



City Manager's Report

February 23, 2026

Administration

The City received another clean audit for FY 24-25. Our auditor will be at the March regular Council meeting to present to Council and answer any questions you may have. We have also hired our new Municipal Clerk, Ms. Mia Elton. She is scheduled to begin on March 9th.

Development Services

Staff is finalizing the last Evolve module. The Project Module, which is intended to streamline organization and workflow for major civil plan approvals, including subdivisions, as well as annexation and rezoning requests. The anticipated go-live date is the end of March. They are also actively coordinating with PD regarding a more proactive approach to City code enforcement procedures.

The Grove development continues installation of ground infrastructure. Staff recently met with project representatives to discuss right-of-way acquisition associated with their off-site traffic improvements along Highway 160. Staff has also met with representatives from the two Windhaven Commercial properties yet to be developed located behind the cemetery to initiate coordination discussions and outline expectations as development activity progresses over the coming year.

Our team is actively investigating with other jurisdictions from around the state to explore the concept of establishing social districts within targeted areas of the City such as The Grove and a portion of Stonecrest.



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Public Works

Maintenance crews have completed most of the Christmas light removal and should have that wrapped up in the coming weeks. Our crews have also completed two stormwater projects related to inlet and outfall maintenance. They are currently training on National Incident Management System certifications. Loose Leaf collections will end at the end of this month.

We are anticipating installing new pedestrian activated, rapid flashing beacons, finally, at Seven Coves/Trail Ridge and Calloway crossing Tega Cay. The encroachment permit has been submitted. We're also being told that SCDOT is going to replace the in-pavement flashers at Heron Harbor with pedestrian activated, rapid flashing beacons as well. We hope to have the ones we are installing completed by the end of the March.

TCUD

The Utilities Department welcomed two new team members, John Kujawa and Cedric Lockhart, who recently began employment with the department.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project experienced a mobilization delay. The revised mobilization date is February 23. Initial activities will include delivery of small equipment, placement of a temporary mobile office trailer, and earthwork operations involving the transfer of soil from WWTP #2 to WWTP #3.

Three surplus items were listed on GovDeals. One item has been sold, and two remain active.

The competitive procurement process for On-Call Backflow Testing Services has been completed, and a contractor has been selected to support compliance efforts ahead of the June deadline.



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Parks and Recreation

Spring sports registration is just about wrapped up. However, Youth Baseball for ages 13-15 is still open until March 7th. More information on the program and how to register can be found Parks & Recreation page of our website.

Park Maintenance staff continues to stay busy as they prep for spring sports and put the final touches on the new batting cages at Runde Park.

Quadball officially landed in Tega Cay this past weekend. 7 teams from across the US competed at Catawba Park in their national qualifier.

We're excited to announce Tega Cay was awarded the Rising Star Award by the North Carolina Festival & Events Association for the Best Dam Food Festival. The Rising Star Award recognizes the best new event in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Congratulations to Caroline Hasty and everyone involved in making the Best Dam Food Festival happen!

Fire Department

Ladder 1 is in service. We are thankful to everyone who played a part in the funding or purchase and everyone who participated in the dedication ceremony.

Our team had an exceptionally productive month, completing nearly 100 pre-fire plans and fire safety inspections. Plan review and Fire Marshal inspection activities have remained busy. Working in close coordination with Development Services, we have reviewed construction plans, conducted certificate of occupancy inspections, and completed fire safety inspections for 14 businesses.

Twelve members successfully completed recertification for their National Registry EMT credentials, demonstrating our department's continued commitment to maintaining the highest standard of emergency medical care. Additionally, two new members will graduate from recruit school Friday the 27th, and we welcome them to our team.

Over the past month, our members responded to 106 emergency calls for service including several fires in our community and handled numerous non-emergency requests for information and assistance.



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Fire Department (*cont.*)

As always, we ask that you have and practice Fire Escape Plans for your homes with your families.

Upcoming Events: We will be in the community testing fire hydrants in coordination with TCUD during the month of March. We ask for your patience as we ensure our fire protection systems are ready for service.

Police Department

March 4 | 6:00 PM | Public Safety Meeting (Joint with TCFD)

The Police Department and Tega Cay Fire Department will host a Public Safety Meeting. We will present and review 2025 public safety statistics, including crime trends, response data, and community safety initiatives. Special Guest: Tony Breeden. Sheriff Breeden will open the meeting. He will provide updates on York County trends, enforcement priorities, and issues occurring in the county that specifically impacting Tega Cay. This is an informative session designed to keep residents aware, prepared, and engaged. We strongly encourage residents to attend and participate.

March 6 | Cocoa with the Popo | Memorial Gardens

Officers will be at Memorial Gardens, greeting parents and kids as they head to school. We look forward to seeing our students and families.

New Educational Series Launch- "Your City, Your Safety"

The Police Department is launching a new public education series titled "Your City, Your Safety." These events will focus on topics that directly impact community safety.



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Police Department (*cont.*)

First Your City Your Safety Event / E-Bike Safety & Education[Chief Crosby] / March 14th / Police Department

Spring is coming, and more and more people will be out enjoying outdoor activities. We want to make sure that everyone is safe while on the trails or at the parks. Many parents have purchased what they believe are e-bikes; however, some may not meet the state law definition or classification requirements. Residents are encouraged to bring their e-bikes to the Police Department or come by, and officers will determine whether the bike meets state classification requirements.

Educational talks will be held at 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 11:00 AM

Topics covered:

- What is the legal definition of an e-bike?
- What are you allowed to do or not do if it is not an e-bike?
- Where can I ride my e-bike?
- Safety topics

We encourage parents to bring their children to these educational talks so they can learn, ask questions, and interact with officers. You can bring your bike at any time during the event, so officers can determine whether it is an e-bike.

If you have questions, contact our community Officer, Officer Jenn McCormack at 803-548-0340

March 27 | 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM | First Annual Hoppin' with the PoPo

The Police Department will host the First Annual Hoppin' with the Popo at the Police Department. This event will feature arts and crafts and a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny! Special thanks to the Lions Club for their support and partnership. We look forward to a great turnout and a memorable evening for our families.



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Police Department (cont.)

March 28 | Self-Defense Training Courses

The Tega Cay Police Department, in partnership with SASS (Surviving Assault Standing Strong) GO, will host self-defense courses for females of various ages.

Separate classes will be offered for:

- Elementary school-age girls
- Middle school-age girls
- Young ladies and women (ages 15 and up)

Each age group will have a separate class with staggered start times. For class times, registration details, and additional information, visit the City Calendar on the City website or the Tega Cay Police Department Facebook page.

In the month of January the Police Department had: 467 calls for service, 59 Incident Reports and 3,450 property checks. They also conducted 730 traffic stops and issued 4 parking citations. Other stats for the month include: 13 vehicle collisions, 23 custodial arrest and 5 DUI arrests. Their average response time was 3:52. They also held two community events
