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Council Action Summary

June 2001

June 11, 2001

Authorized the Chairman to sign the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement for Catastrophic Disaster Response and Recovery.

Approved the Traffic Management Plan for SC Highway 170 implementation at a cost of \$881,179 (capital cost \$604,000; operational cost (\$277,179). The funding source is the excess revenue, approximately \$4 million, collected over and above the \$40 million one-cent local sales tax for the SC Highway 170 project.

Approved the expenditure of \$116,700 (\$80,000 Day Wilburn Associates to complete the southern portion of SC Highway route in conjunction with mutual planning with Jasper County; \$36,700 Wilbur Smith Associates to complete the northern terminus of the Broad River Bridge to SC Highway 280) with the proviso that the County and its consultant to be hired shall seek the input of the City of Beaufort and Town of Port Royal insofar as their Planning Staff, where appropriate.

Awarded a contract to Motorola, Southern Division, in the amount of \$6,597,284.85 for an upgrade to the communications system. The funding source is both the 2000 and 2001 General Obligation bond issuances.

Awarded a contract to DMG – Maximus in the amount of \$302,500 for a direct performance audit which includes \$220,000 for the direct performance audit, \$75,000 for a subcontract to the National Sheriff's Association, and a \$7,500 fee to DMG – Maximus to administer the work of the National Sheriff's Association.

Approved on second reading the proposed FY 2001-2002 budget that includes budgets for Beaufort County government, Burton Fire District, Lady's Island/St. Helena Island Fire District, Daufuskie Island Fire District, Bluffton Fire District, Sheldon Fire District, Indigent Care and Continuing Education.

Approved on second reading a text amendment to the Building Codes Ordinance adopting the 2000 International Building Code as it applies to commercial construction.



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Approved on third and final reading an amendment to the Business License Ordinance, Section 12, Delinquent License Fees, to change the penalty for delinquent filers to \$500 plus 5% of the unpaid fee per month plus collection fees if applicable.

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance establishing and approving a plan for the redevelopment of a portion of Beaufort County pursuant to the University of South Carolina New River Redevelopment Plan; designating such area as a redevelopment project area; making findings of the redevelopment project area as a blighted area or a sprawl area; designating redevelopment projects; authorizing a tax increment financing plan for such redevelopment projects; and other matters relating thereto.

Approved on third and final reading a rezoning request to the Beaufort County zoning map, Port Royal Island, R100-24-38A and 373, from Rural-Transitional Overlay/R-TO to Suburban/S.

Approved on third and final reading text amendments to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance as follows: Article VII, Division 3, Section 106-1844, Beach-Dune; Article VI, Division 5, Table 106-1711, Exterior Storage And Illumination Standards (add lighting standards concerning development abutting or adjacent to beach-dune systems to provide protection to endangered sea turtles); Article I, Section 106-18, Definitions (add barrier islands).

Authorized Staff to investigate organizing a 501(c)(3) program for affordable housing.

June 13, 2001

Held a public hearing on the proposed FY 2001-2002 County and School District budgets.

June 14, 2001

Held a public hearing on the proposed FY 2001-2002 County and School District budgets.

June 18, 2001

Approved on second reading the proposed FY 2001-2002 School District budget of \$111,786,363 representing a zero millage increase over the previous year budget, establishing the millage rates at 97.6 school operations and 22.2 school debt service, and using \$4.3 million from the previous year's budget.

June 25, 2001

Awarded a contract to Malphrus Construction Company in the amount of \$324,646.68 for the Shults Tract Park – Phase I early site work construction project. The funding source is park impact fees.

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Approved a contract renewal offered by Haig Point, Inc. for the continuance of transportation services. The anticipated total value of the annual ferry service would be approximately \$120,000.

Approved on third and final reading the proposed FY 2001-2002 School District budget of \$111,786,363 representing a zero millage increase over the previous year budget, establishing the millage rates at 97.6 school operations and 22.2 school debt service, using \$4.3 million from the previous year's budget, and committing that the millage will not be changed when the millage is actually set at the August 27, 2001 Council meeting.

Approved on second reading the proposed FY 2001-2002 budget that includes budgets for Beaufort County General Fund to fund to fund County operations and subsidized agencies \$53,585,078, Debt Service appropriation \$7,844,895, Solid Waste Management appropriation \$5,743,949, Purchase of Real Property Program appropriation \$1,718,000, Indigent Health Care appropriation \$1,748,709, Continuing Education appropriation \$3,412,680, and the various fire districts: Burton Fire District, Lady's Island/St. Helena Island Fire District, Daufuskie Island Fire District, Bluffton Fire District, and Sheldon Fire District. Further, that Council earmark \$30,000 from Council Contingency Fund for the purpose of funding \$10,000 each to Senior Citizens, Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse, and Child Abuse Prevention Association. The \$30,000 would be recouped from vacancy factor monies effective September 30, 2001.

Approved on first reading the proposed Stormwater Management Utility Ordinance.

Approved on third and final reading a text amendment to the Building Codes Ordinance adopting the 2000 International Building Code as it applies to commercial construction.

Accepted the Beaufort County Right-of-Way Acquisition Manual as the official guide to policy and procedure regarding the purchase or condemnation of property to be used for County infrastructure.

Approved the sale of a .025-acre parcel of land owned by Beaufort County and located on the grounds of the Lady's Island Airport. Pursuant to South Carolina law, the property will be advertised and offered for sale to the public prior to acceptance of any offer to purchase.

Accepted abandoning the closing of the 50-foot cul-de-sac and the last 37.58 feet of the northern end of Fair Road and retain this portion of Fair Road in the County's maintenance inventory.

Authorized the acceptance of a drainage easement from Vivian Newman Kain and Christopher Todd Kain (DMP 600-037-000-0101-0000) for a drainage ditch adjacent to Kim's Way in Bluffton.

Approved the closure of three medians on SC Highway 278, (i) first median opening west of Eagles Pointe median opening – Full closure, (ii) second median opening west of Eagles Pointe

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median opening – Closed to all traffic except emergency vehicles, and (iii) first median opening east of SC Highway 46 – Full closure.

Authorized the County Attorney and legal counsel to initiate the appropriate claims to recoup the money and also to initiate whatever action is necessary to file criminal proceedings against Mr. Wagner on behalf of the County.