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AGENDA

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

Monday, June 13, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Administration Building
Beaufort County Government Robert Smalls Complex
100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort

Citizens may participate telephonically in the public comments and public hearings segments from the Hilton Head Island Branch Library as well as Mary Field School, Daufuskie Island.

1. CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 P.M.
2. REGULAR SESSION
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. INVOCATION – Council Member Gerald Dawson
5. PROCLAMATION
 - A. Mosquito Control Awareness Week
Mr. Greg Hunt, Director, Mosquito Control Department
6. PRESENTATION / SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES SAFETY AWARDS
 - A. Detention Center / Bio Hazardous Cleanup Cart
 - B. Disabilities and Special Needs Department / Significantly Improved Safety Performance
7. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Approval of Minutes
 1. May 23, 2016 [caucus](#) and May 23, 2016 [regular session](#)
 - B. Committee Reports (next meeting)
 1. Community Services (June 27 at 3:00 p.m., ECR)
 - a. Minutes – May 23, 2016 ([backup](#))
 2. Executive (August 8 at 4:00 p.m., ECR)
 3. Finance (June 20 at 2:00 p.m., ECR)
 - a. Minutes – May 16, 2016 ([backup](#))
 4. Governmental (August 9 at 4:00 p.m., ECR)
 5. Natural Resources (June 21 at 2:00 p.m., ECR)
 6. Public Facilities (June 20 at 4:00 p.m., ECR)
 - a. Minutes – May 17, 2016 ([backup](#))
 - C. Appointments to Boards and Commissions ([backup](#))



8. PUBLIC COMMENT – Speaker sign-up encouraged no later than 5:45 p.m. day of meeting.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. AN ORDINANCE OF BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE APPOINTMENT OF ITS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BEAUFORT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ([backup](#))

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2. Public hearing announcement – Monday, June 27, 2016 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Administration Building, Beaufort County Government Robert Smalls Complex, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort
3. First reading occurred on May 23, 2016 / Vote 11:0
4. Governmental Committee discussion and recommendation to approve ordinance on first reading occurred on May 16, 2016 / Vote 6:1

B. TEXT AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 AND 10 OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE AS A RESULT OF THE ONE-YEAR REVIEW OF THE CODE ADOPTED DECEMBER 4, 2014 ([backup](#))

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C. SOUTHERN BEAUFORT COUNTY MAP AMENDMENT / REZONING FOR THIRTEEN (13) PROPERTIES TOTALING 39.02 ACRES LOCATED IN THE BLUFFTON AREA BETWEEN ULMER ROAD AND DEVONWOOD DRIVE: ([backup](#))

- From T3-Hamlet Neighborhood to T2-Rural Center for twelve (12) properties: R600 039 000 0205 0000, R600 039 000 0271 0000, R600 039 000 0229 0000, R600 039 000 0519 0000, R600 039 000 0226 0000, R600 039 000 226A 0000, R600 039 000 0860 0000, R600 039 000 226B 0000, R600 039 000 0287 0000, R600 039 000 0286 0000, R600 039 000 0285 0000, and a 2-acre portion of R600 040 000 0003 0000 (located at the northeast corner of Benton Field and Ulmer Roads); and
 - From T3-Hamlet Neighborhood to T4-Hamlet Center for a 4.28-acre portion of R600 039 000 0850 0000
 - Text amendment to the Beaufort County Community Development Code, Table 7.2.30.A (Allowable Modulations)
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D. AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX, SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM, WITHIN BEAUFORT COUNTY, PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX ACT, S.C. CODE ANN. §4-10-300, ET SEQ.; TO DEFINE THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES AND DESIGNATE THE PROJECTS FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX MAY BE USED; TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM TIME FOR WHICH SUCH TAX MAY BE IMPOSED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO BE ISSUED IN ORDER TO FINANCE THE CAPITAL PROJECTS AUTHORIZED HEREUNDER SUCH BONDS TO BE PAYABLE FROM, AND SECURED BY, THE CAPITAL PROJECT SALES AND USE TAX AUTHORIZED HEREBY AS WELL AS THE FULL FAITH, CREDIT AND TAXING POWER OF BEAUFORT COUNTY; TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM COST OF THE PROJECTS OR FACILITIES FUNDED FROM THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX OR BONDS AND THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF NET PROCEEDS TO BE RAISED BY SUCH TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COST OF SUCH PROJECTS OR FOR THE PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE ON ANY BONDS ISSUED TO PAY SUCH COSTS; TO PROVIDE FOR A COUNTYWIDE REFERENDUM AND TO PRESCRIBE THE CONTENTS OF THE BALLOT QUESTION IN SUCH REFERENDUM; TO PROVIDE CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO THE IMPOSITION OF SUCH TAX AND CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF SUCH TAX REVENUE; TO ESTABLISH THE PRIORITY, AND EXCEPTIONS THERETO, IN WHICH THE NET PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX, IF APPROVED IN A REFERENDUM, ARE TO BE EXPENDED FOR THE PROJECTS AND PURPOSES STATED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH REFERENDUM BY THE BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF SUCH TAX, IF APPROVED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUCH TAX; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO ([backup](#))

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3. First reading occurred on May 23, 2016 / Vote 11:0
4. Capital Project Sales Tax Commission discussion and recommendation to approve the final list of projects and their respective funding levels. Approval occurred on May 10, 2016 / Vote 6:0
5. Capital Project Sales Tax Commission discussion occurred on May 3, 2016
6. Capital Project Sales Tax Commission discussion occurred on April 19, 2016
7. Capital Project Sales Tax Commission discussion occurred on April 5, 2016
8. Capital Project Sales Tax Commission discussion occurred on March 29, 2016
9. Capital Project Sales Tax Commission discussion occurred on March 22, 2016
10. Capital Project Sales Tax Commission discussion occurred on March 8, 2016
11. Capital Project Sales Tax Commission discussion occurred on February 23, 2016
12. Capital Project Sales Tax Commission discussion occurred on February 9, 2016
13. Capital Project Sales Tax Commission discussion occurred on November 10, 2015
14. Capital Project Sales Tax Commission discussion occurred on October 21, 2015

E. CONTRACT AWARD / EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES BILLING SERVICES CONTRACT ([backup](#))

1. Contract award: EMS Management and Consultants, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
2. Contract amount: \$190,000
3. Funding: Payment to the contractor is a negotiated percentage based on the collected fees from the individuals owing money to the County for services provided by EMS. The new commission rate is 6.25%, for a total estimated annual commission fee of \$190,000 for fiscal year 2017.
4. Executive Committee discussion and recommendation to occur at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2016

10. PUBLIC HEARING – 6:30 P.M.

A. FISCAL YEAR 2016 – 2017 COUNTY BUDGET PROPOSAL ([backup](#))

1. Consideration of third and final reading to occur on June 13, 2016
2. Second reading occurred on May 23, 2016 / Vote 6:5
3. Finance Committee discussion and recommendation to approve FY 2016-2017 budget proposal on second reading. Approval occurred on May 16, 2016 / Vote 5:2
4. Finance Committee discussion and recommendation to approve FY 2016-2017 fire districts' budget proposals. Approval occurred on May 16, 2016 / Vote 6:1
5. First reading, by title only, approval occurred on May 9, 2016 / Vote 7:4
6. Finance Committee discussion and staff directive to include the Sheriff's Office \$31,772,825 budget request in the County FY 2016-2017 budget proposal. Discussion occurred on April 18, 2016.
7. Finance Committee discussion and recommendation to include a \$295,000 line item to fund economic development in the County FY 2016-2017 budget proposal. Discussion occurred on April 18, 2016 / Vote 4:2
8. Finance Committee discussion occurred on March 21, 2016
9. Strategic Planning Session discussion occurred on February 12, 2016

B. FISCAL YEAR 2016 – 2017 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET PROPOSAL ([backup](#))

1. Consideration of second reading to occur on June 13, 2016
2. First reading occurred on May 23, 2016 / Vote 10:1
3. Finance Committee discussion and recommendation to approve FY 2016-2017 budget proposal on first reading. Approval occurred on May 16, 2016 / Vote 5:2
4. First reading, by title only, was postponed until the May 23, 2016 meeting / Vote 6:4:1
5. Finance Committee discussion occurred on April 18, 2016

C. LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM CONSOLIDATED PLAN ([backup](#))

1. Public hearing only

11. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. PUBLIC COMMENT - Speaker sign-up encouraged.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Official Proceedings
County Council of Beaufort County
May 23, 2016

The electronic and print media duly notified in
accordance with the State Freedom of Information Act.

A caucus of the County Council of Beaufort County was held Monday, May 23, 2016 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the large meeting room of the Bluffton Branch Library, 120 Palmetto Way, Bluffton, South Carolina.

ATTENDANCE

Chairman D. Paul Sommerville, Vice Chairman Gerald Stewart and Councilmen Cynthia Bensch, Rick Caporale, Gerald Dawson, Brian Flewelling, Steven Fobes, Alice Howard, William McBride, Stewart Rodman and Roberts "Tabor" Vaux.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Flewelling, seconded by Mr. Fobes, that Council go immediately into executive session to discuss a potential economic opportunity – Project Eagle, receipt of legal advice relating to Rural and Critical Lands Program litigation, and receipt of legal advice relating to potential litigation Boards and Commissions issue. The vote: YEAS – Mrs. Bensch, Mr. Caporale, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Flewelling, Mr. Fobes, Mrs. Howard, Mr. McBride, Mr. Sommerville, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Vaux. ABSENT – Mr. Rodman. The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Rodman arrived at 5:20 p.m.

RECONVENE OF CAUCUS

RECEIPT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TWO-WEEK PROGRESS REPORT

Mr. Gary Kubic, County Administrator, presented his Two-Week Progress Report, which summarized his activities from May 9, 2016 through May 20, 2016.

RECEIPT OF DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR / SPECIAL COUNSEL’S TWO-WEEK PROGRESS REPORT

Mr. Joshua Gruber, Deputy County Administrator / Special Counsel, presented his Two-Week Progress Report, which summarized his activities from May 9, 2016 through May 20, 2016.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Sommerville announced that he has made a “temporary” appointment, on behalf of Council, to the newly created Economic Development Corporation. He stressed “temporary” because it is his desire that within a few months Council will be able to make a permanent appointment, which could be someone other than an elected official. Since the early meetings of the Economic Development Corporation will be more formational than substantive, he has taken the liberty of appointing himself, with the clear understanding that his appointment is temporary (six months or less) and that Council, as a whole, will make a permanent appointment within that time period.

Mr. Stewart requested the Chairman remove item 8B, a resolution adopting the Beaufort County Implementation Plan for Curbside Collection of Waste and Recycling in unincorporated areas of Solid Waste District 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 by June 30, 2020, from the consent agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By: _____
D. Paul Sommerville, Chairman

ATTEST:

Suzanne M. Rainey, Clerk to Council

Ratified:

Official Proceedings
County Council of Beaufort County
May 23, 2016

The electronic and print media duly notified in accordance with the State Freedom of Information Act.

The regular session of the County Council of Beaufort County was held Monday, May 23, 2016 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the large meeting room of the Bluffton Branch Library, 120 Palmetto Way, Bluffton, South Carolina.

ATTENDANCE

Chairman D. Paul Sommerville, Vice Chairman Gerald Stewart and Council members Cynthia Bensch, Rick Caporale, Gerald Dawson, Brian Flewelling, Steven Fobes, Alice Howard, William McBride, Stewart Rodman and Roberts "Tabor" Vaux.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Council member Cynthia Bensch gave the Invocation.

The Chairman passed the gavel to the Vice Chairman in order to receive the Administrative Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA

Review of the Proceedings of the Caucus held May 9, 2016

This item comes before Council under the Administrative Consent Agenda.

It was moved by Mr. McBride, seconded by Mr. Sommerville, that Council approve the minutes of the caucus held May 9, 2016. The vote: YEAS – Mrs. Bensch, Mr. Caporale, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Flewelling, Mr. Fobes, Mrs. Howard, Mr. McBride, Mr. Rodman, Mr. Sommerville, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Vaux. The motion passed.

Review of the Proceedings of the Regular Session held May 9, 2016

This item comes before Council under the Administrative Consent Agenda.

It was moved by Mr. McBride, seconded by Mr. Sommerville, that Council approve the minutes of the regular session held May 9, 2016. The vote: YEAS – Mrs. Bensch, Mr. Caporale, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Flewelling, Mr. Fobes, Mrs. Howard, Mr. McBride, Mr. Rodman, Mr. Sommerville, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Vaux. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Tax Equalization Board

Mr. Caporale inquired as to the reason for not placing Mr. Forrest's name into nomination. Mr. Stewart stated his decision is a result of the executive session discussion and, felt it inappropriate to do that this evening.

Mr. Caporale protested Mr. Stewart's decision not to bring forward Mr. Forrest's name tonight. Council did not vote to delay his nomination.

Governmental Committee

Economic Development Corporation

Mr. Rodman, as Chairman of the Governmental Committee, reported that Beaufort County is convening its Economic Development Corporation. The seven-member Board of Directors includes the following appointments: Beaufort County Chairman Paul Sommerville (temporary appointment), City of Beaufort Councilman Stephen Murray, Town of Bluffton Mayor Lisa Sulka, Town of Hilton Head Island Mayor David Bennett, Town of Port Royal former Councilman Joe Lee, and the Board will appoint two members. A letter dated May 17, 2016 summarizes the economic development undertakings over the past year.

Natural Resources Committee

Beaufort / Jasper Water and Sewer Authority

Mr. Flewelling, as Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, nominated Mrs. Donna Altman for reappointment and Mr. Gerald Schulz for appointment to serve as members of the Beaufort / Jasper Water and Sewer Authority.

Public Facilities Committee

Mr. Dawson, as Chairman of the Public Facilities Committee, reported that members of the Solid Waste and Recycling Board and staff made a presentation to the Committee and recommended that the County implement curbside collection of solid waste and recycling materials in all unincorporated solid waste districts 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 effective June 30, 2020. Their recommendation is the result of a July 23, 2015, Council directive to staff to initiate actions to phase out convenience center use in Beaufort County and complete the transition to a curbside system for waste collection and recyclables by 2020. Staff, with guidance from its consultant, A. Goldsmith Resources, developed a plan, dated March 2016, which recommended a series of steps requiring coordination with municipalities, review and revision of County ordinances and negotiation of franchise agreements in order to implement curbside services.

The Vice Chairman passed the gavel back to the Chairman in order to continue the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chairman recognized Ms. Kathy Corley, principal at Red Cedar Elementary School, who talked about the importance of the teacher locality supplement, which attempts to offset the School District's turnover rate as teachers wrestle with the County's high cost of living.

Ms. Emalee Baker, a literacy interventionist at Red Cedar Elementary School, submitted the results from a survey she presented to her fellow classroom teachers. There were 24 teacher responses -- 13 have a second job, 6 have a third job, and 22 have thought to leave the school district because of the pay.

Ms. Meghan Smith, a teacher at Red Cedar Elementary School, expressed support of the \$1,000 teacher locality supplement contained within the FY 2016-2017 School District budget proposal.

Ms. Krister Howell, a teacher at Red Cedar Elementary School, stressed the importance of the \$1,000 teacher locality supplement contained within the FY 2016-2017 School District budget proposal.

Ms. Kyra Hartley, a teacher at Red Cedar Elementary School, stressed the importance of the \$1,000 teacher locality supplement contained within the FY 2016-2017 School District budget proposal.

Ms. Katie Cook, a teacher at Red Cedar Elementary School, stressed the importance of the \$1,000 teacher locality supplement contained within the FY 2016-2017 School District budget proposal.

Ms. Audrey Kaney, a teacher at Red Cedar Elementary School, stressed the importance of the \$1,000 teacher locality supplement contained within the FY 2016-2017 School District budget proposal.

Mr. Lawrence Anderson, a School District teacher, expressed support for the teacher locality supplement.

Ms. Kathleen Sanz, a teacher at Bluffton Middle School, asked Council to support the teacher locality supplement. Please do not increase our class size.

NEW BUSINESS

AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX, SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM, WITHIN BEAUFORT COUNTY, PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX ACT, S.C. CODE ANN. §4-10-300, ET SEQ.; TO DEFINE THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES AND DESIGNATE THE PROJECTS FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX MAY BE USED; TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM TIME FOR WHICH SUCH TAX MAY BE IMPOSED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO BE ISSUED IN ORDER TO FINANCE THE CAPITAL PROJECTS AUTHORIZED HEREUNDER SUCH BONDS TO BE PAYABLE FROM, AND SECURED BY, THE CAPITAL PROJECT SALES AND USE TAX AUTHORIZED HEREBY AS WELL AS THE FULL FAITH, CREDIT AND TAXING POWER OF BEAUFORT COUNTY; TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM COST OF THE PROJECTS OR FACILITIES FUNDED FROM THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX OR BONDS AND THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF NET PROCEEDS TO BE RAISED BY SUCH TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COST OF SUCH PROJECTS OR FOR THE PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE ON ANY BONDS ISSUED TO PAY SUCH COSTS; TO PROVIDE FOR A COUNTYWIDE REFERENDUM AND TO PRESCRIBE THE CONTENTS OF THE BALLOT QUESTION IN SUCH REFERENDUM; TO PROVIDE CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO THE IMPOSITION OF SUCH TAX AND CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF SUCH TAX REVENUE; TO ESTABLISH THE PRIORITY, AND EXCEPTIONS THERETO, IN WHICH THE NET PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX, IF APPROVED IN A REFERENDUM, ARE TO BE EXPENDED FOR THE PROJECTS AND PURPOSES STATED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH REFERENDUM BY THE BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF SUCH TAX, IF APPROVED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUCH TAX; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Mr. Mike Sutton, Chairman of the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission, presented a brief summary of the Commission's recommendations. The six-member panel met 11 times over the past 6 months to develop a final list of projects (culled from a substantial array of projects from local governments and colleges), which totals \$119.9 million, and includes items from across the county. The commission categorized the projects into four areas to include project costs and overall percentage of the total sales tax revenue -- Category 1, Public Safety, totals \$44,692,653 and makes up 37% of the total; Category 2, Environmental Impact, totals \$13,800,000 or 12%; Category 3, Economic Development, totals \$29,000,000 or 24%; while Category 4, Quality of Life, is \$32,412,000 or 27%. If Council adopts an ordinance to add a referendum on the

November 2016 election ballot, and if it receives voter approval, it would allow the county to raise \$120 million in additional sales tax revenue over a period of four years.

It was moved by Mr. Flewelling, seconded by Mr. Dawson, that Council approve on first reading an ordinance to impose a one percent sales and use tax, subject to a referendum, within Beaufort County, pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, S.C. Code Ann. §4-10-300, et seq.; to define the specific purposes and designate the projects for which the proceeds of such tax may be used; to provide the maximum time for which such tax may be imposed; to provide for the maximum amount of general obligation bonds to be issued in order to finance the capital projects authorized hereunder such bonds to be payable from, and secured by, the capital project sales and use tax authorized hereby as well as the full faith, credit and taxing power of Beaufort County; to provide the maximum cost of the projects or facilities funded from the proceeds of such tax or bonds and the maximum amount of net proceeds to be raised by such tax for the payment of the cost of such projects or for the payment of debt service on any bonds issued to pay such costs; to provide for a countywide referendum and to prescribe the contents of the ballot question in such referendum; to provide conditions precedent to the imposition of such tax and conditions or restrictions on the use of such tax revenue; to establish the priority, and exceptions thereto, in which the net proceeds of such tax, if approved in a referendum, are to be expended for the projects and purposes stated; to provide for the conduct of such referendum by the Beaufort County Board of Elections and Voter Registration, to provide for the administration of such tax, if approved; to provide for the payment of such tax; and to provide for other matters relating thereto. The vote: YEAS – Mrs. Bensch, Mr. Caporale, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Flewelling, Mr. Fobes, Mrs. Howard, Mr. McBride, Mr. Rodman, Mr. Sommerville, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Vaux. The motion passed.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BEAUFORT COUNTY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF WASTE AND RECYCLING IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SOLID WASTE DISTRICT 5, 6, 7, 8 AND 9 BY JUNE 30, 2020

Mr. Stewart suggested this item go back to both the Committee and staff of the Solid Waste and Recycling Department to look at the schedule and refine it in an effort to try to make the schedule more realistic.

It was moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mrs. Howard, that Council adopt a resolution adopting the Beaufort County Implementation Plan for Curbside Collection of Waste and Recycling in unincorporated areas of solid waste districts 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 by June 30, 2020. The vote: YEAS – Mrs. Bensch, Mr. Caporale, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Flewelling, Mr. Fobes, Mrs. Howard, Mr. McBride, Mr. Rodman, Mr. Sommerville, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Vaux. The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

AN ORDINANCE OF BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE APPOINTMENT OF ITS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BEAUFORT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

This item comes before Council under the Consent Agenda. Discussion occurred at the May 16, 2016 meeting of the Governmental Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Vaux, that Council approve on first reading an ordinance of Beaufort County Council establishing the appointment of its representative to the Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation. The vote: YEAS – Mrs. Bensch, Mr. Caporale, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Flewelling, Mr. Fobes, Mrs. Howard, Mr. McBride, Mr. Rodman, Mr. Sommerville, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Vaux. The motion passed.

CONTRACT AWARD / U.S. HIGHWAY 278 - JENKINS ISLAND PROJECT ENGINEERING ALTERNATIVE 2A DESIGN

This item comes before Council under the Consent Agenda. Discussion occurred at the May 16, 2016 meeting of the Public Facilities Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Vaux, that Council award a contract to HDR/ICA Engineering, Columbia/Charleston, South Carolina in the amount of \$412,176.22, plus an 8% project contingency of \$32,973.78 for a total project budget of \$445,150.00 to provide design scope for the Jenkins Island Alternative 2A Design. The source of funding is Professional Services, Sales Tax Road Projects, Account #47010011-51160. The vote: YEAS – Mrs. Bensch, Mr. Caporale, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Flewelling, Mr. Fobes, Mrs. Howard, Mr. McBride, Mr. Rodman, Mr. Sommerville, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Vaux. The motion passed.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT FROM PLANTATION BUSINESS PARK OWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC. BUSINESS PARK WAY AND A PORTION OF PLANTATION PARK DRIVE INTO COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM

This item comes before Council under the Consent Agenda. Discussion occurred at the May 16, 2016 meeting of the Public Facilities Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Vaux, that Council adopt a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to accept Business Park Way and that portion of the Plantation Park Drive, which is owned by Plantation Park Business Owners' Association, Inc. and only the road, but not any stormwater drainage infrastructure or fixtures which adjoin or abut the road which is owned by the Association and which is identified by TMS number (TMS No: R610 031 000 0135 0000). The vote: YEAS – Mrs. Bensch, Mr. Caporale, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Flewelling, Mr. Fobes, Mrs. Howard, Mr. McBride, Mr. Rodman, Mr. Sommerville, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Vaux. The motion passed.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ADMISSION OF THE PORT ROYAL SOUND ESTUARINE SYSTEM AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM

This item comes before Council under the Consent Agenda. Discussion occurred at the May 17, 2016 meeting of the Natural Resources Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Vaux, that Council adopt a resolution supporting admission of the Port Royal Sound Estuarine System as a member of the National Estuary Program, subject to the following: (1) County is not under any obligations – financially or regulatory, (2) County is merely endorsing on behalf of other organizations applying for membership; and (3) Any future activities in association with the County will have to come back before Council for approval. The vote: YEAS – Mrs. Bensch, Mr. Caporale, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Flewelling, Mr. Fobes, Mrs. Howard, Mr. McBride, Mr. Rodman, Mr. Sommerville, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Vaux. The motion passed.

TEXT AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 AND 10 OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE AS A RESULT OF THE ONE-YEAR REVIEW OF THE CODE ADOPTED DECEMBER 4, 2014

This item comes before Council under the Consent Agenda. Discussion occurred at the May 17, 2016 meeting of the Natural Resources Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Vaux, that Council approve on first reading text amendments to Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10 of the Community Development Code, as a result of the one-year review of the Code adopted December 4, 2014. The vote: YEAS – Mrs. Bensch, Mr. Caporale, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Flewelling, Mr. Fobes, Mrs. Howard, Mr. McBride, Mr. Rodman, Mr. Sommerville, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Vaux. The motion passed.

SOUTHERN BEAUFORT COUNTY MAP AMENDMENT / REZONING FOR THIRTEEN PROPERTIES TOTALING 39.02 ACRES LOCATED IN THE BLUFFTON AREA BETWEEN ULMER ROAD AND DEVONWOOD DRIVE: FROM T3-HAMLET NEIGHBORHOOD TO T2-RURAL CENTER FOR TWELVE PROPERTIES: R600 039 000 0205 0000, R600 039 000 0271 0000, R600 039 000 0229 0000, R600 039 000 0519 0000, R600 039 000 0226 0000, R600 039 000 226A 0000, R600 039 000 0860 0000, R600 039 000 226B 0000, R600 039 000 0287 0000, R600 039 000 0286 0000, R600 039 000 0285 0000, AND A 2-ACRE PORTION OF R600 040 000 0003 0000 (LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF BENTON FIELD AND ULMER ROADS); AND FROM T3-HAMLET NEIGHBORHOOD TO T4-HAMLET CENTER FOR A 4.28-ACRE PORTION OF R600 039 000 0850 0000

This item comes before Council under the Consent Agenda. Discussion occurred at the May 17, 2016 meeting of the Natural Resources Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Vaux, that Council approve on first reading a Southern Beaufort County Map Amendment / Rezoning for thirteen properties totaling 39.02 acres located in the Bluffton area between Ulmer Road and Devonwood Drive: (i) from T3-Hamlet Neighborhood to T2-Rural Center for twelve properties: R600 039 000 0205 0000, R600 039 000 0271 0000, R600 039 000 0229 0000, R600 039 000 0519 0000, R600 039 000 0226 0000, R600 039 000 226A 0000, R600 039 000 0860 0000, R600 039 000 226B 0000, R600 039 000 0287 0000, R600 039 000 0286 0000, R600 039 000 0285 0000, and a 2-acre portion of R600 040 000 0003 0000 (located at the northeast corner of Benton Field and Ulmer Roads); (ii) from T3-Hamlet Neighborhood to T4-Hamlet Center for a 4.28-acre portion of R600 039 000 0850 0000; and (iii) amend the height requirement to 45 feet, subject to approval from the Planning Commission prior to third and final reading. The vote: YEAS – Mrs. Bensch, Mr. Caporale, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Flewelling, Mr. Fobes, Mrs. Howard, Mr. McBride, Mr. Rodman, Mr. Sommerville, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Vaux. The motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

AN ORDINANCE CREATING PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHING DIRT ROAD MAINTENANCE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL PURPOSE TAX DISTRICT TO COVER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVEMENTS

The Chairman opened a public hearing beginning at 6:32 p.m. in order to receive public comment on an ordinance creating a procedure for establishing dirt road maintenance and the establishment of a special purpose tax district to cover costs associated with the improvements. After calling three times for public comment and receiving none, the Chairman declared the hearing closed at 6:33 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Dawson, as Chairman of the Public Facilities Committee (no second required), that Council approve on third and final reading an ordinance creating a procedure for establishing dirt road maintenance and the establishment of a special purpose tax district to cover costs associated with the improvements. The vote: YEAS – Mrs. Bensch, Mr. Caporale, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Flewelling, Mr. Fobes, Mrs. Howard, Mr. McBride, Mr. Rodman, Mr. Sommerville, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Vaux. The motion passed.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RELINQUISHMENT OF AN EASEMENT ENCUMBERING PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS TMP R200-007-000-0049-0000 (COOSAW ISLAND SEAWALL)

The Chairman opened a public hearing beginning at 6:35 p.m. in order to receive public comment on an ordinance authorizing the relinquishment of an easement encumbering property identified as TMP R200-007-000-0049-0000 (Coosaw Island seawall). After calling three times for public comment and receiving none, the Chairman declared the hearing closed at 6:36 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Dawson, as Chairman of the Public Facilities Committee (no second required), that Council approve on third and final reading an ordinance authorizing the relinquishment of an easement encumbering property identified as TMP R200-007-000-0049-0000 (Coosaw Island seawall). The vote: YEAS - Mrs. Bensch, Mr. Caporale, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Flewelling, Mr. Fobes, Mrs. Howard, Mr. Rodman, Mr. Sommerville, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Vaux. NAYS – Mr. McBride. The motion passed.

FISCAL YEAR 2016 – 2017 COUNTY BUDGET PROPOSAL

Mr. Stewart, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that Council began its budget discussions at its Strategic Planning Session on February 12, 2016. At that session, Council gave administration guidance relative to what it would like to see included in the budget. Those items are as follows: (i) \$2.0 million to begin implementation of the Employee Salary Study, (ii) \$1.0 million to cover costs associated with an array of maintenance projects, (iii) a FY 2016 supplemental appropriation for the Solicitor and Auditor for new employees through half of the year and the need to carry forward their salaries into the next fiscal year, and (iv) costs associated with converting from a Fully-Insured Employee Benefits Plan to a Self-Funded Employee Benefits Plan. To cover those needs and some other items that administration is adding, members of the Finance Committee recommended a budget increase of 2.0 mills year-over-year, 1.3 mills for the cap, plus 0.7 mills lookback on the cap in prior years (Council did not take advantage of the latter in prior years). Administration received approximately \$7.5 million in budget requests, but recommended \$5.0 million that they thought important. Council then cut approximately \$2.5 million off the list.

Subsequent to administration bringing a budget forward that met Council's requirements, there are additional items, within the budget before Council tonight, which now adds another \$1.2 million. LCOG requested an increase in dues for membership counties. The Sheriff's Office requested additional personnel to keep up with the growth in the county. LRTA requested matching funds for a federal grant for regional transportation. Also, the Legislature has added another 0.5% increase for the retirement fund (another unfunded mandate) as well as added a 4% state cost of living increase for certain elected and state officials whose salary is paid by County Council. To cover the above-mentioned \$1.2 million, we are expecting the Senate version of the budget to include about \$27.5 million for the local government fund and, of that, about \$1.2 million would come down to Beaufort County to help pay for unfunded mandates that the state imposes upon us. That \$1.2 million will just about cover these subsequent increases.

In addition, we also have added another 0.12 mill to the budget to cover anticipated spending for economic development. The budget before Council this evening represents an increase of 2.12 mills for the County's FY 2017 budget or \$116,268,625 from the County general fund.

The Chairman called once for public comment and recognized Mr. Jim Beckert, Auditor, who stated his focus is to improve customer service and add revenues to the county coffers. Since September 2015, the Office has added more than \$22.0 million in new assets, added approximately \$385,000 in new taxes, and collected approximately \$330,000. In March 2016, Council appropriated \$135,000 for additional personnel as well as \$139,590 for operations and

maintenance. Since then the Office has hired two inspectors and purchased two new vehicles. Mr. Beckert opined that the Administrator-recommended fuel line item of \$500 is insufficient to support his needs and, encouraged Council to support his fuel request of \$7,500. He foresees exhausting the \$500 by the end of August 2016.

After calling twice more for public comment and receiving none, the Chairman declared the hearing closed at 6:45 p.m.

The Chairman passed the gavel to the Vice Chairman in order to make a motion.

Main motion: It was moved by Mr. Stewart, as Chairman of the Finance Committee (no second required), that Council approve on second reading the FY 2016-2017 County budget proposal as follows: County Operations 50.89 mills, Purchase of Real Property Program 4.90 mills, County Debt 5.48 mills, Bluffton Fire District 24.64 mills operations and 1.10 mills debt service, Burton Fire District 62.42 mills operations and 5.26 mills debt service, Daufuskie Island Fire District 58.44 mills operations and 0.00 mills debt service, Lady's Island/St. Helena Island Fire District 37.92 mills operations and 2.20 mills debt service, and Sheldon Fire District 36.86 mills operations and 2.20 mills debt service.

Motion to amend by deletion: It was moved by Mr. Sommerville, seconded by Mr. Vaux, that Council remove the 0.12 mills (\$200,000) allocation for economic development from the budget proposal. If there is a need for economic development funds during the year, Council can address it at that time. The vote: YEAS – Mr. Dawson, Mrs. Howard, Mr. Sommerville and Mr. Vaux. NAYS – Mrs. Bensch, Mr. Caporale, Mr. Flewelling, Mr. Fobes, Mr. McBride, Mr. Rodman and Mr. Stewart. The motion failed.

Vote on the main motion: Council approve on second reading the FY 2016-2017 County budget proposal as follows: County Operations 50.89 mills, Purchase of Real Property Program 4.90 mills, County Debt 5.48 mills, Bluffton Fire District 24.64 mills operations and 1.10 mills debt service, Burton Fire District 62.42 mills operations and 5.26 mills debt service, Daufuskie Island Fire District 58.44 mills operations and 0.00 mills debt service, Lady's Island/St. Helena Island Fire District 37.92 mills operations and 2.20 mills debt service, and Sheldon Fire District 36.86 mills operations and 2.20 mills debt service. The vote: YEAS – Mr. Dawson, Mr. Fobes, Mrs. Howard, Mr. McBride, Mr. Rodman and Mr. Stewart. NAYS – Mrs. Bensch, Mr. Caporale, Mr. Flewelling, Mr. Sommerville and Mr. Vaux. The motion passed.

The Chairman announced the second of two public hearings will be held on Monday, June 13, 2016 beginning at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers of the Administration Building, Beaufort County Government Robert Smalls Complex, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort.

FISCAL YEAR 2016 – 2017 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET PROPOSAL

Mr. Stewart, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented this item to Council. The FY 2016-2017 School District budget proposal, as approved at the May 17, 2016 meeting of the Board of Education, is 111.5 mills as opposed to 103.5 mills year over year. This year, as well

as in previous years, we find a discrepancy in the tax billings versus money collected. We find that there are minor reasons and then there is one major reason for that. The major reason is the transition from 6% second home residence to 4% primary residence (owner occupied). The big difference is that the 4% primary residence does not pay school operations. It is only the 6% second home residence and 10% business personal property picking up the entire tab for school operations. By and large, they are not people who have children in the school system. That is creating a real problem for us. It amounts to about 5% of the tax billings. We also have some changes with the taxpayer who takes advantage of the homestead exemption and/or contests their tax bills (about one-third realizes some reduction in their taxes). That leaves 7% to 8% of the money billed never flowing back for its operating funds, as compared to the County, where approximately 98% to 99% of the money billed comes back into the County for its operating funds. We have been trying to discount the millage each year to reflect these changes. We thought that the transition from 6% to 4% would have occurred during the first several years after the adoption of Act 388 of 2007. Unfortunately, we have remained constant year after year. In order to meet the obligations that the School District has in nondiscretionary funds, state mandates, student population growth, new teachers, and new schools coming online, the Board of Education has approved a budget of 111.5 mills. That includes an 8% discount in revenue.

The Chairman opened a public hearing beginning at 7:07 p.m. in order to receive public comment on the Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 School District budget proposal. After calling once for public comment, the Chairman recognized Dr. Jeffrey Moss, Superintendent, who stated the School District is growing at the rate of 300 to 600 students each year. Over the last five years, we have lost over \$27.0 million in revenue. A little over \$22.0 million of that revenue loss was due to the transition 6% second home residence to 4% primary residence. If we are ever able to get closer to a number more in line with the revenues generated and, had we been there a year ago, we would not be asking for any increase. We would be able to live within the growth, but we are not there yet. Some of this increase is an attempt to get us to that number that matches the revenue along with the discounted rate of what leaves us. However, this is not a sustainable model. If we do not sustain quality teachers, it does not matter what we do for economic development, business recruitment, or business incentives. If we are not graduating an educated population and doing a great job every year, no one is going to locate a business here and existing businesses are going to follow the workforce.

After calling twice more for public comment and receiving none, the Chairman declared the hearing closed at 7:11 p.m.

Main motion: It was moved by Mr. Stewart, as Chairman of the Finance Committee (no second required), that Council approve on first reading the Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 School District budget proposal as follows: School Operations 111.50 mills and School Bond Debt Service (principal and interest) 31.71 mills.

Motion to amend by substitution: It was moved by Mr. Rodman, seconded by Mrs. Bensch, that Council set a temporarily millage at third and final reading approval of the budget, but set the actual millage in the September timeframe.

Mr. Gary Kubic, County Administrator, stated that the Auditor has recently indicated that in accordance with state law, the county will now issue annual tax bills on or before September 30, 2016. If we work backwards for all of our administrative procedures – preparing, printing and mailing – we cannot mechanically meet the September 30 deadline. There is nothing in the state statute that gives us the opportunity to set millage in September. The mill value changes every hour and every day. It is contingent upon the transactions that occur throughout the County as they process through the system. State law established the procedure. Each subsequent year, there are ending balance adjustments as well as the new budget and the new demands that require revenue enhancement or consideration. He does not believe it is a sound idea at this time.

Vote on the motion to amend by substitution: YEAS – Mr. Rodman. NAYS - Mrs. Bensch, Mr. Caporale, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Flewelling, Mr. Fobes, Mrs. Howard, Mr. McBride, Mr. Sommerville, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Vaux. The motion failed.

Vote on the main motion: Council approve on first reading the Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 School District budget proposal as follows: School Operations 111.50 mills and School Bond Debt Service (principal and interest) 31.71 mills. The vote: YEAS – Mrs. Bensch, Mr. Caporale, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Fobes, Mrs. Howard, Mr. McBride, Mr. Rodman, Mr. Sommerville, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Vaux. NAYS – Mr. Flewelling. The motion passed.

The Chairman announced the second of two public hearings will be held on Monday, June 13, 2016 beginning at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers of the Administration Building, Beaufort County Government Robert Smalls Complex, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort.

MOTION TO EXTEND BEYOND 8:00 P.M.

It was moved by Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Fobes, that Council extend beyond 8:00 p.m. The vote: YEAS - Mrs. Bensch, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Flewelling, Mr. Fobes, Mrs. Howard, Mr. Rodman, Mr. Sommerville, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Vaux. NAYS – Mr. Caporale and Mr. McBride. The motion passed.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no matters arising out of executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests to speak during public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By: _____
D. Paul Sommerville, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Suzanne M. Rainey, Clerk to Council

Ratified:

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

May 23, 2016

The electronic and print media duly notified in accordance with the State Freedom of Information Act.

The Community Services Committee met Monday, May 23, 2016 beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the Large Meeting Room, Bluffton Branch Library, 120 Palmetto Way, Bluffton, South Carolina.

ATTENDANCE

Committee Chairman William McBride, Vice Chairman Gerald Dawson and Committee members Rick Caporale, Steven Fobes, Alice Howard and Tabor Vaux. Non-committee members Cynthia Bensch and Paul Sommerville present. (Paul Sommerville, as County Council Chairman, serves as an *ex-officio* member of each standing committee of Council and is entitled to vote.)

County staff: Allison Coppage, Assistant County Attorney; Josh Gruber, Deputy County Administrator / Special Counsel; Alicia Holland, Assistant County Administrator – Finance; Greg Hunt, Mosquito Control Director; Tom Keaveny, County Attorney; Gary Kubic, County Administrator; Ray McBride, Library Director; Monica Spells, Assistant County Administrator– Civic Engagement and Outreach; and Dave Thomas, Purchasing Director.

Media: Joe Croley, *Lowcountry Inside Track*.

Councilman McBride chaired the meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Consideration of Contract Award / MapVision Software for Mosquito Control Department

Notification: To view video of full discussion of this meeting please visit http://beaufort.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2

Discussion: Mr. Dave Thomas, Purchasing Director, reviewed this item with the Committee. The Purchasing Department received a request from the Mosquito Control Director to purchase MapVision, a data management system software, from Leading Edge Associates, Inc., Fletcher, North Carolina. MapVision is a web-base, geo-spatial system to integrate all mosquito control information and data collected from the field laboratory and office. The mapping/satellite imagery system supports the surveillance of mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases, planning and tracking of outside and larvicide treatments (including alerts for no sprays and beehives), requests for service, comprehensive reporting of data, and accountability (such as for NPDES permit compliance). The total cost would be \$93,200 and would come from account 10001400-54112, Mosquito Control – Data Processing.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Fobes, seconded by Mr. Dawson, that Committee award a contract to Leading Edge Associates, Inc., Fletcher, North Carolina in the amount of \$93,200 for MapVision software. Funding will come from account 10001400-54112, Mosquito Control – Data Processing. The vote: YEAS – Mr. Caporale, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Fobes, Mrs. Howard and Mr. McBride. ABSTAIN – Mr. Vaux. The motion passed.

Status: Committee awarded a contract to Leading Edge Associates, Inc., Fletcher, North Carolina in the amount of \$93,200 for MapVision software. Funding will come from account 10001400-54112, Mosquito Control – Data Processing.

2. Library Update

- **Discussion Only / Memorandum of Understanding Between Hilton Head Island Land Trust And Hilton Head Island Branch Library of the Beaufort County Library System**
- **Presentation / Potential Bookmobile Services (Library To Go) for Beaufort County**
- **Update / 2016 Large Competitive Library Services And Technology Act (LSTA) Grant Award of \$23,200 from the South Carolina State Library to Expand Kajeet Smartspot Program**

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Discussion: Mr. Ray McBride, Library Director, reviewed with the Committee a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Hilton Head Island Trust and Hilton Head Island Branch Library of the Beaufort County Library System to set forth the terms and understanding for a partnership to create and maintain a nature and butterfly garden, an outdoor classroom, and for collaborative ideas and materials related to these projects.

Mr. Ray McBride presented the Committee with a PowerPoint presentation outlining potential bookmobile services as follows:

Who needs Bookmobile services in Beaufort County?

- Customers who cannot get to physical buildings:
 - People who live in remote communities
 - Older adults
 - People with disabilities
 - Young children whose parents work
 - Recent immigrants and others for whom the library is an unfamiliar source
 - People without transportation

What makes a Bookmobile special?

- Unequaled flexibility
- Outreach opportunities
- High visibility in the community

- Excellent PR
- Partnership opportunities
- Acts as a mobile branch without the cost of a traditional library facility
- Provides for an expansion of library services at minimal cost

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Fobes, that Committee direct administration to move forward with implementation of bookmobile services (Library to Go) for Beaufort County. The vote: YEAS – Mr. Caporale, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Fobes, Mrs. Howard, Mr. McBride and Mr. Vaux. The motion passed.

Mr. Ray McBride provided the Committee with an update on the 2016 Large Competitive Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant Award of \$23,200 from the South Carolina State Library to expand Kajeet Smartspot Program. The County just completed a 90-day pilot project, which has been successful with a 90% approval rating from the users. This is a partnership between the Beaufort County library and Beaufort County School District in an effort to provide internet access for select individuals. A grant has been submitted and, if awarded, the funds will be used to expand the program.

Status: Administration to move forward with the implementation of bookmobile services for Beaufort County.

3. Consideration of Reappointments and Appointments / Disabilities and Special Needs Board

Notification: To view video of full discussion of this meeting please visit http://beaufort.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2

Status: No action taken at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

May 16, 2016

The electronic and print media duly notified in accordance with the State Freedom of Information Act.

The Finance Committee met Monday, May 16, 2016 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room, Administration Building, Beaufort County Government Robert Smalls Complex, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, South Carolina.

ATTENDANCE

Chairman Jerry Stewart, Vice Chairman Steven Fobes, and members Cynthia Bensch, Rick Caporale, Brian Flewelling, William McBride and Stu Rodman. Non-committee members Gerald Dawson and Alice Howard present.

County staff: Jim Beckert, Auditor; Allison Coppage, Assistant County Attorney; Joshua Gruber, Deputy County Administrator/Special Counsel; Alicia Holland, Assistant County Administrator-Finance; Gary James, Assessor; Tom Keaveny, County Attorney; Gary Kubic, County Administrator; Laurence McElynn, Chief Magistrate; and Rod Sproatt, Magistrate.

School District: Jeff Moss, Superintendent and Phyllis White, Chief Finance and Operations Officer.

Public: Jim Bequette.

Media: Joe Croley, *Lowcountry Inside Track* and Lucas High, *The Beaufort Gazette/The Island Packet*.

Councilman Stewart chaired the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion / Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 County Budget Proposal

Notification: To view video of full discussion of this meeting please visit http://beaufort.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2

Discussion: Mr. Josh Gruber, Deputy County Administrator/Special Counsel and Mrs. Alicia Holland, Assistant County Administrator-Finance, provided the Committee with an updated spreadsheet outlining the fiscal year 2016-2017 budget proposal for Beaufort County.

Questions and concerns included the following:

- Will the Sheriff's Office be providing retiree insurance?
 - There has been no indication that the Sheriff's Office intends to provide retiree insurance.
- Request to review the Hilton Head Island Airport budget.
 - The Airport budget is not included within the General Fund budget, it is an enterprise fund, but that information will be provided.
- County Council should have an opportunity to see all spending to include enterprise funds.
 - The information is contained within the CAFR.
- Request for information regarding impact fee spending.
 - Accrual of impact fees is recorded within the CAFR. All impact fee expenditures are approved by Council on a project-by-project basis.
- Request for information on Special Funds.
 - The information is contained within the CAFR.
- Administration 10001101 – What is the reason for the \$202,781 increase?
 - The increase is due to the transfer of two positions – Community Services Director and Public Information Officer. Both the fundings as well as the positions, were transferred under the Civic Engagement and Outreach Division.
- Assessor 10001120 – Why the additional increase of \$145,000?
 - The increase is due to three additional full time employees, replacement of the fleet, increased workload volume, and preparation for reassessment with exterior inspections.
- Public Works Facilities Management 10001310 – Why the increase of \$1,250,000?
 - That includes increased expenses relative to the Spanish Moss Trail and additional roadways, as well as \$1.0 million for building repairs, HVAC, and building maintenance.
- Public Works Solid Waste and Recycling Administration 10001340 – Why the increase of \$500,000?
 - The increase cost of solid waste is attributed to having to pay for recyclables, as well as the increase in volume at Hickory Hill.
- Does the Magistrate line item include benefits?
 - No, benefits are included in a different line item.
- Explain the 4% State COLA and who will receive the COLA?
 - The Senate's adopted version of the State budget is calling for a 4% COLA for state employees. Anyone who works for the County who is subject to receive a state and/or local benefit (whichever is higher) will receive that 4% COLA because the County is not granting a COLA this year.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Rodman, seconded by Mr. McBride, that Committee approve and recommend Council approve on second reading the County FY 2016-2017 budget proposal. The vote: YEAS – Mr. Caporale, Mr. Fobes, Mr. McBride, Mr. Rodman and Mr. Stewart. NAYS – Mrs. Bensch and Mr. Flewelling. The motion passed.

Mr. Josh Gruber, Deputy County Administrator/Special Counsel, presented to Committee the Fire Districts' budgets, as submitted.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Flewelling, seconded by Mr. Caporale, that Committee approve and recommend Council approve the Fire Districts' FY2016-2017 budgets, as presented. The vote: YEAS – Mr. Caporale, Mr. Flewelling, Mr. Fobes, Mr. McBride, Mr. Rodman and Mr. Stewart. NAYS – Mrs. Bensch. The motion passed.

Recommendation: Council approve on second reading the FY2016-2017 County budget proposal including fire districts' FY 2016-2017 budgets.

2. Discussion / Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 School District Budget Proposal

Notification: To view video of full discussion of this meeting please visit http://beaufort.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2

Discussion: Mrs. Alicia Holland, Assistant County Administrator-Finance, spoke before the Committee regarding revenue projections for the School District. There is a deterioration range of \$4.0 million to \$6.0 million in the School District's billed amount. About 90% is due to 6% properties converting to 4% properties. This has been the trend over the past five years. Staff is recommending a change in the discount factor from 5% to 7%. This will be evaluated at least once a year. A reassessment year would still be an abnormal year and will be evaluated separately.

Mr. Gary James, Assessor, gave an overview of the requirements and verification process of switching from 6% to 4% properties.

Questions and concerns of the Committee are as follows:

- What percentage of applicants meet the requirements of switching from 6% to 4%?
 - In 2016 there were 6,771 applications and approximately 970 of those were denied.
- Has the County ever considered a "Hotline" to report possible fraudulent property assessment.
 - The County has a fraud hotline where folks can report an individual. The number can be found on the website www.bcgov.net
- It was suggested that the fraud hotline number be included in the tax notices.
 - There is a bill before the State Legislature currently that would eliminate the penalties for those who are fraudulent.

Mrs. Phyllis White, Chief Finance and Operations Officer, Beaufort County School District, and Dr. Jeffrey Moss, Superintendent, Beaufort County School District, provided the Committee with a PowerPoint presentation outlining the School District's fiscal year 2016-2017 preliminary General Fund Budget proposal, which, with the exception of the revenue projection, is the same budget submitted at the April 18, 2016 Finance Committee meeting.

Expenditure Increases

\$5,381,827 - Total State/Federal Mandated Increases

- 2% COLA for teachers - \$2,127,958
- Salary Step for certified staff - \$1,333,067
- Retirement Increase - \$814,305
- Health Insurance Increase - \$803,997
- 4.5 Special Education teachers - \$292,500
- JROTC Instructor Match - \$10,000

\$2,874,956 - Local – Increases due to enrollment growth and includes staff at May River High School

- 25.8 School-Based employees - \$1,388,538
- 10 teachers for additional growth - \$650,000
- Athletic & Academic Stipends - \$356,279
- Charter School Allocation (+38 students) - \$243,526
- School Non-Salary Allocations - \$172,921
- School Resource Officer - \$63,692

\$1,390,182 – Operational Increases

- Contractual Increase - \$565,114
- Utilities - \$440,498
- Property Insurance - \$261,845
- Repairs Maintenance - \$62,725
- Stormwater Utility - \$60,000

\$390,000 – Increases due to program expansion

- Career & Technical Education (CATE) – 6 teachers - \$390,000

\$2,470,475 – Other Increases

- Locality supplement for teachers - \$1,866,651
- Step increase for classified - \$414,783
- Step increase for administrators - \$189,041

Expenditure Decreases

\$569,377 - Total Decreases

- TAN Interest - \$5,000
- Telecommunications - \$49,640
- Unemployment Claims - \$10,000
- 8 Staff moved to Special Revenue - \$495,000
- District Level Departmental - \$9,737

A recap of the proposed preliminary budget was presented as follows:

<u>Type Increase</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Total Increases</u>
State/Federal Mandated	5,381,827	43%
Local Enrollment	2,874,956	23%
Local Operational	1,390,182	11%
Other	2,860,475	23%
Total Increases	12,507,440	
Less Decreases	(569,377)	
Net Increases	11,938,063	
Current Year Budget	203,513,932	
FY 2016-2017 Preliminary	215,451,995	

Motion: It was moved by Mr. McBride, seconded by Mr. Flewelling that Committee approve and recommend Council approve on first reading the School District FY 2016-2017 budget proposal. The vote: YEAS – Mr. Caporale, Mr. Fobes, Mr. McBride, Mr. Rodman and Mr. Stewart. NAYS – Mrs. Bensch and Mr. Flewelling. The motion passed.

Recommendation: Council approve on first reading the School District FY 2016-2017 budget proposal.

3. Consideration of Reappointments and Appointments / Tax Equalization Board

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Motion: It was moved by Mr. Caporale, seconded by Mr. Flewelling, that Committee approve and recommend Council nominate Ed Forrest, representing at-large, for appointment to serve as a member of the Tax Equalization Board. The vote: YEAS – Mrs. Bensch, Mr. Caporale, Mr. Flewelling Mr. Fobes, Mr. McBride, Mr. Rodman and Mr. Stewart. The motion passed.

Recommendation: Council nominate Ed Forrest, representing at-large, for appointment to serve as a member of the Tax Equalization Board.

INFORMATION ITEM

4. Fiscal Year 2016 General Fund Update as of April 30, 2016

Notification: To view video of full discussion of this meeting please visit http://beaufort.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2

Discussion: The Committee received a spreadsheet comparing the General Fund as of April 30, 2016 with April 30, 2015.

Status: Information only.

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PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

May 16, 2016

The electronic and print media duly notified in accordance with the State Freedom of Information Act.

The Public Facilities Committee met Monday, May 16, 2016 beginning at 4:00 p.m., in the Executive Conference Room of the Administration Building, Beaufort County Government Robert Smalls Complex, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, South Carolina.

ATTENDANCE

Chairman Gerald Dawson, Vice Chairman Roberts "Tabor" Vaux and members Cynthia Bensch, Rick Caporale, Steve Fobes, Alice Howard and William McBride.

County Staff: Tony Criscitiello, Planning Director; Allison Coppage, Assistant County Attorney; Joshua Gruber, Deputy County Administrator/Special Counsel; Alicia Holland, Assistant County Administrator-Finance; Tom Keaveny, County Attorney; Colin Kinton, Division Director-Transportation Engineering; Gary Kubic, County Administrator; Eric Larson, Division Director-Environmental Engineering; Robert McFee, Division Director-Facilities and Construction Engineering; Jim Minor, Solid Waste and Recycling Manager; and David Wilhelm, Public Facilities Director.

Public: David Coleman, Project Manager, City of Beaufort; Bill Prokop, Manager, City of Beaufort; Abby Goldsmith, Principal and Owner, A. Goldsmith Resources; Dan Duryea, Chairman, Solid Waste and Recycling Board; Mike Garrigan, Windmill Harbour; Bill Patton, Windmill Harbour; Susan Patton, Windmill Harbour; Mike Turner, President, Plantation Business Park Property Owners Association; and Kathy Todd; Finance Director, City of Beaufort.

Media: Joe Croley, *Lowcountry Inside Track*.

Mr. Dawson chaired the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of Contract Award

- **U.S. Highway 278 – Jenkins Island Project Engineering Alternative 2 Design (> \$100,000)**

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Discussion: Mr. Colin Kinton, Division Director-Transportation Engineering, presented this item to the Committee. HDR/ICA Engineering, Inc. was previously authorized by Beaufort County to provide planning, engineering and environmental services to develop alternative improvement plans on U.S. Highway 278 on Jenkins Island. The preferred alternative selected is indicated as Alternative 2A. Beaufort County requested a scope and fee from HDR/ICA Engineering, Inc. to complete full engineering design, environmental permitting and bid documents for the preferred alternative.

This project will consist of widening U.S. Highway 278 from an existing four-lane, divided highway to a typical six-lane, grassed median highway, between the Wilton J. Graves Bridge to the causeway onto Hilton Head Island, for approximately 1.0 mile. The proposed design will also incorporate signalized median U-turns at Blue Heron Point Road and east of Jenkins Road. Gateway Drive, Crosstree Drive and Jenkins Road will become right-in, right-out only and Blue Heron Point Road will become right-in, left-in, right-out in order to eliminate left turn movements from side roads and improve intersection safety. The design proposed for this highway improvement project utilizes the superstreet concept. The project design will also incorporate a shared-use pathway along the westbound direction of U.S. Highway 278 (northern side of the island).

HDR/ICA Engineering submitted a design scope and fee estimate in the amount of \$412,176.22 for the Jenkins Island Alternative 2A. Staff is requesting an 8% project contingency of \$32,973.78. Total project budget is \$445,150.00. The source of funding is Professional Services, Sales Tax Road Projects, Account #47010011-51160.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Caporale, seconded by Mrs. Bensch, that Committee approve and recommend to Council a contract award to HDR/ICA Engineering, Columbia/Charleston, South Carolina in the amount of \$412,176.22, plus an 8% project contingency of \$32,973.78 for a total project budget of \$445,150.00 to provide design scope for the Jenkins Island Alternative 2A Design. The source of funding is Professional Services, Sales Tax Road Projects, Account #47010011-51160. The vote: YEAS – Mrs. Bensch, Mr. Caporale, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Fobes, Mr. Howard, Mr. McBride and Mr. Vaux. The motion passed.

Recommendation: Council award a contract to HDR/ICA Engineering, Columbia/Charleston, South Carolina in the amount of \$412,176.22, plus an 8% project contingency of \$32,973.78 for a total project budget of \$445,150.00 to provide design scope for the Jenkins Island Alternative 2A Design. The source of funding is Professional Services, Sales Tax Road Projects, Account #47010011-51160.

2. Discussion / Plantation Business Park

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Discussion: Mr. Gary Kubic, County Administrator, presented this item to the Committee. Plantation Business Park is a commercial center in the Town of Bluffton which is located adjacent to U.S. Highway 278 and which consists of a variety of businesses and offices which are joined by a network of private and County owned roads all of which make access to and from businesses and offices convenient and help motorists avoid the use of U.S. Highway 278.

Business Park Way and Plantation Park Drive (TMS No: R610 031 000 0135 0000) are frontage roads which run perpendicular to and parallel with U.S. Highway 278, respectively; Business Park Way is owned by Plantation Business Park Property Owners' Association, Inc. (Association) part of Plantation Park Drive is owned by Beaufort County and part of it is owned by the Association. The Association desires to convey to Beaufort County its interest in Business Park Way and Plantation Park Drive.

Beaufort County commissioned a forensic engineering study of stormwater drainage infrastructure and fixtures which exist on, and abut, the road which the Association owns. The study determined that significant maintenance issues exist with the stormwater drainage infrastructure and fixtures which abut, and are adjacent to, the road the Association owns.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Caporale, seconded by Mrs. Bensch, that Committee approve and recommend to Council the adoption of a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to accept Business Park Way and that portion of the Plantation Park Drive which is owned by Plantation Park Business Owners' Association Inc. and only the road, but not any stormwater drainage infrastructure or fixtures which adjoin or abut the road which is owned by the Association and which is identified by TMS number (TMS No: R610 031 000 0135 0000). The vote: YEAS – Mrs. Bensch, Mr. Caporale, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Fobes, Mr. Howard, Mr. McBride and Mr. Vaux. The motion passed.

Recommendation: Council adopt a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to Business Park Way and that portion of the Plantation Park Drive, which is owned by Plantation Park Business Owners' Association Inc. and only the road, but not any stormwater drainage infrastructure or fixtures which adjoin or abut the road which is owned by the Association and which is identified by TMS number (TMS No: R610 031 000 0135 0000).

3. Implementation of Curbside Collection of Waste and Recycling in all Unincorporated Solid Waste Districts 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 by June 30, 2020

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Discussion: Mr. Jim Minor, Solid Waste and Recycling Manager, presented this item to the Committee. On July 23, 2015, the Solid Waste and Recycling Board recommended to Council that it direct staff to initiate actions to phase out convenience center use in Beaufort County and complete the transition to a curbside system for waste collection and recyclables by 2020. Staff, with guidance from its consultant, A. Goldsmith Resources, developed a plan, dated March 2016, which recommended a series of steps requiring coordination with municipalities, review and revision of County ordinances and negotiation of franchise agreements in order to implement curbside services.

Staff presented to the Solid Waste and Recycling Board the proposed plan to implement curbside collection of waste and recyclables in all unincorporated Solid Waste Districts 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 by June 30, 2020. County-wide curbside collection will benefit Beaufort County citizens by offering more convenient opportunities to recycle, increasing collection efficiency, reducing the environmental and safety issues associated with the overuse of convenience centers as our population increase. Both the Solid Waste and Recycling Board and staff recommend adoption of the Beaufort County Curbside Collection Plan and recommendations therein.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Caporale, seconded by Mr. Fobes, that Committee approve and recommend to Council the adoption of a resolution adopting the Beaufort County Curbside Collection Plan of waste and recycling in unincorporated areas of Solid Waste Districts 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 by June 30, 2020. The vote: YEAS – Mrs. Bensch, Mr. Caporale, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Fobes, Mr. Howard, Mr. McBride and Mr. Vaux. The motion passed.

Recommendation: Council adopt a resolution adopting the Beaufort County Curbside Collection Plan of waste and recycling in unincorporated areas of Solid Waste Districts 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 by June 30, 2020.

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Update / Boundary Street Construction Project

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Discussion: Mr. Rob McFee, Division Director-Facilities and Construction Engineering, presented this item to the Committee. This project consists of the conversion of the existing five-lane roadway to a four-lane boulevard from Neil Road to Greenlawn Drive and includes

street lighting, sidewalks, a multi-use path, landscaping, undergrounding of overhead utilities and the realignment of the intersection of S.C. Highway 170 and Boundary Street. Also included in this project, is the construction of a new 0.52 mile parallel City of Beaufort road for First Street and existing Polk and Palmetto Streets as outlined in the approved Boundary Street Master Plan adopted by the City in August 2006. Project objectives include improved safety and traffic flow, underground utility network, promote redevelopment, balance vehicle and pedestrian use, create a landmark entrance, and expand interconnectivity.

On September 17, 2015 Council awarded a contract to Preferred Materials, Inc., Savannah, Georgia in the amount of \$18,765,274. Approved change order #1 in the amount of \$15,862 revised the contract amount to \$18,781,136. There are change orders pending totaling \$30,458. The sources of funding are Federal Highway TIGER Grant \$12,635,000, Beaufort County Sales Tax Funds \$11,346,115, Beaufort County Northern Road Impact Fees \$1,369,243, and City of Beaufort TIF II Funds \$8,223,000.

As of this date, we are 122 days into the project or 16.51% complete.

Status: Information only.

5. Consideration of Reappointments and Appointments

- **County Transportation Committee**

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Status: No action taken. The vacancy exists in Council District 7.

Boards and Commissions
Reappointments and Appointments
June 13, 2016

1 Natural Resources Committee

Beaufort/Jasper Water and Sewer Authority

<u>NominateD</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Area/Expertise</u>	<u>Reappoint/Appoint</u>	<u>Votes Required</u>	<u>Term/Years</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
05.23.16	Donna Altman	Countywide	Reapoint	8/11	6	7/22
05.23.16	Gerald Schulze	Countywide	Appoint	6/11	6	7/22

ORDINANCE No. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE APPOINTMENT OF ITS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BEAUFORT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2015 Beaufort County Council adopted “A Resolution to Adopt an Economic Development Policy for Beaufort County”; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2015 Beaufort County Council passed a resolution that authorized the County Administrator to prepare the necessary documents to establish a nonprofit economic development corporation to coordinate and implement economic development plans and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the Secretary of State and the Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation has been established; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County Council resolved the corporation’s board shall be comprised of four municipal representatives, one county council representative and two representatives appointed by the board; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County Code Sec. 2-192 defines a board as a group established by the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances or laws of the state of South Carolina to advise council and its staff in appropriate matters as set forth by its charter, and/or perform such other functions granted to the group by the enabling statute or ordinance and any amendments thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by Beaufort County Council that a representative to the Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation shall be appointed according to the Beaufort County Code Article V, Division 1, Section 191 through 198.

This ordinance shall become effective as of _____, 2016.

Adopted this ___ day of ____, 2016.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY: _____
D. Paul Sommerville, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Thomas J. Keaveny, III, County Attorney

First Reading: May 23, 2016
Second Reading:
Public Hearing:
Third and Final Reading:

2016 /

TEXT AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 AND 10 OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE AS A RESULT OF THE ONE-YEAR REVIEW OF THE CODE ADOPTED DECEMBER 4, 2014.

Whereas, amended text is highlighted in yellow, underscored for additions and struck-through for deletions.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2016.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By: _____
D. Paul Sommerville, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Thomas J. Keaveny, II, County Attorney

ATTEST:

Suzanne M. Rainey, Clerk to Council

First Reading: May 23, 2016

Second Reading:

Public Hearing:

Third and Final Reading:

Transect Zone Amendments

Section 3.2.90.D: T3 Neighborhood – Building Placement: This amendment consists of reducing the side-yard setback in T3 Neighborhood from 10 feet to 7 ½ feet: This amendment is being proposed to allow greater flexibility in the type of house that could be built in this district. The T3 Neighborhood district allows a minimum lot width of 50 feet. With the 10 foot side yard setback, houses are limited to a maximum of 30 feet in width. Reducing this setback would allow more variety in the placement of houses in this district.

D. Building Placement		
Setback (Distance from ROW/Property Line)		
Front	15' min., 20' max.	A
Side Street	10' min., 20' max.	B
Side:		
Side, Main Building	10'-7 ½' min.	C
Side, Ancillary Building	5' min.	
Rear		
Rear, Main Building	15' min.	D
Rear, Ancillary Building	5' min.	
Façade within Façade Zone:		
Front	75%	
Side Street	50%	
Lot Size (20,000 SF Maximum)		
Width	100' max.	E
Depth	200' max.	F
Miscellaneous		

Where existing adjacent buildings are in front of the regulated BTL or front setback, the building may be set to align with the façade of the front-most immediately adjacent property.

Maximum lot size does not apply to Recreation, Education, Safety, Public Assembly uses

E. Building Form		
Building Height		
Main Building	2.5 stories max.	G
Ancillary Building	2 stories max.	
Ground Floor Finish Level ¹	18" min.	H
Upper Floor(s) Ceiling	8' min. clear	I
Footprint		
Maximum Lot Coverage ²	30% of lot area	
Miscellaneous		
Loading docks, overhead doors, and other service entries may not be located on street-facing façades.		
Notes		
¹ Buildings located in a flood hazard zone will be required to be built above base flood elevation in accordance with Beaufort County Building Codes.		
² Lot coverage is the portion of a lot that is covered by any and all buildings including accessory buildings.		

Section 3.4.80.E: Place Type Overlay Zone: Allocation of Transect Zones. This amendment provides greater flexibility for the Village Place Type. The amendment would allow in the Village Place type both T4 Hamlet Center Open and T4 Neighborhood Center or a combination of the two districts.

Table 3.4.80.E. Allocation Mix of Transect Zones for Each Community Unit Type		
Transect Zone	Percentage of Land Assigned to Zone	
Rural Crossroads Place Type		
T2 Rural (T2R)	No min.	65% max.
T2 Rural Center(T2RC)	5% min.	20% max.
T3 Edge (T3E)	No min.	25% max.
T3 Hamlet Neighborhood (T3HN)	25% min.	40% max.
Hamlet Place Type		
T2 Rural (T2R)	No min.	65% max.
T3 Edge (T3E)	No min.	25% max.
T3 Hamlet Neighborhood (T3HN)	25% min.	70% max.
T4 Hamlet Center(T4HC)	10% min.	50% max.
Village Place Type		
T3 Edge (T3E)	No min.	25% max.
T3 Hamlet Neighborhood (T3HN)	No min.	25% max.
T3 Neighborhood (T3N)	25% min.	70% max.
T4 Hamlet Center Open (T4HCO) and/or T4 Neighborhood Center(T4NC)	10% min.	50% max.

Parking Amendments

Section 5.5.40.A2: Allowable Increases and Reductions in Number of Parking Spaces: Staff recommends changing the allowable increases and decreases in the number of parking spaces to match what was permitted in the ZDSO.

“2. **Allowable Increases and Reductions in Number of Parking Spaces.** The Director may allow up to a **five-20** percent increase or a 20 percent reduction in the required number of parking spaces if the applicant can show, through a parking demand study, that additional or fewer parking spaces are required. The parking demand study shall be approved by the County Traffic and Transportation Engineer. All approved additional parking spaces shall have a pervious surface. “

Table 5.5.40.B: Number of Motor Vehicle Parking Spaces Required. These amendments would change the parking requirements for restaurants, banks, and medical offices. The Planning Department recommends making these adjustments to the parking table based on input from developers and land planners. For restaurants, the ZDSO allowed 12 parking spaces per 1,000 square feet of floor area. The CDC currently allows only 8 per 1,000. Staff recommends striking a balance of 10 spaces per 1,000 square feet of building space. This requirement matches what the Town of Hilton Head Island requires for the same use. For banks and medical offices, staff recommends revising the parking standards to match what the ZDSO required – 4.5 space per 1,000 square feet, or 1 space per 222 gross square feet.

Table 5.5.40.B: Number of Motor Vehicle Parking Spaces Required	
Use	Number of Required Spaces
Retail & Restaurants	
General Retail, except for the following:	1 per 300 GSF
Floor Area Over 25,000 SF	1 per 250 GSF
Drive-Through Facilities	5 stacking spaces per drive-through, including service window, plus base use requirement.
Adult Oriented Business	1 per 150 GSF
Bar, Tavern, Nightclub	1 per 150 GSF
Gas Station/Fuel Sales	1 per pump plus requirement for general retail
Restaurant, Café, Coffee Shop:	1 per 100-150 GSF including outdoor dining areas
Drive-Through Facilities	5 stacking spaces per drive-through, including service window and menu board areas, plus base use requirement.
Vehicle Sales and Rental	1 per 1,500 GSF plus 2.5 per service bay
Offices & Services	
General Offices & Services, except the following:	1 per 300 GSF
Drive-Through Facilities	5 stacking spaces per drive-through, including service window, plus base use requirement.
Banks	1 per 222 GSF
	5 stacking spaces per drive-through, including service window, plus base use requirement.
Animal Clinic/Hospital	1 per 300 GSF
Animal Services/Kennel	1 per 300 GSF
Daycare Center	1 per employee plus 1 off-street drop-off/pick-up space per 10 students
Lodging, except the following:	1 per room
Bed and Breakfast (5 rooms or less)	2 spaces plus 1 per guest room
Medical Clinics/Offices	1 per 222-300 GSF
Hospitals	1 per 2 beds plus 1 per 4 employees
Vehicle Services: Maintenance & Repair	1 per 1,000 GSF plus 2.5 per service bay

¹ Residential parking space requirements can be satisfied by garage or covered spaces.

Sign Amendments

Table 5.6.40.A: Sign Types: This amendment would allow for wall signs as in T2 and S1 districts. Wall signs are common in all districts that allow commercial uses. The CDC currently does not allow wall signs in the T2 districts or S1. These districts allow commercial uses and therefore should permit wall signs.

<p>Wall Signs. Wall signs are signs flat against the facade consisting of individual cut letters applied directly to the building or painted directly on the surface of the building.</p>			<p>5.6.160</p>
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Table 5.6.40.B: Aggregate Sign Area: This amendment would allow one freestanding menu board sign for each drive-through lane. Some drive-through restaurants are providing two lanes and ordering stations to help speed up the ordering process. The way the code currently reads, a maximum of one ordering sign is allowed per business.

Table 5.6.40.B: Aggregate Sign Area (continued)	
Maximum Aggregate Sign Area	
Building Attached Signs	Building Detached Signs
Commercial Oriented Community – Single Tenant Building Fronting One or More Thoroughfares	
<p>Principal Building Frontage. Aggregate sign area for the Principal Building Frontage equals 1 ½ square feet for each linear foot of building frontage measured along the thoroughfare where the building has frontage and/or the primary entrance.</p> <p>If the building fronts one thoroughfare, up to 33% of the total signage permitted on the Principal Building Frontage may be applied to one or more alternative building elevations. Combined signage for alternative building elevations shall not exceed 33% of the aggregate sign area for the Principal Building Frontage.</p> <p>If the building fronts two or more thoroughfares, up to 33% of the total signage permitted on the Principal Building Frontage may be applied to a building elevation that does not face a thoroughfare.</p> <p>Secondary Building Frontage. Aggregate sign area for the Secondary Building Frontage equals ½ square foot for each linear foot of building frontage measured along the thoroughfare where the building has secondary frontage and/or a secondary entrance.</p> <p>Up to 33% of total signage permitted along the Secondary Building Frontage may be applied to an alternative building elevation. However, Secondary Building Frontage signage may not be applied/added to an elevation containing Principal Building Frontage signage.</p>	<p>One (1) Freestanding Sign, Landscape Wall Sign, or a combination of the two, not to exceed 40 square feet in aggregate, may be sited along the primary thoroughfare frontage at the primary vehicular entrance. Signs may be used for identification purposes, as a directory listing, or a combination thereof.</p> <p>Freestanding Directional Signs shall not count toward the maximum aggregate signage.</p> <p>Drive-Through Menu Boards. One (1) Freestanding Menu Board Sign per drive-through lane, not to exceed 32 square feet in aggregate, may be sited as part of a drive-through business. The sign may list the type and price of items or services offered and to the maximum extent possible, shall not be visible from a primary street right-of-way. Where appropriate the base of the menu board shall be landscaped and/or incorporated into the landscaping plan.</p>

Tree Amendments

5.8.90 Perimeter Buffers. The amendments to this section strengthen the protection of perimeter buffers by specifying there is to be no removal of vegetation within buffers without the Director’s approval, and by requiring protection fencing for buffers prior to construction.

I. Development within Required Perimeter Buffers

1. The required perimeter buffer shall not contain any development, impervious surfaces, or site features (except fences or walls) that do not function to meet the standards of this Section unless otherwise permitted in this Development Code.
2. No **vegetation or tree removal, or other** construction activities shall occur within perimeter buffers.
3. Sidewalks, trails, and other elements associated with passive recreation may be placed in perimeter buffers **with approval by the Director** if all required landscaping is provided and damage to existing vegetation is minimized to the maximum extent practicable.
4. Overhead and underground utilities required or allowed by the County are not permitted in perimeter buffers except where they are perpendicular to the perimeter buffer.

M. Protection of Perimeter Buffers During Construction. **Prior to commencing underbrushing, clearing work or any site alterations, a conspicuous four-foot-high barrier to prevent encroachment by people, materials, and vehicles shall be erected around all required perimeter buffers and shall remain in place until the Certificate of Compliance is issued, except where additional landscaping, walls or fences are installed in accordance with this Section.**

5.11.100 Tree Protection. These amendments strengthen the tree protection standards by allowing the Director to require a certified arborist’s report at the beginning of a project’s review to determine the health and feasibility of saving specimen trees on a development site. This provision is included in the City of Beaufort’s draft development code. The amendments also include provisions from the Town of Bluffton’s code in which tree removal may be referred to the Planning Commission if the staff finds specified tree removal criteria have not been met.

All trees that are not protected under Section 5.11.90 (Forests) **or Section 5.8.90 (Perimeter Buffers)** shall be protected in accordance with this section.

- A. **General.** Careful site planning for new development shall, to the greatest extent practicable, preserve existing trees and vegetation on the property to be developed. This is to include all specimen trees in good health as well as groups of smaller healthy trees and understory vegetation that provide wildlife habitat, corridors, and bird nesting areas.
- B. **Specimen Trees.** A specimen tree is defined as follows:
 1. Understory trees - Dogwood, Redbud, and Southern Magnolia that are equal to or greater than a diameter of 4 inches (DBH).
 2. Overstory trees - American Holly, Bald Cypress, Beech, Black Oak, Black Tupelo, Cedar, Hickory, Live Oak, Palmetto, Pecan, Red Maple, Southern Red Oak, Sycamore, or Walnut that are equal to or greater than a diameter of 16 inches (DBH).

3. All other trees equal to or greater than a diameter of 24 inches (DBH) except those identified as invasive species in Table 5.11.100.C.

C. **Tree Survey Required.** Prior to any development approval, except bona fide forestry, the applicant shall provide a tree survey of the areas in which building, clearing or construction activities are planned in accordance with the following:

1. The tree survey shall include all trees 8 inches DBH and larger, and all dogwoods (*Cornus spp.*), redbuds (*Cercis canadensis*), and magnolias (*Magnolia spp.*) four inches DBH and larger.
2. The tree survey shall indicate species type and size (DBH).
3. The tree survey shall be conducted by a certified arborist, professional urban forester, registered landscape architect, or registered land surveyor. All tree surveys shall be certified by a registered land surveyor.
4. A tree survey shall be less than five years old beginning from the application submission date for which the survey pertains. The Director may require that a new tree survey be undertaken at the applicant's expense when it has been determined that a tree survey is more than five years old.

D. **Tree Removal.**

1. Preservation of Existing Trees a Priority. Reasonable design alternatives shall be explored to preserve existing trees to the extent practicable. At the discretion of the Director, a Certified Arborist Report may be required as part of the tree retention/removal plan for all specimen trees on a development site. Such report shall detail the general health of each tree and the steps necessary to promote survival during and after construction.

2. Tree Removal Criteria. Before approval to remove any tree over 8" DBH, or any specimen tree, is granted by the Director, the following criteria shall be considered:

- a. It is difficult or impossible to reasonably use the property without the removal of the tree.
- b. Roads, parking areas, drive aisles, paths and other site features have been designed around the canopies of existing trees to the greatest extent possible.
- c. Removal will allow the preservation of other, healthier hardwood trees on the property.
- d. Adjustments to the site plan cannot be made to save the tree without losing lots or floor area.

3. If the Director finds that the applicant has not met the criteria listed above, the removal shall require approval by the Planning Commission.

14. Mitigation. Where individual specimen trees are to be cut (see subsection B above), the developer shall plant sufficient trees having a caliper of 2.5 inches or more each so as to meet the DBH of the tree or total trees cut. Such trees shall be of the same species as those cut unless the Director approves other species to enhance the diversity to that similar to the native forest areas. All mitigation trees shall be planted within the disturbed area of the site.

25. Existing Trees Used for Mitigation. The saving of existing non-specimen trees is encouraged and may be utilized to meet the mitigation requirement above. Existing trees used for mitigation must be located within the disturbed area of the site.

36. Penalty for Removing Trees Prior to Permitting. If trees are cut down prior to a development receiving all necessary permits from the County, the County shall not issue a permit to allow the development to occur within two years of the tree removal, unless the property owner provides

mitigation for the trees removed. Mitigation shall involve the replanting of trees a minimum of 2.5 caliper inches with a total caliper equal to 1.25 times that of the DBH of the trees removed.

47. Reforestation Fee. Where the director determines that the required replacement of trees is not feasible or not desirable due to the size and shape of property and/or structures, crowding of the trees to where thinning will be required, other design limitations, or other viable site constraints, such reduction shall be subject to a general reforestation fee. This fee shall be the actual and verified cost of the required tree replacement and shall be paid to the county before final approval is given for the development plan. The funds collected through this reforestation fee shall be used by the county to plant trees and other landscaping in highway medians, along roads, or on other public properties as deemed appropriate.

Corrections, Clarifications, and provisions from the ZDSO

Article 1: General Provisions

1.6.60 Planned Unit Development (PUD) Approved Prior to December 8, 2014 (from ZDSO). This proposed amendment carries over language that was in the ZDSO that addresses minor amendments to existing PUDs. Staff proposes adding a number 5 under this section to read as follows:

5. The Director may approve minor amendments to an approved PUD master plan for the changes listed below. All other amendments to a PUD master plan shall follow the procedures for a Zoning Map Amendment (see Sec. 7.3.40).
 - a. Minor changes in the location of roads or widths of streets or rights-of-way within the master plan;
 - b. Minor changes in the allocation of housing density within the master plan so long as the overall approved density of the master plan is not increased; and
 - c. Changes in the proposed build-out and phasing schedule.

Article 2: Multi-Lot and Single Lot Community Scale Development

2.2.60.A.2 Access Management – Design: Driveway Separation (Correction). This correction states that local roads and minor roads are still subject to the requirements in SCDOT's ARMS Manual. Amend as follows:

2. Within conventional zones, thoroughfares shall meet these standards:
 - a. Street, driveway, or other access separation along county, state and federal highways shall be in accordance with the SCDOT, *Access and Roadside Management Standards*, and County-approved access management plans.
 - b. In no event, however, shall residential driveways and non-residential full-access curb cuts be permitted at spacing less than as follows:
 4. Minor Collector and Local roads: ~~No minimum~~ See subsection a. above.

2.5.30 Manufactured Home Community Standards (Correction). This correction amends Table 2.5.30 to provide a maximum gross density to manufactured home communities and revise the side yard setback from 0 feet to 5 feet.

Table 2.5.30.A Manufactured Home Community Standards	
Site Dimensions	
Gross Density	4 dwelling units per acre
Site Area	Min: 3 acres Max: 20 acres
Lot Size	Min: 4,000 square feet
Lot Width	Min: 40 feet
Lot Depth	Min: 80 feet
Building Height	
Principle Building	Max: 35 feet
Secondary Building (Includes Garage or Outbuilding)	Max: 35 feet
Building Setbacks	
Front (includes Private Frontage)	Min: 12 feet Max: 18 feet
Side (Includes Garage or Outbuilding)	Min: 0-5 feet
Rear (Includes Garage or Outbuilding)	Min: 5 feet
Building Function	
Non-Residential Uses	One traditional neighborhood shop permitted for developments with more than 100 units, and must be incorporated into the development design.

2.9.40 Thoroughfare Design (from ZDSO). This is language from the ZDSO which requires existing streets in a proposed subdivision to revise their rights of way to comply with the requirements of this code. Add a new subsection J to read as follows:

J. Dedication of Right-Of-Way. A proposed subdivision that includes a platted street that does not conform to the minimum right-of-way requirements of this chapter shall provide for the dedication of additional right-of-way along either one or both sides of the street so that the minimum rights-of-way required by this code can be established. If the proposed subdivision abuts only one side of the street, a minimum of one-half of the required extra right-of-way shall be dedicated by such subdivision.

Article 3: Specific to Zones

Table 3.1.70 Land Use Definitions (Correction). Amend the use “Community Care Facility” to “Institutional Care Facility” to match all other sections of the code.

Community Institutional Care Facility [correction]

3.3.30 Neighborhood Mixed Use (C3) Zone Standards (Clarification).

C. Building Form

Building Height

Single Family and Duplex	2.5 stories max.
Multi-Family	2.5 stories max.
Non-Residential Buildings	2 stories max.
Ground Floor Finish Level	No minimum

Multi-Family housing shall utilize the Mansion Apartment Building Type requirements in 5.1.110.

D. Gross Density¹ and Floor Area Ratio

Gross Density

Single Family Detached	2.6 d.u./acre
Single Family Attached/Duplex Two Family Unit	2.6 d.u./acre
Multi-Family Unit	12 d.u./acre, Maximum of 80 dwelling units
Traditional Community Plan	3.5 d.u./acre ²

²Subject to the requirements in Division 2.3

Article 4: Specific to Use

4.1.190 Recreational Facility: Campgrounds (from ZDSO). This amendment increases the buffer width required around campgrounds to match the 100 feet that was originally required in the ZDSO.

- A. **Buffers.** This use shall be screened with a 100-ft. wide, opaque, visual buffer equal to a Type E Perimeter Buffer (see Table 5.8.90.D) next to all property lines.

4.2.20.E General Standards and Limitations (Accessory Uses and Structures). This amendment allows greater flexibility in the square footage of accessory buildings for properties located in the T2R district.

- E.2. **Size.** Except for a standard two-car garage (less than 600 square feet) all other for the T2R district, individual freestanding accessory structures on a parcel shall not collectively exceed 30 percent of the floor area of the principal structure. This does not include standard two car garages (less than 600 square feet), accessory dwellings, guest houses, structures used for bona fide agricultural purposes, and accessory structures used for home businesses and cottage industries. In the T2R district, except for structures used for bona fide agricultural purposes, all freestanding accessory structures shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to the principal structure.

5.12.30.C Stormwater Standards (Clarification): This amendment requires stormwater ponds to be appropriately sized to accommodate expected runoff.

- C. All development and redevelopment shall utilize and integrate Stormwater BMPs which are appropriate to their location and environment, sized to accommodate the expected runoff, and contribute to the overall character of a proposal. Stormwater facilities may not be utilized to circumvent other requirements in this Code. BMPs implemented at the development scale shall be integrated into civic and open space networks to the maximum extent technically feasible in accordance with standards found in Division 2.8, Civic and Open Space

Types. Stormwater BMPs should be selected in keeping with the applicable transect zone or conventional zone, as indicated in Table 5.12.30.V. BMPs may be designed as a singular practice or as part of various supplemental pre-treatment BMPs in a series to achieve the runoff volume, runoff pollution load, and peak runoff rate control standards.

Article 10: Definitions

10.1.80 H Definitions: Height (Clarification). This amendment carries over exceptions to building height requirements that were originally in the ZDSO.

Height.

1. **Overall.** Overall building height shall be measured vertically from the natural grade or finished grade adjacent to the building exterior to the average height of the highest roof surface, **excluding chimneys, cupolas, and spires.**
2. **Eave/Parapet.** Building height to eave/parapet shall be measured from the eave or top of parapet to natural grade or finished grade at the lowest point adjacent to the building exterior, whichever yields the greatest height.

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SOUTHERN BEAUFORT COUNTY MAP AMENDMENT / REZONING FOR THIRTEEN PROPERTIES TOTALING 39.02 ACRES LOCATED IN THE BLUFFTON AREA BETWEEN ULMER ROAD AND DEVONWOOD DRIVE:

- From T3-Hamlet Neighborhood to T2-Rural Center for twelve properties: R600 039 000 0205 0000, R600 039 000 0271 0000, R600 039 000 0229 0000, R600 039 000 0519 0000, R600 039 000 0226 0000, R600 039 000 226A 0000, R600 039 000 0860 0000, R600 039 000 226B 0000, R600 039 000 0287 0000, R600 039 000 0286 0000, R600 039 000 0285 0000, and a 2-acre portion of R600 040 000 0003 0000 (located at the northeast corner of Benton Field and Ulmer Roads); and
- From T3-Hamlet Neighborhood to T4-Hamlet Center for a 4.28-acre portion of R600 039 000 0850 0000; and
- Text amendment to the Beaufort County Community Development Code, Table 7.2.30.A (Allowable Modulations).

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2016.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By: _____
D. Paul Sommerville, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

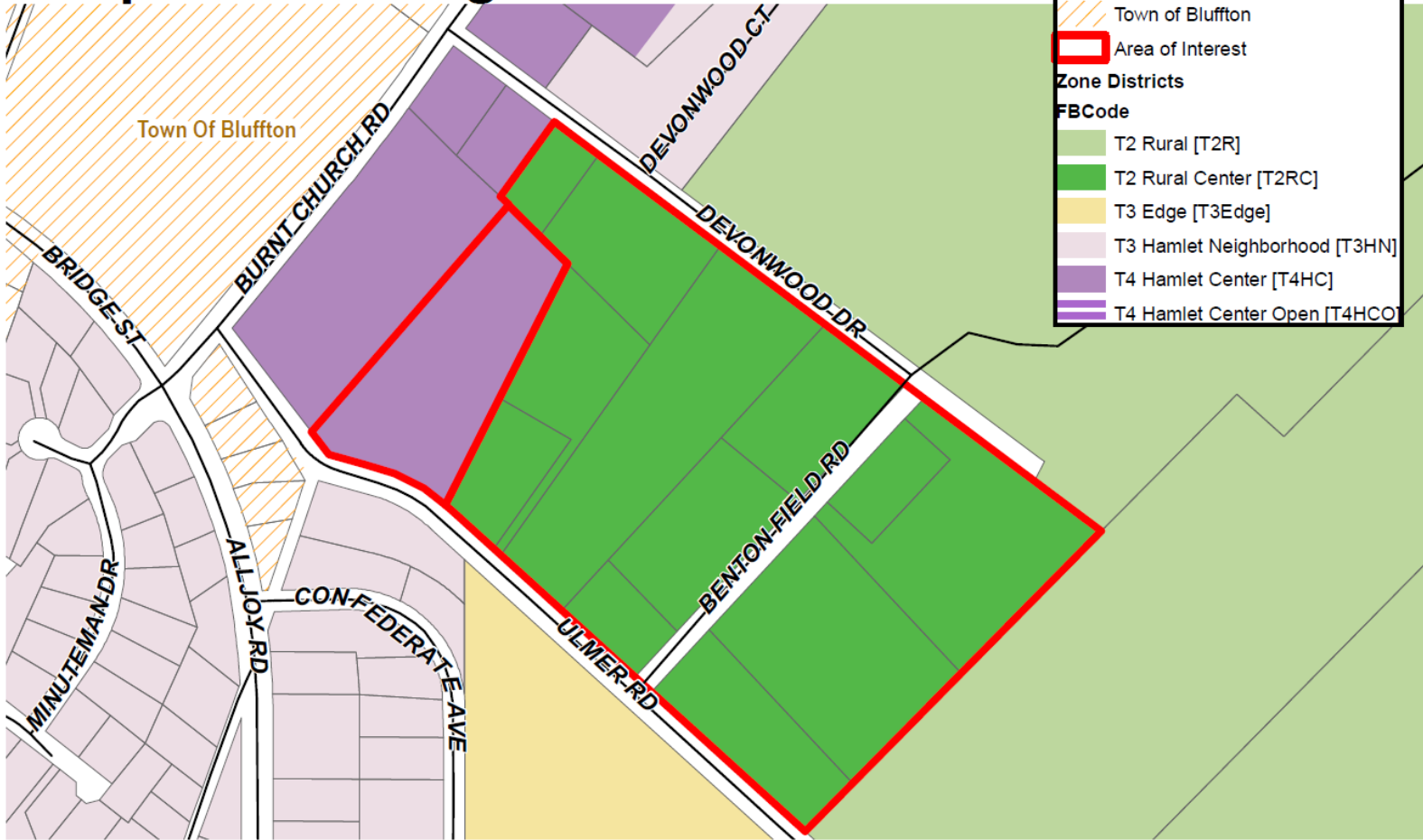
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ATTEST:

Suzanne M. Rainey, Clerk to Council

First Reading: May 23, 2016
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Proposed Zoning



Existing Zoning

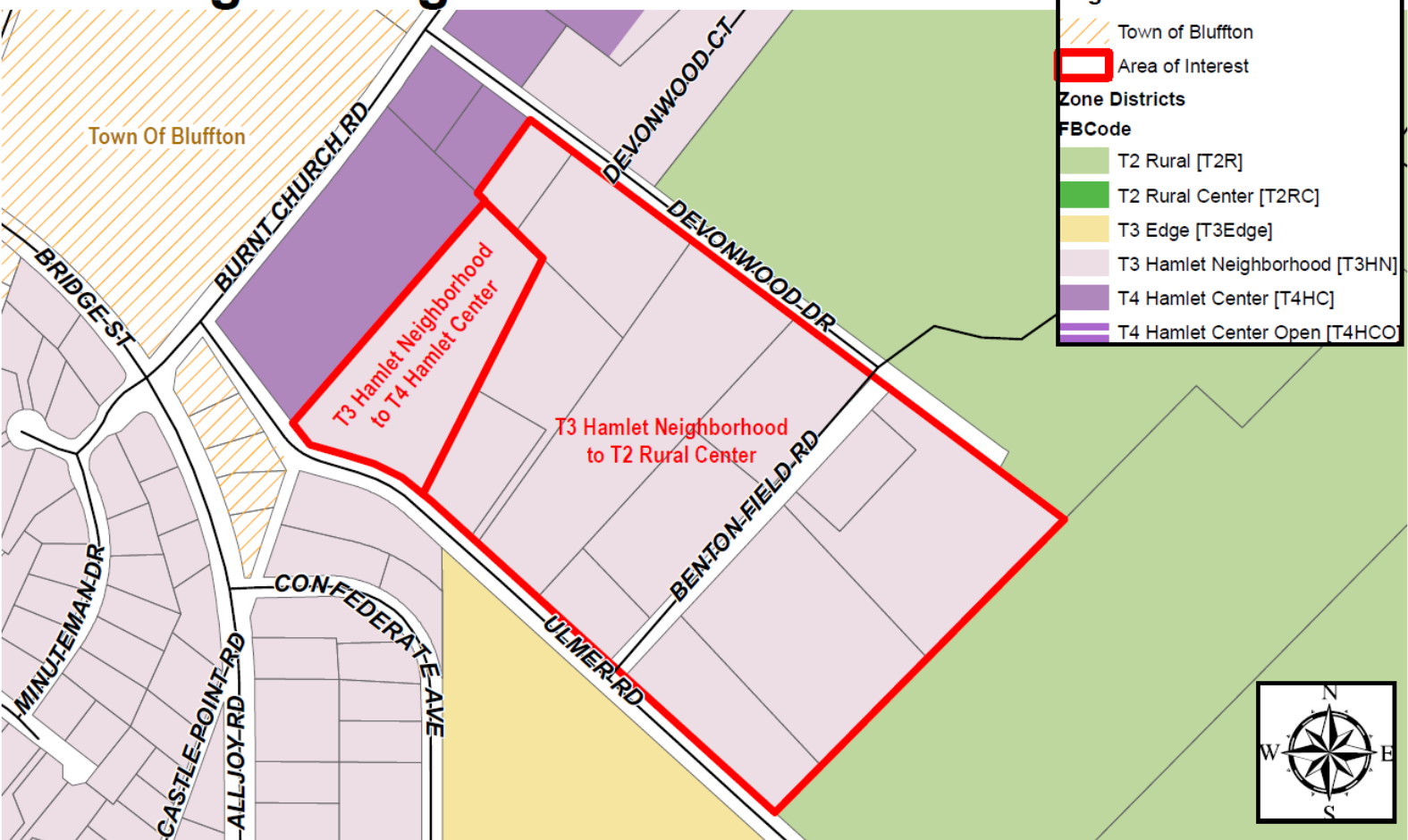


Table 7.2.30.A: Allowable Modulations (continued)

Modulation	Required Findings	Maximum Modulation
Building Form		
Building Height: An increase in the maximum building height.	Modulation is necessary to accommodate a structure required for public safety purposes.	Minimum increase necessary
Landscaping		
Landscape Plan: Deviation from landscaping standards in Division 5.8 (Landscaping, Buffers, and Screening Standards), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An adjustment to planting locations. • A reduction in the count, spacing, or species diversity standards. 	The site or development conditions make compliance with the standards impossible or impractical.	Minimum necessary
Location of tree islands and ratio of parking spaces to tree islands. See Section 5.8.80.B.3.	Modulation is necessary to save and protect existing trees and provide context-based flexibility in design.	12 spaces in a row without a tree island
Architectural Standards		
Application of an architectural style not provided for in Division 5.3 (Architectural Standards and Guidelines).	<p>Architectural style is found within Beaufort County or other adjacent Lowcountry counties;</p> <p>Documentation in the form of photographs and/or architectural drawings of existing precedents are provided to staff for review; and</p> <p>The submitted building plans are in compliance with the proposed architectural style.</p>	Allowed

¹ Requirement for a Private Frontage shall still apply, and any modulation shall not preclude the use of a Private Frontage.

BEAUFORT COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX, SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM, WITHIN BEAUFORT COUNTY, PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX ACT, S.C. CODE ANN. §4-10-300, ET SEQ.; TO DEFINE THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES AND DESIGNATE THE PROJECTS FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX MAY BE USED; TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM TIME FOR WHICH SUCH TAX MAY BE IMPOSED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO BE ISSUED IN ORDER TO FINANCE THE CAPITAL PROJECTS AUTHORIZED HEREUNDER SUCH BONDS TO BE PAYABLE FROM, AND SECURED BY, THE CAPITAL PROJECT SALES AND USE TAX AUTHORIZED HEREBY AS WELL AS THE FULL FAITH, CREDIT AND TAXING POWER OF BEAUFORT COUNTY; TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM COST OF THE PROJECTS OR FACILITIES FUNDED FROM THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX OR BONDS AND THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF NET PROCEEDS TO BE RAISED BY SUCH TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COST OF SUCH PROJECTS OR FOR THE PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE ON ANY BONDS ISSUED TO PAY SUCH COSTS; TO PROVIDE FOR A COUNTYWIDE REFERENDUM AND TO PRESCRIBE THE CONTENTS OF THE BALLOT QUESTION IN SUCH REFERENDUM; TO PROVIDE CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO THE IMPOSITION OF SUCH TAX AND CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF SUCH TAX REVENUE; TO ESTABLISH THE PRIORITY, AND EXCEPTIONS THERETO, IN WHICH THE NET PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX, IF APPROVED IN A REFERENDUM, ARE TO BE EXPENDED FOR THE PROJECTS AND PURPOSES STATED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH REFERENDUM BY THE BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF SUCH TAX, IF APPROVED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUCH TAX; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN PUBLIC MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. Recitals and Legislative Findings. Incident to the adoption of this Ordinance, the Beaufort County Council of Beaufort County, South Carolina (the "County Council") has made the following findings:

(a) The South Carolina General Assembly has enacted the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, S.C. Code Ann. §4-10-300 et seq. (the "Capital Project Sales Tax Act" or " Act"), pursuant to which the County governing body may impose a one percent sales and use tax by ordinance, subject to a referendum, within the county area for a specific purpose or purposes and for a limited amount of time to collect a limited amount of money, and pursuant to which Beaufort County may utilize the revenues from such tax to pay directly and, or, to pay the debt service on any bonds issued by the County to pay the cost of any projects authorized by such Capital Project Sales Tax Act.

(b) The County Council, as the governing body of the County, is authorized to create a commission subject to the provisions of the Capital Project Sales Tax Act for the purpose of considering proposals for funding Capital Projects within the County area and the formulation of a referendum question which is to appear on the ballot. The County Council adopted a Resolution pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act creating the Beaufort County Capital Sales Tax Commission (the "Commission") for the purpose

of considering proposals for funding Capital Projects within the County and the formulation of a referendum question which is to appear on the ballot. Members of the Commission were appointed by the County Council and by the municipalities of Beaufort County in accordance with the provisions of the Capital Project Sales Tax Act.

(c) The Commission has considered proposals for funding of one or more Capital Projects within the County and the Commission has, by vote taken in public meetings duly advertised, identified the purposes for which the proceeds of the proposed capital projects sales and use tax shall be used and, in furtherance thereof, approved the projects described in this ordinance, established the maximum time for which the sales and use tax may be imposed at four (4) calendar years, established the maximum aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds to be issued to finance the projects approved herein and specified that the proceeds of the tax may be pledged to the payment of any such bonds; authorized that grants, if any, may be applied towards the payment of any portion of the cost of a project; established the maximum cost of the projects to be paid from the proceeds of such tax and/or bonds and the maximum amount of net proceeds expected to be raised by the tax and used to pay the costs of such projects or debt service and costs of issuance relating to such bonds; established conditions precedent to the imposition of the sales and use tax and conditions and restrictions on the use of sales and use tax revenue collected pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act; established the priority in which the net proceeds of the sales and use tax are to be expended for the purposes stated therein; and formulated the ballot question which is to appear on the ballot pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §4-10-330(D) of the Capital Project Sales Tax Act.

(d) The Beaufort County Council finds that the imposition of a capital projects sales and use tax in the County, subject to the limitations specified in this ordinance and for the purpose of paying, either directly or through payment of debt service on general obligation bonds, the proceeds of which are used to pay all reasonable or necessary expenses incidental to the purchase, acquisition, construction, repair, alteration, improvement of the projects including without limitation the expenses of studies; land title and mortgage title policies, architectural, engineering and construction management services; legal, accounting, organizational marketing or other special services related to the financing of the projects and issuance of bonds, if any; financial or underwriting fees and expenses incurred in connection with issuing bonds; rating agencies' fees; initial trustee and paying agent fees; recording and filing fees; and all other necessary and incidental expenses of the projects as more specifically described in Subsection 3.2 hereof (the "Capital Projects"), all of which the Council finds will serve the proper public and corporate purposes of Beaufort County and its municipalities by enhancing the safety, efficiency and aesthetics of the public infrastructure of Beaufort County, thereby promoting public health welfare, safety, desirable living conditions and economic development within the County and meeting the future needs of the County and its citizens.

Section 2. Adoption of Commission Report. Except as provided by law and to the extent that the Report of the Beaufort County Capital Sales Tax Commission is inconsistent with the terms, conditions and provisions of this Ordinance, the capital projects itemized in the report of the Beaufort County Capital Sales Tax Commission are hereby approved and adopted by Beaufort County Council.

Section 3. Adoption of Capital Projects Sales and Use Tax Subject to Referendum

3.1. A capital projects sales and use tax, as authorized by the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, S.C. Code §4-10-300 et seq. is hereby imposed in the County, subject to a favorable vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting in a special referendum on the imposition of such tax to be held in Beaufort County on November 8, 2016 (the "Referendum"), and to the restrictions and limitations set forth in this Ordinance.

3.2 The capital projects sales and use tax authorized by this Ordinance shall be expended for the purpose of paying, either directly or through payment of debt service on general obligation bonds, the proceeds of which are used to pay the cost of designing, engineering, constructing, expanding, relocating and improving the Capital Projects which shall include the following projects approved by the Commission:

CATEGORY 1, PUBLIC SAFETY:	
Jenkins Island (Windmill Harbour) Roadway Improvements	\$7,400,000
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County Safe Routes to Schools (11):	\$4,640,000
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Sheriff's Office Communication Equipment	\$6,255,698
Sheriff's Office Traffic Management Improvements	\$836,955
Buck Island and Simmonsville Road Improvement between May River Road and US 278	\$750,000
Hilton Head Island Safe Routes to Schools (2):	\$2,910,000
Main Street West and Connections to US 278	
William Hilton Parkway Eastbound - Gardner Drive to Jarvis Park	
Resurfacing of Town of Port Royal-Owned Roads	\$2,500,000
Port Royal Sidewalk Construction	\$300,000
Sub Total:	\$44,692,653
CATEGORY 2, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:	
Bluffton Sanitary Sewer Installation and Connection	\$4,000,000
Stoney Creek Sub-Basin Pond Improvements and Wetlands Restoration	\$4,250,000

Rose Dhu Creek Sub-Basin Pond Improvements and Wetlands Restoration	\$1,750,000
Oyster Factory Park Improvements	\$2,000,000
Daufuskie Island Consolidation of Island-Wide Solid Waste Disposal	\$1,800,000
Sub Total:	\$13,800,000
CATEGORY 3, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:	
Waddell Mariculture Improvements	\$750,000
Beaufort Downtown Parking Garage	\$13,000,000
Calhoun Street Dock Improvements and Expansion	\$750,000
Construction of New Port Spine Road (Port Redevelopment)	\$4,500,000
TCL Culinary Arts Teaching Institute and the Health Sciences Expansion	\$10,000,000
Sub Total:	\$29,000,000
CATEGORY 4, QUALITY OF LIFE:	
US 21 ITS Bridge System	\$500,000
Waterfront Park and Marina Improvements and Southside Park Improvements	\$4,000,000
Acquisition and Paving of Certain Dirt Roads on Hilton Head Island (21):	\$7,000,000
Aiken Place	
Allen Road	
Mackerel Drive	
Pine Field Road	
Sassafras Lane	
Clifford Miller Road	
Orage Road	
Amelia Court	
Amelia Drive	
Bligen Road	
Cobia Court	
Murray Avenue	
Outlaw Road	
Adell Lane	
Alice Perry Drive	
Benjamin Drive	
Great Barracuda Lane	
Horse Sugar Lane	
Mitchellville Road Ext	
Triggerfish Trail	
Christopher Drive	
Arts, Entertainment & Cultural Campus	\$6,202,000
Pavilion at Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park	\$210,000
Hilton Head Island Recreation Center Expansion	\$10,000,000
Daufuskie Island Road Right-of-Ways	\$1,350,000
USCB Academic/OLLI Building (Bluffton Campus)	\$3,150,000
Sub Total:	\$32,412,000
TOTAL ESIMATED COST OF ALL PROJECTS:	\$119,904,653

3.3. The capital projects sales and use tax authorized herein shall be imposed for a period not to exceed four (4) years from the date of imposition.

3.4. Subject to the provisions of Section 4 of this ordinance, the maximum aggregate principal amount of bonds to be issued to pay the cost of the Capital Projects is \$130,000,000 and it is anticipated that the capital projects sales and use tax authorized hereby will be pledged to the payment of debt service with respect to such bonds. In addition, the County may accept any grants and any other lawful sources of funds to apply to or pay for the Capital Projects provided herein. The maximum cost of the Capital Projects to be funded from the proceeds of the capital projects sales and use tax (including costs relating to the bonds) is \$130,000,000, the maximum amount of bonds to be issued is \$130,000,000 and the maximum amount of net proceeds anticipated to be used to pay such cost or debt service shall be \$130,000,000 which includes the repayment of a principal amount of bonds of \$130,000,000 and interest and expenses relating thereto of not exceeding \$10,000,000.

3.5. The sales and use tax imposed herein shall be imposed only if approved by a majority of qualified electors voting in favor of imposing such tax for the stated purposes in the Referendum. The imposition of such tax shall be subject to the additional conditions and restrictions set forth in this Ordinance and as otherwise imposed by law. The bonds referred to herein shall only be issued only if approved by a majority of qualified electors voting in favor thereof as part of the Referendum.

3.6. It is anticipated that the components of the Capital Projects will be funded to the extent practicable simultaneously from the proceeds of tax revenues and, or, general obligation bonds(s). If sufficient funds are not available to fund completely all components of the Capital Projects simultaneously or in the order provided herein, the County Council shall, by subsequent resolution or resolutions, approve funding for the Capital Projects as funds become available using the system set forth in this Subsection (3.6). The County will fund portions of the Capital Projects as may be necessary to fulfill the conditions of any grant associated with such portion of construction. The County will utilize any remaining funds to undertake those components of the Capital Projects in the most orderly means available. The County shall not commence construction on any component of the Capital Projects unless and until it has arranged funding for completion of such portion of the Capital Project.

3.7. If a sales and use tax is approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting in the Referendum, such tax is to be imposed on the first day of May, 2017, provided the Beaufort County Voter Registration and Election Commission shall certify the results and the County Council shall by Resolution declare the results of the referendum and certify such results to the South Carolina Department of Revenue timely.

3.8. The capital projects sales and use tax imposed by this Ordinance, if approved in the referendum conducted on November 8, 2016, shall terminate on the earlier of: (1) the final day of the fourth (4th) calendar year following imposition of the tax; or (2) the end of the calendar quarter during which the Department of Revenue receives a certificate from the County Administrator indicating that no more bonds approved in the referendum remain outstanding that are payable from the sales tax and that all the amount of the costs of the Capital Projects will have been paid upon application of the net proceeds during such calendar quarter.

3.9. Amounts of sales and use tax collected in excess of the required net proceeds must be applied, if necessary, to complete the Capital Projects; otherwise, the excess funds must be credited to the general fund of the governmental entity or entities receiving the proceeds of the tax, in the proportion in which they received the net proceeds of the tax while it was imposed.

3.10. The capital projects sales and use tax levied pursuant to this ordinance must be administered and collected by the South Carolina Department of Revenue in the same manner that other sales and use taxes are collected. The Department may prescribe amounts that may be added to the sales price because of the tax.

3.11. The tax authorized by this Ordinance is in addition to all other local sales and use taxes and applies to the gross proceeds of sales in the applicable area that is subject to the tax imposed by Chapter 36 of Title 12 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, and the enforcement provisions of Chapter 54 of Title 12 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina. The gross proceeds of the sale of items subject to a maximum tax in Chapter 36 of Title 12 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina are exempt from the tax imposed by this ordinance. The tax imposed by this ordinance also applies to tangible personal property subject to the use tax in Article 13, Chapter 36 of Title 12 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina.

3.12. The capital projects sales and use tax authorized by this ordinance shall be administered in all respects in accordance with the Capital Project Sales Tax Act and as otherwise required by law.

Section 4. Authorization to Issue General Obligation Bonds Payable from the Proceeds of the Caps

4.1. There is hereby authorized to be issued from time to time in one or more series a maximum of \$130,000,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the County. Such bonds shall be secured by the full faith, credit and taxing power of the Beaufort County and by the proceeds of the capital project sales and use tax authorized hereby. Bonds issued pursuant to this ordinance shall not be counted toward the Beaufort County's 8% constitutional debt limitation.

4.2. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as prohibiting the County from issuing revenue bonds to pay for any portion of the Capital Projects to the extent that the County identifies an appropriate source of revenue to be pledged to the payment of such bonds.

Section 5. Capital Project Sales and Use Tax Referendum: Ballot Question

5.1. The Voter Registration and Election Commission of Beaufort County shall conduct a referendum on the question of imposing a capital projects sales and use tax in the area of the County on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. under the election laws of the State of South Carolina. The Beaufort County Voter Registration and Election Commission shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation the question that is to appear on the ballot with the list of Capital Projects and the cost of projects and shall publish such election and other notices as are required by the Capital Project Sales Tax Act.

5.2. The question to be included on the ballot of the referendum to be held in the Beaufort County on November 8, 2016, must read substantially as follows:

OFFICIAL BALLOT GENERAL ELECTION BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA NOVEMBER 8, 2016
Beaufort County One Percent Capital Projects Sales Tax Referendum

Local Question #1

MUST A SPECIAL ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX BE IMPOSED IN BEAUFORT COUNTY FOR NOT MORE THAN FOUR (4) YEARS TO RAISE THE AMOUNTS SPECIFIED FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES?

INSERT PROJECT LIST AND CORRESPONDING AMOUNTS

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF ALL PROJECTS: \$119,904,653

In order to pay the costs of the capital projects pending receipt of the sales tax revenues, must the County also be authorized to issue not exceeding \$130,000,000 of its general obligation bonds and pledge the proceeds of sales tax, if authorized, to the payment thereof?

The maximum amount of net proceeds of the tax which may be used to pay the cost or debt service on the bonds must not exceed \$10,095,347. The maximum amount of sales tax that may be collected must not exceed the sum of \$130,000,000 which includes the direct costs of the capital projects plus the amount of \$10,095,347 being the maximum amount of cost or debt service on bonds that may be paid from such source. "The \$130,000,000 is to be repaid from the net proceeds of the sales and use tax and if such sales and use tax is inadequate to repay the \$130,000,000, any balance shall be paid by Beaufort County.

CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE COLLECTED UNDER THE CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX ACT: The capital projects sales and use tax shall be expended for design, engineering, construction or improvement of the highways, roads, streets, bridges, parks and other Capital Projects listed above. Net proceeds of the capital project sales and use tax, if approved, must be expended for the purposes stated and in the priority listed; provided, however, that the order of funding of the projects may be adjusted on the basis of construction schedules or other events that may affect the schedule for any particular project; and provided that multiple projects may be funded simultaneously based on the formula or system contained in the ordinance adopted by the Beaufort County Council which shall include the authority to pay directly the cost of such projects or to issue bonds and/or to borrow funds in advance of receiving the net proceeds of the one percent sales and use tax, the estimated cost of such bonds or other borrowing not to exceed \$130,000,000. The expenditure of revenues from the capital projects sales and use tax, if approved, shall be subject to acquisition of title, right-of-way, design and engineering considerations, environmental issues, the discovery of historic sites or endangered species, the receipt of necessary permits, funding of projects from other sources,

bids in excess of project estimates, qualifications of bidders, cost overruns, exhaustion or insufficiency of net sales and use tax revenues to complete all projects in the order and priority provided herein and other unforeseen circumstances and conditions.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: All qualified electors desiring to vote in favor of imposing the tax for the stated purposes and authorizing the general obligation bonds in connection therewith as outlined above and subject to the limitations and conditions set forth above shall vote "YES" and all qualified electors opposed to levying the tax and issuing such general obligation bonds shall vote "NO".

_____ YES

_____ NO

5.3. In the referendum on the imposition of a capital projects sales and use tax in the County, all qualified electors desiring to vote in favor of imposing the tax for the stated purposes and issuing the general obligation bonds shall vote "Yes" and all qualified electors opposed to levying the tax shall vote "No". If a majority of the votes cast is in favor of imposing the tax, then the tax should be imposed as provided in the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, S.C. Code Ann. §4-10-300 et seq. Expenses of the referendum shall be paid by the County.

5.4. Upon receipt of the returns of the referendum, the County Council shall, by Resolution, declare the results thereof. The results of the referendum, as declared by Resolution of the County Council, shall not be open to question except by suit or proceeding instituted within thirty (30) days from the date the County Council shall adopt a Resolution declaring the results of such referendum.

Section 6. Imposition of Tax Subject to Referendum. The imposition of a capital projects sales and use tax in the County is subject in all respects to the favorable vote of a majority of qualified electors' casting votes in a referendum on the question of imposing a capital projects sales and use tax in the area of the County. The referendum is to be conducted by the Beaufort County Voter Registration and Election Commission on November 8, 2016 and the favorable vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting in such referendum shall be a condition precedent to the imposition of a capital projects sales and use tax as provided for in this Ordinance.

Section 7. Effective Date. Except as otherwise provided by law, this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

AND SO IT IS ORDAINED, this ____ day of _____, 2016.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By: _____
D. Paul Sommerville, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Thomas J. Keaveny, II, County Attorney

ATTEST:

Suzanne M. Rainey, Clerk to Council

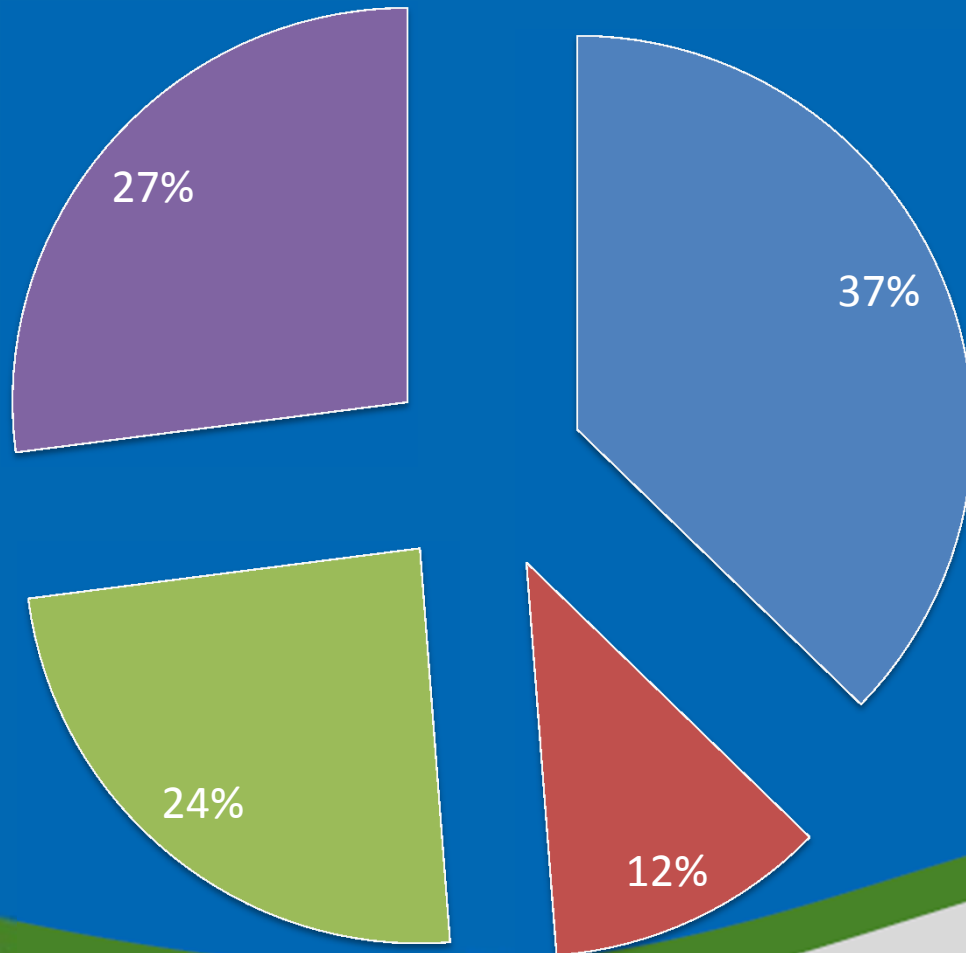
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CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX SUMMARY



- CATEGORY 1, PUBLIC SAFETY
- CATEGORY 2, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
- CATEGORY 3, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- CATEGORY 4, QUALITY OF LIFE

CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX PROJECTS SUMMARY

CATEGORY 1, PUBLIC SAFETY	\$44,692,653	37%
CATEGORY 2, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT	\$13,800,000	12%
CATEGORY 3, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$29,000,000	24%
CATEGORY 4, QUALITY OF LIFE	\$32,412,000	27%
TOTAL:	\$119,904,653	



CATEGORY 1, PUBLIC SAFETY

PROJECT	AMOUNT
Jenkins Island (Windmill Harbour) Roadway Improvements	\$7,400,000
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Stuart Point Sidewalk	
US 17 Pathway Extension	
Big Road	
Seabrook Road	
Pine Grove Road/Burton Wells Road	
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive	

CATEGORY 1, PUBLIC SAFETY CONT'D

PROJECT	AMOUNT
EMS Facilities - Bluffton/Pritchardville and Burton	\$6,000,000
Implementation of US 278 Traffic Safety Study Recommendations	\$5,600,000
Detention Center Security Improvements and Repairs	\$1,000,000
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Main Street West and Connections to US 278	
William Hilton Parkway Eastbound - Gardner Drive to Jarvis Park	
Resurfacing of Town of Port Royal-Owned Roads	\$2,500,000
Port Royal Sidewalk Construction	\$300,000
TOTAL COST:	\$44,692,653



CATEGORY 2, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

PROJECT	AMOUNT
Bluffton Sanitary Sewer Installation and Connection	\$4,000,000
Stoney Creek Sub-Basin Pond Improvements and Wetlands Restoration	\$4,250,000
Rose Dhu Creek Sub-Basin Improvements and Wetlands Restoration	\$1,750,000
Oyster Factory Park Improvements	\$2,000,000
Daufuskie Island Consolidation of Island-Wide Solid Waste Disposal	\$1,800,000

TOTAL COST: \$13,800,000



CATEGORY 3, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT	AMOUNT
Waddell Mariculture Improvements	\$750,000
Beaufort Downtown Parking Garage	\$13,000,000
Calhoun Street Dock Improvements and Expansion	\$750,000
Construction of New Port Spine Road (Port Revelopment)	\$4,500,000
TCL Culinary Arts Teaching Institute and the Health Sciences Expansion	\$10,000,000

TOTAL COST: \$29,000,000



CATEGORY 4, QUALITY OF LIFE

PROJECT	AMOUNT
US 21 ITS Bridge System	\$500,000
Waterfront Park and Marina Improvements & Southside Park Improvements	\$4,000,000
Acquisition and Paving of Certain Dirt Roads on Hilton Head Island (21):	\$7,000,000
Aiken Place, Allen Road, Mackerel Drive, Pine Field Road,	
Sassafras Lane, Clifford Miller Road, Orage Road, Amelia Court,	
Amelia Drive, Bilgen Road, Cobia Court, Murray Avenue,	
Outlaw Road, Adell Lane, Alice Perry Drive, Benjamin Drive,	
Great Barracuda Lane, Horse Sugar Lane, Mitchellville Road Ext,	
Triggerfish Trail, Christopher Drive	

CATEGORY 4, QUALITY OF LIFE CONT'D

PROJECT	AMOUNT
Arts, Entertainment & Cultural Campus	\$6,202,000
Pavilion at Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park	\$210,000
Hilton Head Island Recreation Center Expansion	\$10,000,000
Daufuskie Island Road Right-of-Ways	\$1,350,000
USCB Academic/OLLI Building (Bluffton Campus)	\$3,150,000

TOTAL COST: \$32,412,000



Project	Amount
CATEGORY 1, PUBLIC SAFETY:	
Jenkins Island (Windmill Harbour) Roadway Improvements	\$7,400,000
Pinckney Island Road Improvements	\$2,000,000
County Safe Routes to Schools (11):	\$4,640,000
Salem Road/Old Salem Road/Burton Hill Road	
Burnt Church Road and Ulmer Road Pathway and Intersection Improvements	
Joe Frazier Road	
Meridian Road	
Middle Road/Coosa Safe Routes to School	
Stuart Point Sidewalk	
US 17 Pathway Extension	
Big Road	
Seabrook Road	
Pine Grove Road/Burton Wells Road	
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive	
EMS Facilities - Bluffton/Pritchardville and Burton	\$6,000,000
Implementation of US 278 Traffic Safety Study Recommendations	\$5,600,000
Detention Center Security Improvements and Repairs	\$1,000,000
278 Improvements Jenkins Island to Squire Pope Road	\$4,500,000
Sheriff's Office Communication Equipment	\$6,255,698
Sheriff's Office Traffic Management Improvements	\$836,955
Buck Island and Simmonsville Road Improvement between May River Road and US 278	\$750,000
Hilton Head Island Safe Routes to Schools (2):	\$2,910,000
Main Street West and Connections to US 278	
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Aiken Place	
Allen Road	
Mackerel Drive	



COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
106 Industrial Village Road, Bldg 3 Post Office Drawer 1228
Beaufort, South Carolina 29901-1228

TO: Jerry Stewart, Chairman, Executive Committee, Beaufort County

FROM: Dave Thomas, CPPO, Purchasing Director *DT*

SUBJ: **RFP # 030316, Beaufort County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Billing Services Contract Award Recommendation**

DATE: June 13, 2016

BACKGROUND: The Purchasing Department received RFP responses from qualified firms to provide billing services for Beaufort County on March 3, 2016. In accordance with the Beaufort County Purchasing Code an evaluation committee was formed and consisted of Chanel Lewis, Controller, Finance; Donna Ownby, EMS Director; Howell Youmans, Deputy EMS Director; and Marci Taylor, EMS Administrative Assistant. Beaufort County received nine responses to the RFP. The evaluation committee reviewed and evaluated all RFPs and decided to interview the top three firms. After the interviews, the committee completed the final rank order and requested a "Best and Final Offer" from EMS Management and Consultants and completed their final ranking. EMS Management and Consultants was unanimously selected and ranked the number one (1) firm. The final ranking is as follows:

VENDOR NAME AND FINAL RANKING:

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| 1. EMS Management and Consultants, Winston Salem, NC | 6. LBS, Lexington, SC |
| 2. Digitech, BriarCliff Manor, NY | 7. LLB, Wautoma, WI |
| 3. AMB, Paducah, KY | 8. PST, Alpharetta, GA |
| 4. Interdix, Augusta, GA | 9. OMC, Pittsburgh, PA |
| 5. CAB, Florence, SC | |

AT **FUNDING:** Payment to the contractor is a negotiated percentage based on the collected fees from the individuals owing money to the County for services provided by EMS. The new commission rate is **6.25 %**, for a total estimated annual commission fee of \$190,000 for fiscal year 2017. This is based on the estimated commission paid for fiscal year 2017.

PRIOR YEAR COST (estimated): Commission of 7%, \$197,034 for fiscal year 2016.

CONTRACT TERM: The initial contract term is for one year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, and may be renewed for an additional four one-year contract periods, which is subject to mutual agreement by both parties until June 30, 2021.

FOR ACTION: Executive Committee meeting occurring June 13, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION: The Purchasing Department recommends that the Executive Committee approves and recommends to County Council the contract award to the aforementioned vendor in the estimated annual contract amount of \$190,000.

cc: Gary Kubic, County Administrator *G Kubic*
Josh Gruber, Deputy County Administrator/Special Council *JG*
Alicia Holland, Assistant County Administrator, Finance *AH*
Phil Foot, Assistant County Administrator, Public Safety *PH*
Donna Ownby, Emergency Medical Services Director *DO*

Att: Final Ranking Summary

RFP030316 Billing Services for EMS

FINAL SCORING SHEET 05062016

Column1	Column2	Column6	Column62
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Name of Company

<u>Evaluators</u>	<u>AMB</u>	<u>Digitech</u>	<u>EMS</u>
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Lewis	76	88	93
Ownby	75	80	93
Youmans	90	87	92
Taylor	73	78	95

TOTALS:	314	333	373
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1. EMS	373		
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2. Digitech	333		
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3. AMB	314		
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FY 2016-2017 BEAUFORT COUNTY BUDGET

To provide for the levy of tax for corporate Beaufort County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, to make appropriations for said purposes, and to provide for budgetary control of the County's fiscal affairs.

BE IT ORDAINED BY COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY:

SECTION 1. TAX LEVY

The County Council of Beaufort County hereby appropriates the funds as detailed in Sections 4, 5 and 6 of this Ordinance. Further, that the County Council of Beaufort County hereby establishes the millage rates as detailed in Sections 2 and 3 of this Ordinance. However, the County Council of Beaufort County reserves the right to modify these millage rates as may be deemed necessary and appropriate.

SECTION 2. MILLAGE

The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to levy in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 a tax of 61.27 mills on the dollar of assessed value of property within the County, in accordance with the laws of South Carolina. These taxes shall be collected by the County Treasurer, as provided by law, and distributed in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and subsequent appropriations hereafter passed by the County Council of Beaufort County.

County Operations	50.89
Purchase of Real Property Program	4.90
County Debt Service	5.48

SECTION 3. SPECIAL DISTRICT TAX LEVY

The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to levy, and the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to collect and distribute the mills so levied, as provided by law, for the operations of the following special tax districts:

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Millage Rate</u>
Bluffton Fire District Operations	\$12,873,433	\$12,789,870	24.64
Bluffton Fire District Debt Service	\$ 574,700	\$ 567,720	1.10
Burton Fire District Operations	\$ 5,164,548	\$ 5,422,374	62.42
Burton Fire District Debt Service	\$ 385,268	\$ 385,268	5.26
Daufuskie Island Fire District Operations	\$ 1,142,613	\$ 1,142,613	58.44
Daufuskie Island Debt Service	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	0.00
Lady's Island/St. Helena Is. Fire District Operation	\$ 5,509,396	\$ 5,509,396	37.92
Lady's Island/St. Helena Is. Fire District Debt Service	\$ 312,137	\$ 312,137	2.20
Sheldon Fire District Operations	\$ 1,304,607	\$ 1,304,607	36.86
Sheldon Fire District Debt Service	\$ 72,500	\$ 72,500	2.20

Note: Any difference between revenue and expenditures will constitute a use of fund balance.

SECTION 4. COUNTY OPERATIONS APPROPRIATION

An amount of \$116,268,625 is appropriated to the Beaufort County General Fund to fund County operations and subsidized agencies as follows:

I. Elected Officials and State Appropriations:

A. Sheriff	\$22,304,949
Emergency Management	\$ 7,693,069
B. Magistrate	\$ 1,894,965
C. Solicitor	\$ 1,245,000
D. Clerk of Court	\$ 1,110,126
E. Treasurer	\$ 1,094,659
F. Auditor	\$ 855,551
G. Probate Court	\$ 761,622
H. Public Defender	\$ 699,293
I. County Council	\$ 623,418
J. Coroner	\$ 530,310
K. Master-in-Equity	\$ 314,129
L. Social Services	\$ 147,349
M. Legislative Delegation	\$ <u>65,175</u>
 Total	 \$ 39,339,615

Management of these individual accounts shall be the responsibility of the duly elected official for each office. At no time shall the elected official exceed the budget appropriation identified above without first receiving an approved supplemental appropriation by County Council.

II. County Administration Operations:

A. Public Works	\$15,891,565
B. Administration	\$ 9,048,350
C. Emergency Medical Services	\$ 6,800,786
D. Detention Center	\$ 5,834,728
E. Education Allocation	\$ 4,000,000
F. Community Services	\$ 3,752,480
G. Library	\$ 3,721,948
H. Parks and Leisure Services	\$ 3,113,584
I. Assessor	\$ 2,141,021
J. Mosquito Control	\$ 1,701,066
K. Building Codes and Enforcement	\$ 1,087,874
L. Public Health	\$ 1,081,000
M. Employee Services	\$ 990,724
N. Animal Services	\$ 867,793
O. Voter Registration	\$ 718,261

P. Traffic Engineering	\$ 630,789
Q. Planning	\$ 605,219
R. General Government Subsidies	\$ 545,579
S. Register of Deeds	\$ 506,613
T. Zoning	\$ 181,401
U. Employer Provided Benefits	<u>\$13,708,229</u>
 Total	 \$76,929,010

The detailed Operations budget containing line-item accounts by department and/or agency is hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. COUNTY OPERATIONS REVENUES

The appropriation for County Operations will be funded from the following revenue sources:

- A. \$ 89,416,574 to be derived from tax collections;
- B. \$ 11,602,715 to be derived from charges for services;
- C. \$ 9,197,645 to be derived from intergovernmental revenue sources;
- D. \$ 3,429,000 to be derived from fees for licenses and permits;
- E. \$ 1,568,750 to be derived from inter-fund transfers;
- F. \$ 750,000 to be derived from fines and forfeitures' collections;
- G. \$ 251,136 to be derived from miscellaneous revenue sources;
- H. \$ 52,805 to be derived from interest on investments;

Additional operations of various County departments are funded by Special Revenue sources. The detail of line-item accounts for these funds is hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AND REAL PROPERTY PROGRAM

The revenue generated by a 4.90 mill levy is appropriated for the County's Purchase of Development Rights and Real Property Program.

SECTION 7. COUNTY DEBT SERVICE APPROPRIATION

The revenue generated by a 5.48 mill levy is appropriated to defray the principal and interest payments on all County bonds and on the lease-purchase agreement authorized to cover other Capital expenditures.

SECTION 8. BUDGETARY ACCOUNT BREAKOUT

The foregoing County Operations appropriations have been detailed by the County Council into line-item accounts for each department. The detailed appropriation by account and budget narrative contained under separate cover is hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance. The Fire Districts, as described in Section 3 of this Ordinance, line-item budgets are under separate cover, but are also part and parcel of this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. OUTSTANDING BALANCE APPROPRIATION

The balance remaining in each fund at the close of the prior fiscal year, where a reserve is not required by State or Federal law, is hereby transferred to the Unreserved Fund Balance of that fund.

SECTION 10. AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS

In the following Section where reference is made to "County Administrator", it is explicit that this refers to those funds under the particular auspices of the County Administrator requiring his approval as outlined in Section 4 subpart II.

Transfers of monies/budgets among operating accounts, capital accounts, funds, and programs must be authorized by the County Administrator or his designee, upon the written request of the Department Head. Any transfer in excess of \$50,000 for individual or cumulative expenditures during any current fiscal year is to be authorized by the County Council, or its designee.

Transfer of monies/budgets within operating accounts, capital accounts, funds, and programs must be authorized by the County Administrator or his designee, upon written request of the Department Head. The County Administrator, or his designee, may also transfer funds from any departmental account to their respective Contingency Accounts. All transfers among and within accounts in excess of \$50,000 for individual or cumulative expenditures during any current fiscal year are to be reported to County Council through the Finance Committee on a quarterly basis.

SECTION 11. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

The County Administrator is responsible for controlling the rate of expenditure of budgeted funds in order to assure that expenditures do not exceed funds on hand. To carry out this responsibility, the County Administrator is authorized to allocate budgeted funds.

SECTION 12. MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS ABOVE-ANTICIPATED REVENUES

Revenues other than, and/or in excess of, those addressed in Sections 4, 5 and 6 of this Ordinance, received by Beaufort County, and all other County agencies fiscally responsible to Beaufort County, which are in excess of anticipated revenue as approved in the current budget, may be expended as directed by the revenue source, or for the express purposes for which the funds were generated without further approval of County Council. All such expenditures, in excess of \$10,000, shall be reported, in written form, to the County Council of Beaufort County on a quarterly basis. Such funds include sales of products, services, rents, contributions, donations, special events, insurance and similar recoveries.

SECTION 13. TRANSFERS VALIDATED

All duly authorized transfers of funds heretofore made from one account to another, or from one fund to another during Fiscal Year 2016, are hereby approved.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2016. Approved and adopted on third and final reading this ____ day of _____, 2016.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY: _____
D. Paul Sommerville, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Thomas J. Keaveny, II, County Attorney

ATTEST:

Suzanne M. Rainey, Clerk to Council

First Reading: May 9, 2016
Second Reading: May 23, 2016
Public Hearings: May 23, 2016
Third and Final Reading:

BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
FISCAL YEAR 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ORDINANCE DESCRIPTION	FY 2016 ORIGINAL APPROP	TOTAL CHANGE	State Mandated Retirement Increase	4% STATE COLA	FY 2017 PROJECTED/ PROPOSED
REVENUES					
AD VALOREM TAXES	84,195,180				89,416,574
CAP OF 2.67% = 1.30 MILS		3,509,524			
LOOK BACK OF 0.70 MILS					
TOTAL MIL INCREASE OF 2.00 = 50.77 MIL RATE					
PROPERTY VALUE GROWTH (1.64%)		1,511,870			
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (ADDITIONAL 0.12 MIL INCREASE)		200,000			
TOTAL PROPOSED FY 2017 OPERATIONS MILL RATE = 50.89					
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	10,402,715	1,200,000			11,602,715
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	7,865,416	1,332,229			9,197,645
LICENSES AND PERMITS	3,029,000	400,000			3,429,000
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	1,268,750	300,000			1,568,750
FINES AND FORFEITURES	750,000	-			750,000
MISCELLANEOUS	251,136	-			251,136
INTEREST	52,805	-			52,805
Total Revenue Appropriation	\$ 107,815,002	\$ 8,453,623			\$ 116,268,625
EXPENDITURES					
SHERIFF	21,521,304	712,925	70,720	-	22,304,949
EMERGENCY MGMT	7,678,698	-	14,371	-	7,693,069
MAGISTRATE	1,888,596	-	6,369	-	1,894,965
SOLICITOR	1,060,000	185,000	-	-	1,245,000
CLERK OF COURT	1,081,865	25,000	3,261	-	1,110,126
TREASURER	1,088,802	-	2,357	3,500	1,094,659
AUDITOR	577,912	272,000	2,139	3,500	855,551
PROBATE	753,821	-	2,801	5,000	761,622
PUBLIC DEFENDER	634,293	65,000	-	-	699,293
COUNTY COUNCIL	621,909	-	1,509	-	623,418
CORONER	479,471	50,000	839	-	530,310
MASTER IN EQUITY	306,894	-	1,235	6,000	314,129
SOCIAL SERVICES	147,349	-	-	-	147,349
LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION	74,874	(10,000)	301	-	65,175
Subtotal of Elected Officials and State Appropria	37,915,788	1,299,925	105,902	18,000	39,339,615
PUBLIC WORKS	14,068,229	1,800,000	23,336	-	15,891,565
ADMINISTRATION	6,354,192	2,677,949	16,209	-	9,048,350
EMS	6,228,552	550,000	22,234	-	6,800,786
DETENTION CENTER	5,618,218	200,000	16,510	-	5,834,728
EDUCATION	4,000,000	-	-	-	4,000,000
COMMUNITY SERVICES	3,579,854	172,051	575	-	3,752,480
LIBRARY	3,434,916	275,000	12,032	-	3,721,948
PALS	3,106,370	-	7,214	-	3,113,584
ASSESSOR	1,988,020	145,000	8,001	-	2,141,021
MOSQUITO CONTROL	1,518,366	180,000	2,700	-	1,701,066
BUILDING CODES/ENF	984,098	100,000	3,776	-	1,087,874
PUBLIC HEALTH	1,081,000	-	-	-	1,081,000
EMPLOYEE SVCS	989,543	-	1,181	-	990,724
ANIMAL SVCS	775,694	90,000	2,099	-	867,793
VOTER REGISTRATION	716,075	-	2,186	-	718,261
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING	669,282	(40,000)	1,507	-	630,789
PLANNING	603,049	-	2,170	-	605,219
GENERAL GOVT SUBSIDIES	289,882	255,697	-	-	545,579
REGISTER OF DEEDS	504,968	-	1,645	-	506,613
ZONING	180,678	-	723	-	181,401
Subtotal of County Administration Operations	56,690,986	6,405,697	124,098	-	63,220,781
BENEFITS	13,208,229	500,000	-	-	13,708,229
GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES	\$ 107,815,003	\$ 8,205,622	\$ 230,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 116,268,625

NOTE: Benefits include Group Health Insurance, Worker's Compensation Insurance, Tort Liability Insurance and Unemployment Insurance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 /

FY 2016-2017 BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

An Ordinance to provide for the levy of tax for school purposes for Beaufort County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, and to make appropriations for said purposes.

BE IT ORDAINED BY COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY:

SECTION 1. TAX LEVY

The County Council of Beaufort County hereby appropriates the funds as detailed in Sections 3 and 4 of this Ordinance and establishes the millage rates as detailed in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. MILLAGE

In Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and in accordance with the laws of South Carolina, the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to levy a tax on the following mills on the dollar of assessed value of property within the County.

School Operations	111.50
School Bond Debt Service (Principal and Interest)	31.71

The values listed above, in accordance with Section 6-1-320(A)(2) of the *Code of Laws of South Carolina*, 1976, as amended.

	Prior Year Millage	% Average CPI	% Population Growth	Allowable Annual % Increase of Millage Rate	Millage Bank Used	Millage Bank Balance
2014	97.45	2.07%	2.21%	4.28%	-2.47%	1.81%
2015	103.5	1.46%	2.27%	3.73%	-3.73%	1.81%
2016	103.5	1.62%	2.50%	4.12%	0.00%	5.93%

These taxes shall be collected by the County Treasurer, as provided by law, and distributed in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and subsequent appropriations as may be hereafter passed by the County Council of Beaufort County.

SECTION 3. SCHOOL OPERATIONS APPROPRIATION

An amount of \$216,782,976 is hereby appropriated to the Beaufort County Board of Education to fund school operations and \$1,330,981 to be allocated to the general fund balance. This appropriation is to be spent in accordance with the school budget approved by the County Council of Beaufort County, and will be funded from the following revenue sources:

- A. \$131,662,584 to be derived from tax collections;
- B. \$ 77,261,805 to be derived from State revenues;
- C. \$ 900,000 to be derived from Federal revenues;
- D. \$ 1,493,500 to be derived from other local sources; and
- E. \$ 5,465,087 to be derived from inter-fund transfers.

The Beaufort County Board of Education is responsible for ensuring that the school expenditures do not exceed those amounts herein appropriated without first receiving the approval of a supplemental appropriation from County Council.

SECTION 4. BUDGETARY ACCOUNT BREAKOUT

The line-item budgets submitted by the Beaufort County Board of Education under separate cover for FY 2016-2017 are incorporated herein by reference and shall be part and parcel of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. OUTSTANDING BALANCE APPROPRIATION

The balance remaining in each fund at the close of the prior fiscal year, where a reserve is not required by State or Federal law, is hereby transferred to the appropriate category of Fund Balance of that fund.

SECTION 6. TRANSFERS VALIDATED

All duly authorized transfers of funds heretofore made from one account to another, or from one fund to another during Fiscal Year 2017 are hereby approved.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2016. Approved and adopted on third and final reading this ____ day of _____, 2016.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY: _____
D. Paul Sommerville, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Thomas J. Keaveny, II, County Attorney

ATTEST:

Suzanne M. Rainey, Clerk to Council

First Reading: May 23, 2016

Second Reading:

Public Hearings: May 23, 2016

Third and Final Reading:

**Public Notice Regarding
Public Hearing and Plan Availability for Review
Lowcountry Regional HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan**

The Lowcountry Regional HOME Consortium invites citizens to comment on its draft Consolidated Plan. The draft plan will be available for review from June 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016, at the Lowcountry Council of Governments, 634 Campground Road, Yemassee, SC 29945 and at the County Government Offices in the following four locations:

1. Beaufort County Administrative Complex, 1100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort SC
2. Colleton County Government Offices, 31 Klein Street, Walterboro SC
3. Hampton County Government Offices, 200 Jackson Avenue East Hampton, SC 29924
4. Jasper County Government Offices, 358 Third Avenue, Ridgeland SC 29936

Copies of the Plan will be provided upon request. Comments may be submitted in writing to Michelle Knight, Community & Economic Development Director, Lowcountry COG, POB 98, Yemassee, SC 29945 or by email @ mknight@lowcountrycog.org . If there are any questions concerning the Plan, please contact Barbara A. Johnson, Affordable Housing Manager, (843) 726-5536 or bjohnson@lowcountrycog.org .

Public Hearings to review the Plan and receive additional comments will be at the following locations and times:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
June 20, 2016	6:15 pm	Hampton County Council Chambers 200 Jackson Avenue East, Hampton, SC
June 20, 2016	6:30 pm	Hardeeville City Council Chambers 205 Main Street, Hardeeville, SC
June 21, 2016	6:00 pm	Colleton County Council Chambers Corner of N. Jefferies Blvd. & Benson Street, Walterboro, SC
June 13, 2016	6:30 pm	Beaufort County Council Chambers 1100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC
June 23, 2016	6:30 pm	Lowcountry Council of Governments Point South, SC (I-95 exit 33 at US Hwy. 17)

Beaufort County is the Lead Entity of the Lowcountry Regional HOME Consortium, and these public hearings and the matters to be discussed are subject to the provisions of the Beaufort County Citizen Participation Plan, developed in anticipation of participation in the Federal HUD HOME Program, which provides for the participation of the citizens of Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper Counties in the planning and implementation of projects which will receive HUD HOME funds.

Beaufort County and its member local governments do not discriminate on the basis of age, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability in the admission of, access to, or treatment in the employment in federally assisted programs or activities. Joshua A. Gruber, County Attorney, PO Drawer 1228, Beaufort, SC 29901, (843) 255-2055, has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's regulations.

ADD-ONS

The document(s) herein were provided to Council for information and/or discussion after release of the official agenda and backup items.

Topic: Lowcountry Regional Home Consortium Consolidated Plan 2016-2021 - PowerPoint
Date Submitted: June 13, 2016
Submitted By: Barbara Johnson
Venue: County Council Regular



LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM

HUD

2016 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Topic: Lowcountry Regional Home Consortium Consolidated Plan 2016-2021 - PowerPoint
Date Submitted: June 13, 2016
Submitted By: Barbara Johnson
Venue: County Council Regular

Beaufort County is the lead agency for the Lowcountry Regional HOME Consortium (LRHC).

The LRHC is comprised of the following member local governments:

Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper Counties and includes twenty municipalities.

Lowcountry Council of Governments administers the HOME Program on behalf of the Consortium.

The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to:

- 1. Provide the HOME Consortium and its members information on housing and community development needs;*
- 2. Describe the current strategies the HOME Consortium has adopted to meet those needs;*
- 3. Raise awareness about housing and community development issues among the Lowcountry's citizens and policy makers.*

LRHC has developed the following objectives as priorities:

- *Rehabilitation of substandard housing*
- *Increase accessibility to adequate and affordable housing*
- *Support the development of safe, decent, and affordable housing*
- *Support housing initiatives to address homeless persons, persons with special needs, and the elderly*
- *Promote economic development opportunities by assisting in the creation and/or retention of jobs and improving workforce preparedness.*
- *Promote the development of viable communities*

Needs Assessment public hearings were held throughout the region starting in January 2016.

On July 31, 2015, LCOG held a Lowcountry Regional Forum. Participants from the region were invited to give their perspective on needs and priorities for LMI communities.

An Affordable Housing survey was conducted and organizations and units of local government identified needs specific to the people that they serve.

2016-2017 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

HOME funds	\$456,048
Local funds	\$102,611
TOTAL	\$558,659

AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$102,611
4 units (new construction)	
SINGLE FAMILY REHABILITATION	\$307,833
12 units (owner- occupied)	

Although HOME funds cannot be used to address every need, these areas will have an impact on the sustainability of HOME funded housing in our region.

The goals and objectives adopted in this Consolidated Plan are prioritized toward creating viable and sustainable neighborhoods, giving access to affordable housing, and collaborating with partners to determine the best means to address chronic homelessness in the Lowcountry.

FAIR HOUSING IS THE LAW

As a part of HUD requirements, the locality is expected to undertake activities that promote Fair Housing. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 stipulates that we all have the right to be treated fairly regardless of our race, color, religion, sex, familial status, or national origin.

In the sale and rental of housing

In residential real estate transactions

In the provision of brokerage services



If you believe that you have been a victim of discriminatory housing practices, you have avenues by which the matter can be investigated.

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For more information, please call us at 843-726-5536.





THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM CONSOLIDATED PLAN 2016-2021

The Beaufort County/Lowcountry Regional HOME Consortium has prepared the 2016 Consolidated Plan and the plan is in the comment period (June 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016). The Consolidated Plan is a 5 year plan required by HUD.

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The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to:

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LRHC has developed the following objectives as priorities for the next 5 years:

1. Rehabilitation of substandard housing
2. Increase accessibility to adequate and affordable housing
3. Support the development of safe, decent, and affordable housing
4. Support housing initiatives to address homeless persons, persons with special needs, and the elderly
5. Promote economic development opportunities
6. Promote the development of viable communities

The Consolidated Plan is carried out through Annual Action Plans, which provide a concise summary of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan.

2016-2017 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Home funds	\$456,048	
Affordable Housing – 4 new construction units		\$102,611
Single Family Housing Rehab – 12 owner-occupied units		\$307,833

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***THE 2016-2021 CONSOLIDATED PLAN WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW/COMMENT THROUGH
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