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Council Action Summary April 2000

April 10, 2000

Recognized the Class of 1950 of Penn Normal, Industrial and Agricultural School upon the occasion of its 50th graduation anniversary.

Approved on first reading an ordinance enacting a new Code of Beaufort County.

Approved on second reading a request for zoning change on Port Royal Island, District 100, Map 31, Parcel 20, from Community Regional to Commercial Suburban.

Approved on second reading a request for zoning change on St. Helena Island, District 300, Parcel 31A, from Rural and Rural Residential.

Approved on second reading an amendment to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, Article 20, Subsection 20.221, to allow for nine members, one member from each of the Comprehensive Plan planning areas (Sheldon Township, Port Royal Island, Lady's Island, St. Helena Island Township, Bluffton/Daufuskie Township), and four at-large members. Members appointed from the five planning areas shall reside within the unincorporated portions of those areas, while members appointed at-large may reside anywhere within the County, including municipalities.

Approved on third reading and final reading the proposed text changes to the Road Facilities Impact Fee Ordinance.

Nominated Mrs. Pat Harvey-Palmer to serve as a member on the Lady's Island/St. Helena Island Fire District.

Accepted a Department of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant in the amount of \$155,197. The County's match is 10% or \$15,144. The funding source is the Communications Department.



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Approved an adjustment of the hourly rate for Deputy Sheriffs working 12-hour shifts (2,223 hours per year), from \$10.06 to \$10.76, effective April 1, 2000.

Authorized the Chief Magistrate to change the position of the St. Helena Island Magistrate from part-time to full-time status for the remainder of FY 2000-2001.

Adopted a resolution and forward correspondence to the Legislative Delegation recommending that the number of Board members on the B/J Water and Sewer Authority remain at nine, with the specific appointments to be made as follows: Of the two Board members representing Jasper County, the appointments to be made by the Jasper County Council. As to the seven members from Beaufort County, one appointment shall be made by the municipality of Bluffton, one appointment shall be made by the municipality of Port Royal, one appointment shall be made by the municipality of Beaufort, one appointment shall be made by the Town of Hilton Head Island; and the remaining three members shall be appointed by the Beaufort County Council.

Awarded a contract to the low bidder, Robert O. Collins Construction Company, Inc., for the construction of sidewalks in the City of Beaufort and Town of Bluffton in an amount not to exceed \$197,800 and, further, authorize the County Administrator, through the County Engineer, to negotiate with the contractor a reduction in the scope of work.

Authorized eminent domain proceedings for the purpose of acquiring a drainage easement for the Ashley/Woodbine Storm Sewer Project.

Accepted Comet Lane (Lobeco) and Gillison Loop (Seabrook) into the County road inventory.

Authorized the County Attorney and County Administrator to negotiate a management contract with Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority should they accept.

April 24, 2000

Proclaimed the week of May 7, 2000 as Correctional Employees Week. Mr. Mark Fitzgibbons, Detention Center Director, received the proclamation.

Introduced Mr. Tim Bennett, who will serve as the new Public Information Officer. He served as Public Affairs Officer at the Marine Corps Air Station-Beaufort from 1994 through 1997.

Approved the closing of The Sands boat ramp from 1:00 a.m. on July 4, 2000 to 1:00 a.m. on July 5, 2000 for the Town of Port Royal annual Fourth of July celebration

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Adopted a resolution agreeing to submit an application to the SC Department of Transportation for \$50,000 and to apply these funds to increase the number of ferry trips to and from Daufuskie Island.

Approved on second reading an ordinance adopting and enacting a new Code of Beaufort County.

Authorized the County Administrator to purchase property, formerly known as the Ferrell Gas property, owned by Coastal Communities in the amount of \$295,000 to establish a park on Lady's Island. The funding source is the general fund.

Approved on third and final reading a request for zoning change on Port Royal Island, District 100, Map 31, Parcel 20, from Community Regional to Commercial Suburban

Approved on third and final reading a request for zoning change on St. Helena Island, District 300, Parcel 31A, from Rural to Rural Residential.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an amendment to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, Article 20, Subsection 20.221, Planning Board Membership, to allow for nine members, one member from each of the Comprehensive Plan planning areas (Sheldon Township, Port Royal Island, Lady's Island, St. Helena Island Township, Bluffton/Daufuskie Township), and four at-large members. Members appointed from the five planning areas shall reside within the unincorporated portions of those areas, while members appointed at-large may reside anywhere within the County, including municipalities.

Held a public hearing and approved on second reading proposed amendments, as brought forward from the Planning Committee, to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, Subsection 5.326, Water Dependent Uses.

Held a public hearing on a Department of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Application in the amount of \$155,197. The County's match is ten (10%) percent or \$15,144.

Held a public hearing on the proposed Lady's Island Tax Increment Financing District.

Approved on third and final reading an ordinance to include additional areas of Beaufort County and the Town of Bluffton within the Redevelopment Project Area (amended Bluffton Tax Increment Financing District) and, further, amend Section 1(j) as follows: "The County recognizes that as of the date of this Ordinance the Beaufort County School District and the Town of Bluffton have declined to participate in the Redevelopment Plan. Pending the outcome of further negotiations with the County, the Town of Bluffton and the School District may reconsider and agree to participate upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon."

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Voted to recommend to the Governor the appointment of Mrs. Harvey-Palmer to serve a four-year term as a member on the Lady's Island/St. Helena Island Fire District, replacing Mrs. Jane Hinchler.

Approved on first reading a request for zoning change on Port Royal Island, District 100, Map 30, Parcels 230 and 312, from Suburban to Commercial Suburban.

Nominated Mayor H. Emmett McCracken, representing the elected official's position, to serve as a member on the Land Preservation Board, replacing Mayor Tom Peebles.