arts and Cultural Event Committee. The advisory committee will oversee and manage those events designed to generate revenue for the Town. The fees charged would be distributed to employees by the Town’s Administrator.

Kiawah Island Traffic Sign Discussion
Council approved the Kiawah Island Traffic Sign Study Final Report. The recommendation for the signs is a $10,000 annual fee to cover funding totaling $10,000 by the Charleston Transportation Tax Committee.

Charitable Giving Policy and Application Discussion
Council approved a revised policy and application process to simplify the process for applicants.

State Mandated Committees
Planning Commission: The Commission meets monthly to approve plats and make recommendations to the Town Council on planned developments; zoning districts; map amendments; text amendments; and comprehensive plan updates. Members of this group serve for four years.

Board of Zoning Appeals: The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) meets as needed to: hear and decide zoning applications; hear and decide applications for variances; and permit use by special exception; (Special Exceptions). Members of this group serve for three years.

State Accommodations Tax Committee: The State Accommodations Tax Committee meets annually to consider applications and make recommendations for the allocation of tourism-related funding. Volunteers on this committee serve a one-year term and are reapportioned annually.

Mayor’s Corner – Charles R. Lipuma

Looking back 2014 was both a challenging and rewarding year. Remaining true to our strategic objectives; announcing Freshfields Village and the remaining 20 acres of property there and purchasing the new Town of Kiawah gateway; 21 acres adjacent to Sunset Beach Road; and 21 acres on the Kiawah Corporate Center; maintaining my reelection as Mayor by a near two-to-one margin, clearly signaling the electorate strong support of this administrations initiatives. We thank our new Kiawah Mayor Murphy and Lauren Patch chose not to run for a second term of office. The two incumbents, John Labriola and Mary Johnson were joined by Craig Weaver and John Wilkinson, two out of three on the Kiawah Corporate Board. We thank both Dick and Lauren for their many contributions to the Town and its future during the last two years.

Looking ahead we have unfinished business. The January 16th Town Council meeting will deal largely with Town Council reorganization, Committee assignments and appointments. Our next strategic planning meeting will be held in February and the focus will be on planning the Kiawah Corporate Center. April 1st will be the first day of our fiscal year. April 1st will be the first day of our fiscal year. Our Kiawah Island 2521 Rescue Drive North Charleston, SC 29405

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Fire Safety and Utility Controls, Unit 5 Light Search and Rescue

Certification for CERT programs. They will also be providing a Basic CERT Training Course which teaches CERT participants how to address the three major causes of death in an emergency situation: breathing stoppage, excessive bleeding, and shock. Topics such as fire suppression, search and rescue, and basic first responder skills will also be covered. The training will consist of the following classes:

• Friday, January 23 @ 9:00 – Unit 1 Disaster Preparedness, Unit 2 Fire Safety and Utility Controls, Unit 5 Light Search and Rescue Operations - Location: Kiawah Island

• Saturday, January 24 @ 9:00 – Unit 3-4 Disaster Medical Operations, Unit 6 CERT Organization - Location: Kiawah Island

• Friday, January 30 @ 9:00 – Unit 7 Disaster Psychology, Unit 8 Terrorism and CERT - Location: Kiawah Island

• Saturday, January 31 @ 9:00 – Course Review, Final Exam, and Disaster Simulation – Location: Charleston County Rescue Squad 2521 Rescue Drive North Charleston, SC 29405

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