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Council Action Summary February 2002

February 11, 2002

Formed a working group with the City of Beaufort and Town of Port Royal to review the County's Comprehensive Plan. The working group shall consist of eight individuals--two staff planners from the County, one staff planner from the City of Beaufort and one staff planner from the Town of Port Royal; two members from the Planning Board, one member City of Beaufort and one member the Town of Port Royal Municipal Planning Commission.

Approved on first reading raising the accommodations tax in the unincorporated areas three percent (3%) on top of the existing two percent (2%).

Authorized funding of accommodations tax dollars in the amount of \$100,000 to the Hilton Head/Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, \$50,000 Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, and \$250,000 to both Chambers collectively. This is a one-year commitment.

Awarded a contract to Island Ford Lincoln Mercury, Hilton Head Island, SC in the amount of \$102,265 for the purchase of five vehicles: one, 4x4 Ford Explorer with electric winch in the amount of \$27,285; one, 4x2 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$20,566; two, two-wheel drive, Ford Escapes in the amount of \$18,067 each or \$26,134 total, and one Ford E-150 van in the amount of \$18,280 for an award grand total of \$102,265. The total includes sales tax of \$300 per vehicle.

Awarded a contract to REA Construction Co., Inc., for the construction of new double asphalt concrete tennis courts and amenities, and the gravel parking area at the Beaufort Tennis Center in the amount of \$52,850.

Approved a change order to the Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company for the engineering design of the Bluffton Parkway Phases III and IV from SC Highway 170 to Simmonsville Road in the amount of \$303,500 and \$290,100, respectively.

Approved on second reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Comprehensive Plan: adding St. Helena Corners Area Community Preservation Plan.



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Approved on second reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, adding Appendix K, St. Helena Corners Area Land Development and Design Standards.

Approved on second reading a rezoning on Port Royal Island and zoning map amendment to the Beaufort County Zoning Map: R100-28-120A; from Suburban/S to Commercial Suburban/CS.

Approved on second reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO), Appendix D, Community Preservation District, Table 4, Community Preservation Use Table (permits waste disposal facilities as Interim Special Uses in the Daufuskie Island CP District and adds Special Use Standards for these facilities).

Approved on second reading a Zoning Map Change/Correction: Daufuskie Island, R800-27-8, 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E, 8G, 17, 18, 19 and 20, from Planned Unit Development/PUD to Community Preservation/CP.

Approved on third and final reading text amendments to the Stormwater Management Utility Relief Ordinance (correction of administrative language).

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading text amendments to the Trash and Litter Control Ordinance, Section III, Control of Loose Materials and Section IX, Penalties.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading text amendments to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO), Appendix I, Lady's Island Community Preservation Plan.

Reappointed Mr. Harvey Ewing, representing Hilton Head Island pilot and aircraft owner, to serve as a member of the Aviation Board.

Reappointed Mr. Pete Buchanan, representing public-at-large, to serve as a member of the Aviation Board.

Reappointed Mr. Marvin Dukes, II, representing public-at-large, to serve as a member of the Aviation Board.

Appointed Mr. John Moran, representing public-at-large, to serve as a member of the Aviation Board.

Mr. Larry Geohagen, representing Lady's Island pilot and aircraft owner, to serve as a member of the Aviation Board.

Reappointed Mr. George Jenkins to serve as a member of the Daufuskie Island Fire District.



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Reappointed Ms. Geraldine Wheelihan to serve as a member of the Daufuskie Island Fire District.

Voted to recommend the reappointment of Mr. David Townsend to the Governor to serve as a member on the Lady's Island/St. Helena Island Fire District.

Reappointed Mrs. Theresa Dunn to serve as a member of the Library Board.

Reappointed Mrs. Kathryn Doctor to serve as a member of the Library Board.

Appointed Mrs. Patricia Wagoner to serve as a member of the Library Board.

Reappointed Mrs. Orethia White, representing Council District 2, to serve as a member of the Parks and Leisure Services Board.

Granted Mr. George White an extension for filing of his agricultural application beyond the January 16, 2002, deadline for tax years 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000.

Voted to use the \$36,500 available of accommodations tax funds to fully fund the Accommodations Tax Board recommendations as follows: (i) \$6,000 Arts Council of Beaufort County (Arts in the Park), (ii) \$2,500 Beaufort County Water Festival, (iii) \$10,000 Historic Beaufort Foundation, (iv) \$10,000 Penn Center, and (v) \$8,000 USC-Beaufort (Performing Arts Center).

Reappointed Mrs. Audrey McBratney to serve as a member of the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board.

Reappointed Ms. Heather Winch to serve as a member of the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board.

Appointed Mr. Schultz Jerry to serve as a member of the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board.

Voted to recommend the reappointment of Ms. Beverly Dore to the Legislative Delegation to serve as a member of the Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

Voted to recommend the reappointment of Mrs. Grace Dennis to the Legislative Delegation to serve as a member of the Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

Voted to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Townsend MacCoun to the Legislative Delegation to serve as a member of the Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

Voted to recommend the appointment of Ms. Jean Fetterman to the Legislative Delegation to serve as a member of the Disabilities and Special Needs Board.



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Appointed Mr. Fenton Scruggs, representing Port Royal Island, to serve as a member of the Historic Preservation Review Board.

Reappointed Mr. Thomas Heyward garnered the eight votes required to serve as a member of the Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority.

Reappointed Mrs. Eliza Hill, representing landscape architect, to serve as a member of the Northern Corridor Review Board.

Reappointed Mrs. Laura Barrett, representing resident of respective area served, to serve as a member of the Southern Corridor Review Board.

Reappointed Mr. John Pinckney, representing resident of respective area served, to serve as a member of the Southern Corridor Review Board.

Reappointed Mr. James Tiller, representing resident of respective area served, to serve as a member of the Southern Corridor Review Board.

Accepted Reynolds-Howard Drive (St. Helena Island) into the Beaufort County Road Inventory for maintenance and repair.

Approved a four-lane with raised landscape median roadway widening for SC Highway 46 from US Highway 278 to the Bluffton Village Development and Burnt Church Road from US Highway 278 to Bruin Road.

Reappointed Mr. Leonard Goethe, representing design professional, to serve as a member of the Construction Adjustments and Appeals Board.

Mr. William Hodgins, representing Stormwater District #9-Unincorporated Bluffton Township, to serve as a member of the Stormwater Management Utility Board.

February 25, 2002

Adopted as the top four priorities for the Community Development Block Grant Program: No. 1 Affordable Housing (including home ownership and multi-family rental housing units), No. 2 Housing Rehabilitation (for single-family housing units), No. 3 Infrastructures (public water/sewer, streets, drainage), and No. 4 Demolition/clearance (deteriorated buildings, houses, etc.).

Adopted a Memorandum of Understanding between the Public Defender Corporation of Beaufort County and Beaufort County.



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Awarded a contract to Newtech, Inc., Hilton Head Island, SC in the amount of \$86,788 for construction of restroom facilities at the Boundary Street tennis courts located in downtown Beaufort.

Awarded a contract to Patterson Construction Inc., Beaufort, SC in the amount of \$56,914 for renovating the Coosaw Community Center on 140 Coosaw Drive, Lady's Island.

Supported the continuation of the existing system, financial oversight of the School District budget, and if the Legislative Delegation wishes to have the publics' input, then offer an advisory referendum.

Approved on second reading an ordinance establishing a local accommodations fee in the amount of three percent to apply to all accommodations located in the unincorporated areas of Beaufort County.

Adopted a resolution supporting H.3958, a bill to devolve all powers, duties and responsibilities granted to the Beaufort County Legislative Delegation to the Beaufort County governing body except those powers relating to statewide or regional boards, commissions, other entities that have representatives on the governing board from more than one county.

Adopted the organization chart showing the direct reporting relationship of the County Administrator, County Attorney (outside counsel), and Clerk to Council to County Council

Adopted the organization chart noting that the position of Deputy County Administrator serves as the County Administrator in the absence of the County Administrator.

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance amending and supplementing that certain ordinance adopted on March 12, 2001, to increase the amount of general obligation bonds of Beaufort County, South Carolina authorized thereunder from \$12,000,000 plus an amount to be determined at second reading (based upon estimated costs for the projects); and other matters relating thereto.

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Held and public hearing and voted to execute a sublease agreement for the Daufuskie Island Cooperative Store.

Appointed Mrs. Peggy Duncan, serving at-large, to serve as a member of the Accommodations Tax Board.

Endorsed and submitted to the Legislative Delegation for their consideration and approval the FY 2001-2002 distribution of Parks and Recreation Development funds in the amount of \$45,195.08 as follows: (i) Beaufort County – Seaside Community Center basketball court lighting \$6,384.54, Bluffton Center tennis courts lighting \$6,384.54, old Battery Creek Elementary playground expansion \$5,000, Agnes Major Community Center playground expansion \$5,000, Hilton Head Annex basketball court resurfacing \$4,800 (ii) City of Beaufort – North Street Tic-Toc, Mossy Oaks Road playground and Washington Street \$4,971 and (iii) Town of Hilton Head Island – Jarvis Creek Park \$12,655.

Appointed Ms. Deborah Estrin to serve as a member of the Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority.

Appointed Mr. Bruce Boysen, representing at-large southern Beaufort County, to serve as a member of the Zoning Appeals Board.

Authorized The Nature Conservancy to proceed with the next step of the land preservation process. The next step is to advise all the applicants, by letter, what their individual status is within the context of the overall Rural and Critical Lands Program. Some will be advised, by letter, that the County has authorized The Nature Conservancy to contact the property owner to begin negotiations on behalf of Beaufort County. Others will be advised, by letter, that the County thanks the applicant for their interest, but the property will not be considered at this time, but that they will be notified should the County's priorities change.