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Council Action Summary September 2001

September 10, 2001

Introduced Ms. Kelly Golden who will serve as staff attorney. Ms. Golden is a graduate of the University of South Carolina Law School. She has 15 years of experience as an attorney for government entities including the SC Workers' Compensation Commission and State Ethics Commission. For the past three years she served as an attorney and senior staff member with the SC Association of Counties.

Introduced Mrs. Mitzi Wagner who will serve as Director for Disabilities and Special Needs Department. Mrs. Wagner served as director of professional development for the nonprofit Georgia Academy of Atlanta. She has a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Georgia and has published several articles in professional publications.

Accepted an FAA grant in the amount of \$239,322 for the Hilton Head Island Airport for various improvements: (i) Acquire land for development, (Tract A), Phase II, (ii) Conduct Environmental Assessment Study for Control Tower, (iii) Install Partial Instrument Approach Aid (Localizer) Runway 21 (design only), (iv) Install Automated Weather Reporting Equipment, Phase I, (design only), (v) Acquire Security Fencing, and (vi) Acquire Handicap Passenger Lift Device.

Awarded a contract to AAR Roofing in the amount of \$175,930 for the Bluffton Library – Phase II, Roofing (BP-7). The funding source is southern Beaufort County library impact fees.

Awarded a contract to Powell Electric in the amount of \$270,150 for the Bluffton Library – Phase II, BP-6 BP-12 Electrical. The funding source is southern Beaufort County library impact fees.

Awarded a contract to Harden Fraser Construction in the amount of \$1,426,331 for the Bluffton Library – Phase II, BP-6 General Trades, BP-8 AL Storefront, Glass and Glazing, and BP-9 Studs, Drywall, Building Insulation, Acoustical Ceilings. The funding source is southern Beaufort County library impact fees and tax increment financing dollars.



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Approved on second reading an amendment to the County FY 2001-2002 budget in the amount of \$300,000 for affordable housing.

Approved on third and final reading the proposed Stormwater Management Utility Ordinance.

Approved on first reading, by title only, the Beaufort County Proposed Redistricting Community Plan (Generales/Covington) dated August 29, 2001.

Approved on third and final reading an ordinance creating the Oak Marsh Plantation Special Purpose Tax District and, further, appoint Janet Betts, President; Lavarne Lucas, Phil Smith, Stan Cox, and Randy Taylor to serve as Board of Directors for a four-year term.

Approved on third and final reading a proposed text amendment to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO): Article V, Table 1098, General Use Table (add personal services such as barber and beauty shops as a limited use in Suburban and Urban Districts).

Approved on third and final reading a proposed text amendment to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO), Table 106-1098 (General Use Table) and Section 106-1158 (Limited and Special Use standards for clearcutting) which incorporates the language contained in Mr. Taylor's memorandum dated September 5, 2001, "If an owner clear cuts all or any portion of his or her property under the claim of good faith forestry practice, and then seeks a Development Permit for any portion of the property within one year of the clear cut, a rebuttable presumption shall arise that the clear cut was done in anticipation of future development and the permit denied. Any person seeking to rebut the presumptions shall have the burden of proving their claim by clear and convincing evidence. Any property that has been clear cut in violation of any section of this ordinance shall not be eligible for a Development Permit for a period of two (2) years from the date of the last illegal cutting".

Approved the northern alignment of the Bluffton Parkway/East-West Connector with the goal to achieve inter-connectivity within the Bluffton Parkway design concepts; while continuing to work with Bluffton Town and the County's engineering consultant, to eliminate grade separations from the road design to the greatest possible extent.

Granted Mr. William Keyserling an extension for filing of the agricultural application (R300 016 000 0382 0000 #9136286) beyond the January 16, 2001, deadline for tax year 2000.

Granted Mr. Barrett Boulware an extension for filing of the agricultural application (R300 017 000 0099 0000 #293818 and R300 031 000 0007 0000 #8628345) beyond the January 16, 2001, deadline for tax year 2000.

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Authorized the County Administrator to prepare and let a request for proposal to hire a collection agency to assist the County in collecting business license fees. The company will be paid from the fees collected.

Contributed \$50,000 to assist the Army National Guard in paying for the air conditioning unit for the main portion of the new facility. The fund source is the capital improvement program budget.

Accepted the Five-Review Action Plan to include four phases: (i) an update of each Plan element, (ii) a comparison of the Plans' adopted goals and policies with actual results, (iii) identification of major planning issues and alternative actions to address them, and (iv) identification of proposed Plan amendments.

Authorized a change in the status of Jake Washington Road on Daufuskie Island from a public road to a private road.

Refunded \$14,683.38 in drainage impact fees to Bull Point Subdivision Development, based on the exemption condition contained in Section 1 (D), Adopting & Imposition of Drainage Impact Fee.

Approved the requested change order for this project to include Godwin Road in Contract #15 Road Improvements in the amount of \$79,829.68.

Approved the requested change order to include Oak Marsh Plantation Subdivision in Contract #15 Road Improvements in the amount of \$56,737.

September 24, 2001

Adopted a resolution giving full support to the President of the United States, as he works with his national security team, to defend against additional attacks and to find the perpetrators and bring them to justice, and, further, recommending to its citizens to financially support relief efforts and to respond to the call from the American Red Cross to give blood either now or in the future, whenever the need is greatest.

Announced that on August 13, 2001, the Hilton Head Dixie Youth Baseball Minors All-Star Team traveled to the Dixie Youth World Series in Bedford, Virginia to compete for the championship title. On August 28, 2001, the Team captured the 2001 Dixie Youth Minors World Series trophy with a 6-5 victory over Alabama. The Chairman presented a plaque to the Team and an individual certificate to each Team member.

Approved the inclusion of a new position entitled Internal Auditor, preferably with a CPA license, effective January 1, 2002, with an annual salary range between \$50,000 and \$55,000.



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Approved a reimbursement of \$261,696.50 to The Farms at Buckwalter developer and \$148,278.50 to Village Park, LLC developer after constructing portions of the Buckwalter Parkway.

Announced that Mr. Chris Eversmann is resigning as Beaufort County's Public Works Director effective October 28, 2001, to become Director of Public Works for Richland County in Columbia. Mr. Eversmann will be sorely missed. His professionalism, dedication and loyalty were apparent in everything he did. Those very same attributes carried over into the way his employees performed their daily tasks. With Mr. Eversmann's departure, Mr. Kachmar has named Mr. Eddie Bellamy as Interim Director.

Reported that Circuit Court Judge Victor Rawl has ruled that Charleston County's reassessment cap is invalid. The County of Charleston is going to appeal.

Awarded a contract to Southern Health Partners, Inc., Pelham, AL in the amount of \$396,720 for the Beaufort County Detention Center Inmate Medical Services Contract.

Awarded a contract in the amount of \$962,952.75 to Sharma Management for lease renewal For Hilton Head Air Services, Inc. (Hilton Head Island) - to construct and use a Leasehold Improvement (and Aircraft Storage Hangar) at the Hilton Head Airport subject to the negotiations and approval of a satisfactory ground rental lease.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an amendment to the County FY 2001-2002 budget in the amount of \$300,000 for affordable housing.

Approved on second reading the Beaufort County Proposed Redistricting Community Plan dated August 29, 2001.

Appointed Mr. Mike Manesiotis, representing District 3, to serve as a member of the Parks and Leisure Services Board.

Adopted the Emergency Leave Transfer (Bank) Program.

Adopted a resolution recommending to the Lowcountry Council of Governments Board of Directors that the \$7 million in cost underruns from State Transportation Improvements Projects (STIP) be reallocated for the improvements needed to US Highway 278.