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Council Action Summary April 2002

April 8, 2002

Announced that County employees received the United Way 2001 Achievement Award for outstanding support of the community. County employee contributions totaled \$40,039.

Recognized the Class of 1952 of Penn Normal, Industrial and Agricultural School upon the occasion of the celebration of their 50th graduation anniversary. Mrs. Gardenia Simmons-White accepted the proclamation.

Proclaimed April 2002 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Ms. Judy Sherman, Special Projects Coordinator, Department of Social Services, accepted the proclamation.

Adopted a resolution requesting the assistance of Senator Strom Thurmond, Senator Ernest Hollings, Congressman Joe Wilson and Congressman James Clyburn in the form of Federal Highway Administration funding in the amount of \$18 million to be used for the widening of six lanes of US Highway 278 from the bridges of Hilton Head Island west to Simmonsville Road in Bluffton.

Entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Hilton Head Island regarding the construction, use, and maintenance of a public boat ramp on Town property and wetlands mitigation on the Mathews Drive parcel.

Accepted an FAA grant in the amount of \$124,689 for reimbursement of additional security costs at the Hilton Head Island Airport as a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack.

Awarded a contract to Steadfast Marine Services for the construction of the Russ Point Boat Landing improvements in the amount of \$136,508.

Approved on second reading text amendments to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO); Article V, Table 106-1426, Accessory and Miscellaneous Use Standards (permits guest houses as an accessory use on residential lots).



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Approved on first reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO), Appendix I--Lady's Island Community Preservation Plan, Division 3 (Neighborhood Activity Center), Section 3.7, Additional Development Standards.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading a rezoning of the 17.5-acre tract, also known as R600-21-8, east of Graves Road from Rural-Transitional Overlay to Commercial Regional.

Appointed Ms. Janet Kuchler to serve as a member on the Library Board.

Recommended to the Governor the appointment on Dr. Roosevelt McCullough to serve as a member on the Lady's Island/St. Helena Island Fire District.

Appointed Dr. John Coaxum to serve as a member on the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board.

Recommended to the Legislative Delegation the appointment of Mrs. Helene Gruber to serve as a member of the Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

Authorized the immediate hiring of two additional personnel in the Clerk of Court's Office. The salary for each of these positions is \$26,000 annually and funded by Title IV-D of the Social Security Act.

Appointed Mrs. Gloria Cartwright, representing rural landowner/active farmer, to serve as a member on the Rural and Critical Lands Board.

Appointed Mrs. Kathlyn Chapman, representing rural landowner/active farmer, to serve as a member on the Rural and Critical Lands Board.

Appointed Mr. Phil LeRoy, representing design professional/building industry, to serve as a member on the Construction Adjustments and Appeals Board.

Accepted settlement in the case of *City of Beaufort vs. Beaufort County regarding Lady's Island Tax Increment Financing District*.

April 22, 2002

Proclaimed April 21 through April 27, 2002, National Volunteer Week. Ms. Brandy Gray, United Way Director of Agency and Community Services, accepted the proclamation.

Adopted a resolution designating April 2002 as Fair Housing Month.

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Approved the consent to the assignment of Mr. Heyward's current and future leases to Mr. Grisham, subject to the County Attorney's and County Administrator's review of some issues involving capital assets.

Approved on first reading a rezoning/map amendment in southern Beaufort County, R600-31-160; from Planned Unit Development/PUD Multifamily-16 to Planned Unit Development Commercial and, further, to delete all the allowed uses listed on the Conceptual Plan for the Simmonsville Road Tract dated February 20, 2002, and in its place add office/warehouse as an allowed use.

Approved on second reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO), Appendix I--Lady's Island Community Preservation Plan, Division 3 (Neighborhood Activity Center), Section 3.7, Additional Development Standards.

Approved on second reading a text amendment to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, Article IX, Traffic Impact Analysis Plan.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading text amendments to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, Article I, General, Section 106-18, Definitions; Article IV, Zoning Districts, Section 106-1188, Accessory Dwelling Units; Article VI, Density Open Space And Density, Section 106-1526, Table 106-1526, Open Space And Density Standards; Article IX, Affordable Housing Incentives, Section 106-2103, Small Subdivisions, Multifamily Developments and Planned Developments and Section 106-2106, Accessory Dwelling Units.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading text amendments to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO); Article V, Table 106-1426, Accessory and Miscellaneous Use Standards (permits guest houses as an accessory use on residential lots).

Granted Mr. John M. Trask, Jr. an extension for filing of his agricultural application beyond the January 16, 2002, deadline for tax year 2001.

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance, pursuant to S.C. Code §4-37-30(A), ordering the County Election Commission to place on the General Election ballot a question to approve a one-cent special transportation sales and use tax in the amount of \$63,650,000 for not more than three years for the following: (i) US Highway 278 Construction - \$28,150,000; (ii) US Highway 278 Right-of-Way - \$8,500,000; (iii) Bluffton Parkway - \$15,000,000; (iv) Gardens Corner Intersection Improvements - \$6,000,000; and (v) Dirt-Road Paving - \$6,000,000.

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance, pursuant to S.C. Code §4-37-30(A), ordering the County Election Commission to place on the General Election ballot a question to approve a one-cent special transportation sales and use tax in the amount of \$85,050,000 for not more than four years for the following: (i) US Highway 278 Construction - \$28,150,000; (ii) US Highway 278 Right-of-Way - \$8,500,000; (iii) Bluffton Parkway - \$15,000,000; (iv) Gardens



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Corner Intersection Improvements - \$6,000,000; and (v) Dirt-Road Paving - \$6,000,000; (vi) City of Beaufort - parking garage downtown City of Beaufort \$7,500,000; (vii) City of Beaufort - third crossing from Port Royal and Lady's Island Design and Detail Feasibility Study (including environmental and military impact and public hearings) \$1,500,000; (viii) Town of Bluffton – realignment of SC 170/SC 46 intersection \$1,100,000; (ix) Town of Bluffton - four laning of SC 170 from SC 46 north to US 278 \$3,000,000; (x) Town of Bluffton - expansion of Buckwalter Parkway from two lanes to four lanes (northern half 1½ miles) \$1,500,000; (xi) Town of Hilton Head Island – resurfacing of US 278 business route on Hilton Head Island from the Wilton Graves Bridge to Sea Pines Circle to include culver repairs and expanding road two feet on each edge \$5,800,000; and (xii) Town of Port Royal – various intersection improvements \$1,000,000 (Paris Avenue and Ribaut Road, West Paris and Ribaut Road, Richard Avenue realignment, and Midtown Building signalization.

Authorized the immediate hiring of two additional civilian personnel in the Sheriff's Office. The salary for each of these positions will be \$20,905 annually.

Appointed Mr. Billy O'Neal to serve as a member on the Beaufort City Housing Authority.

Appointed Mr. Malcolm Goodridge to serve as a member on the Beaufort City Housing Authority.

Asked Wilbur Smith Associates to prepare an alternative \$6,000,000 intersection improvements at the Gardens Corner intersection at US Highway 21 and US Highway 17.

Filed a Notice of Appeal pursuant to the statute which requires an appeal to County Council and to file a separate Notice of Appeal to the Circuit Court as it relates to the findings of Hearing Officer Earnest A. Finney, Jr. in the case of *Beaufort County vs. Wilbert Roller, Parcel 600-31B-8 and 9, 1.167 acres.*

Participated along with The Nature Conservancy and state/federal organizations and purchase two undeveloped parcels of land: (i) North Williman Island, approximately 8,463 acres, total purchase price \$4,000,035, County's contribution \$1,000,000 and (ii) Buzzard Island, approximately 120 acres, total purchase price \$600,000, County's contribution \$150,000. The funding source is the \$40 million bond referendum passed in 2000.

