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Council Action Summary March 2000

March 13, 2000

Proclaimed March 2000 as Disabilities Awareness Month in Beaufort County.

Presented a plaque to Captain Doug Gertis and Mr. David Tolman in recognition of unselfish support in saving a citizens' life. On March 8, 2000 at approximately 1:06 p.m., a citizen jumped from the Woods Memorial Bridge. Mr. David Tolman, without concern for his own safety, jumped into the Beaufort River and rescued the citizen. Captain Doug Gertis, a private boater who was at the downtown marina, used his personal boat to assist in the rescue effort. The Beaufort City Police Department, Beaufort Fire Department, Beaufort County Emergency Medical Services and the US Coast Guard all responded to provide assistance.

Reaffirmed its prior stance to leave as much of the Broad River bridge as possible in order to provide fishing and recreational opportunities for Beaufort County citizens.

Authorized the County Administrator to draft a letter of support for Jasper County Council efforts to seek a state grant and federal grant for the 222-bed Veterans Nursing Home and, further, to include in the letter a proviso that Council's support is based upon good standards of practice in governmental types of affairs.

Adopted its Priorities for Beaufort 2005 and Beyond and Priorities Action Agenda 2000: ① Beaufort 2005 and Beyond - Diversified Local Economy; Preservation of Natural Beauty and Waterways; Balanced, Orderly Growth; Affordable County Government; Effective Transportation and Road System; Housing Opportunities for All. ② Action Agenda 2000. Top Priority - Performance Audit/Management Plan; Waterways Protection: Policies and Action Plan; Road Improvement: Plan and Funding. High Priority - Comprehensive Transportation Plan and Policy: Development; Economic Development: Evaluation Policy and Structure; Land Acquisition: Policy and Action Plan; Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance: Evaluation and Revision; Annexation: Policy and Actions; Impact Fees: Evaluation and



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Revision. Moderate Priority - Alternative Revenues: Policy and Actions, Housing Policy and Strategy (Countywide).

Approved on second reading an ordinance to amend the FY 1999-2000 budget for Emergency Operations Center activations during Hurricanes Dennis, Floyd and Irene in the amount of \$785,243.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated Industrial/Business Park in Jasper County.

Approved on third and final reading an amendment to the Development Impact Fee Procedures Ordinance, Discount for Affordable Housing.

Approved on second reading a text change to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, Section 14.410, Parking Spaces Required, and Division 23.300, Disturbed Area.

Reappointed Ms. Esther Adams to serve a four-year term as a member on the Sheldon Fire District.

Reappointed Ms. Connie Glass to a serve a four-year term as a member on the Sheldon Fire District.

Reappointed Ms. Maybelle Scott to serve a four-year term as a member on the Sheldon Fire District.

Reappointed Ms. Nancy Smith to serve a four-year term as a member on the Sheldon Fire District.

Reappointed Mr. Alan Himes to serve a four-year term as a member on the Bluffton Fire District.

Reappointed Mr. Joe Viens to serve a four-year term as a member on the Bluffton Fire District.

Reappointed Mr. Robert Kennedy to serve a four-year term as a member on the Daufuskie Island Fire District.

Reappointed Mr. Jim Vicar, representing the School District, to serve a four-year term as a member on the Parks and Leisure Services Board.

Reappointed Col. Fred Krumm, representing the military, to serve a four-year term as a member on the Parks and Leisure Services Board.

Appointed Mr. John Parker, representing District 6, to serve a four-year term as a member on the Parks and Leisure Services Board.

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Appointed Mr. Jim Mackey, representing District 9, to serve a four-year term as a member on the Parks and Leisure Services Board.

Appointed Mr. Robert Montgomery, representing the cultural position, to serve a four-year term as a member on the Accommodations Tax Board.

Appointed Mr. Ernest Sewell, representing Bluffton Township, to serve as a member on the Tax Equalization Board, filling the unexpired term of Carolyn Bremer whose term expires February 2001.

Reappointed Mr. Robert Cummins, representing St. Helena Township, to serve a four-year term as a member on the Tax Equalization Board.

Reappointed Mr. Bert Hines, representing Beaufort Township, to serve a four-year term as a member on the Tax Equalization Board.

Reappointed Mr. John Krause, representing the at-large position, to serve a four-year term as a member on the Tax Equalization Board.

Reappointed Ms. Mary Johnson to serve a four-year term as a member on the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board.

Voted to recommend to the Governor the reappointment of Mrs. Harriett Bernick to serve a four-year term as a member on the Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

Voted to recommend to the Governor the reappointment of Ms. Bernice Lewin to serve a four-year term as a member on the Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

Appointed Mr. William Paddock to serve a four-year term as a member on the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board.

Appointed Ms. Elayne Scott, representing resident of respective area served position, to serve a four-year term as a member on the Northern Corridor Review Board.

Reappointed Mr. Greg Beste, representing the architect position, to serve a four-year term as a member on the Southern Corridor Review Board.

Reappointed Mr. Todd O'Dell, representing the architect position, to serve a four-year term as a member on the Southern Corridor Review Board.

Reappointed Mr. Gary Haygood, representing the landscape architect position, to serve a four-year term as a member on the Southern Corridor Review Board.

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Reappointed Mr. Jim Tiller, representing the design architect position, to serve a two-year term as a member on the Southern Corridor Review Board.

Reappointed Ms. Martha Crapse, representing respective area served position, to serve a four-year term as a member on the Southern Corridor Review Board.

Reappointed Ms. Laura Barrett, representing respective area served position, to serve a two-year term as a member on the Southern Corridor Review Board.

Reappointed Mr. John Pinckney, representing respective area served position, to serve a two-year term as a member on the Southern Corridor Review Board.

Reappointed Mr. Joseph McDonick, representing the minority position, to serve a four-year term as a member on the Lowcountry Council of Governments.

Reappointed Mr. Jim Outlaw, representing the at-large position, to serve a four-year term as a member on the Lowcountry Council of Governments.

Appropriated \$12,727.12 as its matching contribution for the Highway 278 Beautification Grant in conjunction with the Town of Bluffton. The funding source is the Reforestation Fund.

Voted to apply, with the City of Beaufort, for a TEA21 Highway Beautification Grant for a cantilevered walkway/bicycle path for the Woods Memorial Bridge in the amount of \$200,000 and, further, Council contribute \$50,000 in matching funds from the County.

Hired an outside consultant to design the improvements of 11 intersections to include: US 278 and Simmonsville Road, add right turn lane; US 278 and Buck Island Road, add right turn lane; US 278 and Burnt Church Road, add right turn lane; US 278 and Pinckney Colony Road, add right turn lane; SC 802 and Ribaut Road, add right turn lane; US 278 and Wilburn Road, add left turn lane; US 278 and Port Royal Plantation, extend left turn lane; US 278 and Hilton Head Plantation, extend left turn lane; SC 46 and Buck Island Road, add left turn lane; SC 802 and US 21, to the south, extend three lanes from US 21 through Rue DuBois Road; and Middle Road and Brickyard Point Road, realign intersection. The funding source is the \$10 motorized vehicle fee.

March 27, 2000

Adopted a resolution designating April 2000 as Fair Housing Month.

Authorized the creation of a staff attorney position.

Approved on third and final reading an amendment to the Zoning and Development Standards, Appendix H, creating the Lady's Island Fishing Village Overlay District.

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Approved on first reading an amendment to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, Article 20, Subsection 20.221, Planning Board, 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 first reading amendments to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, Subsection 5.326, Water Dependent Uses, and delete the language "to be effective March 28, 2000".

Approved on second reading proposed text changes to the Road Facilities Impact Fee Ordinance.

Approved on third and final reading an ordinance to amend the FY 1999-2000 budget for Emergency Operations Center activations during Hurricanes Dennis, Floyd and Irene in the amount of \$785,243.

Extend the County's workers' compensation coverage, under its policy with the SC Workers' Compensation Trust, to Disabilities and Special Needs clients, Detention Center inmate workers, volunteer EMT's and volunteer reserve deputies. This resolution confirms County Council's intent to provide said coverage effective January 1, 2000.

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

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

Awarded a term contract to The Palmetto Conservation Foundation, a non-profit organization, in the amount of \$30,000, not to exceed \$40,000, to provide consulting to develop a criteria and ranking system for the Beaufort County Land Preservation Program, application procedures and forms, development of model conservation easements, educational materials, conduct public education workshops and educational assistance to the Land Preservation Board. The funding source is the interest accrued on the two mills levied for land preservation.

Voted to recommend to the Governor the appointment of Mr. Pat O'Neal to serve as a member on the B/J Water and Sewer Authority, replacing Mr. John Ballantyne when his term expires July 2000.

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Directed the County Administrator to instruct the Public Works Department to assume responsibility for maintenance of the planted medians, to be created as a result of the widening of SC Highway 280.

Agreed with the Defendant, George B. Brown, being placed in the Pre-Trial Intervention Program.