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Council Action Summary

June 2003

June 9, 2003

Accepted an FAA grant in the amount of \$369,964 for construction of taxiway/apron work at the Lady's Island Airport. This project is part of the Lady's Island T-hangar project.

Approved on second reading a FY 2003-2004 School District budget in the amount of \$125,106,000 or 108.2 mills for operating expenses (includes a local tax levy of \$94,254,501) and 22.2 mills for debt service for a total of 130.4 mills. Further, add a new Section 11, "This Ordinance provides that maximum school operations appropriations authorized for spending by the Beaufort County School District for FY 2003-2004. The maximum school operations appropriation is set forth herein in Section 3. Any request to expend funds over the maximum school operations appropriation as provided in Section 3 must be approved by the Beaufort County Council by amendment to this Ordinance."

Approved on second reading a FY 2003-2004 County budget in an amount not to exceed 64.0 mills for a County appropriation not to exceed \$64,000,000 and includes the Solid Waste Management Program, Purchase of Real Property Program, County debt service, Continuing Education and Indigent Health Care and, further, the Bluffton Fire District operations 25.5 mills and debt service .6 mills, Burton Fire District operations 61.9 mills and debt service 6.0 mills, Daufuskie Island Fire District operations 47.5 mills and debt service 4.7 mills, Lady's Island/St. Helena Island Fire District operations 35.1 mills and debt service 3.5 mills, and Sheldon Fire District operations 39.9 mills and debt service 2.6 mills.

Approved on first reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Future Land Use Map for Lady's Island: 21 lots from Transitional Area to Community Preservation, and 102 lots from Transitional Area to Rural, and further, to include lots 14 and 16A (properties of Mmes. Eagle and Leroy) in the conservation easement.

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County Terms: adds Definition of New Term; (ii) Section 106-111, County Council Powers and Duties; (iii) Section 106-141, Planning Commission Powers and Duties: adds Additional Powers and Duties; (iv) and Section 106-144, Review and Comment on Projects of Regional Significance: adds New Section.

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance to authorize the Codes Enforcement Officer and Litter Control Officer to issue citations for violation of County ordinances.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance to delay implementation of the County 2003 tax reassessments for one year to 2004.

Directed the Interim County Administrator to instruct Mr. Tony Criscitiello, Planning Director, to conduct an affordable housing needs assessment for the County. There is no additional cost associated with this assessment.

Authorized the Affordable Housing Program, using Memorandums of Agreement, to partner with existing non-profit, utility, development/contractor, municipal, and financial entities when opportunities arise.

Reappointed Ms. Carolyn Davis to serve as a member of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board.

Reappointed Mrs. Bette Goettle to serve as a member of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board.

Reappointed Mr. K. Z. Najaka to serve as a member of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board.

Appointed Mr. Roland Faricy to serve as a member of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board to fill the unexpired term left vacant by Mr. Edward Wiler.

Appointed Mr. Bob Coburn, representing Moss Creek/Buckingham area, to serve as a member of the Bluffton Fire District to fill the unexpired term left vacant by Mr. Alan Himes.

Reappointed Dr. Roosevelt McCollough, representing St. Helena Island, to serve as a member on the Lady's Island/St. Helena Island Fire District.

Reappointed Mr. Charles Schriener, representing Lady's Island, to serve as a member on the Lady's Island/St. Helena Island Fire District.

Approved a late filing for agricultural use valuation on property R112 032 000 0214 0000, Parcel D, consisting of 1.98 acres, for tax year 2002.

Amended the Charter of the Library Board, Section II, Membership, adding a new paragraph (b), "The Library Board will submit the names of potential nominees to the appropriate standing committee of County Council for consideration."

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Authorize a \$1,500 monthly salary adjustment for Mr. Tom Henrikson, due to his increased job responsibilities while serving as Interim County Administrator. The salary adjustment is retroactive and effective March 10, 2003.

June 10, 2003

Held a public hearing on the proposed School District FY 2003-2004 Budget

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June 12, 2003

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Awarded a contract to Construction Associates in the amount of \$108,900 for the St. Helena baseball field restroom and maintenance building project.

Awarded a contract to Colony Construction Company in the amount of \$156,000 to construct a new metal building at the Public Works site on Shanklin Road.

Awarded a contract to Steel Fabrication of South Carolina in the amount of \$477,697 for the steel fabrication and erection of the USC-B South Campus – New River Hargray Building.

Awarded a contract to Steadfast Marine Services, Inc. in the amount of \$64,752 for Old House Creek (Hilton Head Island) dock renovations.

Awarded a contract to Steadfast Marine Services, Inc. in the amount of \$324,845 for the construction of the improvements to the Grays Hill Boat Landing.

Awarded a contract to Excellance, Inc. of Madison, Alabama in the amount of \$225,840 for two, Type I ambulances with 2003 Ford F450 chassis.

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Approved on third and final reading a FY 2003-2004 County budget in an amount not to exceed 64.0 mills for a County appropriation not to exceed \$64,000,000 and to include millage rates as follows: County operations 43.9 mills, Solid Waste Management Program 5.9 mills, Purchase of Real Property Program 2.0 mills, County debt service 7.2 mills, Continuing Education 4.0 mills and Indigent Health Care 2.0 mills. In addition, Bluffton Fire District operations 25.5 mills and debt service .6 mills; Burton Fire District operations 61.9 mills and debt service 6.0 mills; Daufuskie Island Fire District operations 47.5 mills and debt service 4.7 mills; Lady's Island/St. Helena Island Fire District operations 35.1 mills and debt service 3.5 mills; and Sheldon Fire District operations 39.9 mills and debt service 2.6 mills and, further, hereby incorporates various budget additions and reductions totaling \$467,411. The additions: (i) Grounds Maintenance, add four new employees, \$128,828, (ii) Library, add two new employees, \$79,913, (iii) Mosquito Control, pest control chemicals, \$10,000, (iv) Grounds Maintenance, one 72" lawnmower, \$32,000, (v) Management Information Systems, storage area network, \$90,000, (vi) Register of Deeds, one tape drive, \$15,000, (vii) Department of Special Needs, one new vehicle, \$23,700, (viii) Fripp Island Rescue, increase subsidy, \$5,000, (ix) Beaufort Marine Rescue, increase subsidy, \$5,000, and (x) Human Resources, employee recognition/pay plan, \$78,000. The reductions: (i) Reduction in workforce by three positions, \$206,347, (ii) Detention Center, delay hiring five employees, \$52,000, (iii) Solicitor's Office, no increase over last year, \$20,000, (iv) various line items, \$117,344, and (v) overtime, reduce non-public safety overtime 25%, \$71,750.

Instructed the County Administrator to develop and propose a modification to the County Compensation Plan (grade, step and longevity) for County employees and to bring it back to Council for consideration and potential implementation effective no later than July 1, 2004.

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Approved on first reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Comprehensive Plan: Appendix D – Community Preservation plans (adds Section 5, Seabrook/Stuart Point Community Preservation Plan).

Approved on first reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance/ZDSO, Appendix M, Seabrook/Stuart Point Community Preservation District (adds new development standards) and, further, to include in the Seabrook/Stuart Point Community Preservation District, high schools as a Special Use as it was originally submitted to the Land Management Committee by the Planning Commission, but was proposed for deletion by the Committee at the June 16, 2003 meeting.

Remanded to the Planning Commission for their consideration to prepare an amendment to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, Limited Standards, Section 106-1248, Schools, paragraph 2, Minimum site areas, to eliminate all minimum site requirements.

Approved on first reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance/ZDSO, Appendix J, Dale Community Preservation/CP District (adds elementary schools to the table of permitted uses within the Dale CP District): A. Section 1.4, Permitted Uses, Table 1, Land Use and B. Section 1.5, Limited and Special Use Standards.

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance prohibiting any law enforcement agency, private security company or person located within or doing business with Beaufort County from wearing a similar uniform and insignia which may be confused with the uniform and insignia as the Sheriff's Office and further to prohibit the placement of an emblem and the use of a color scheme on a vehicle which may be confused with the emblem and color scheme of the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office patrol and enforcement vehicles.

Reappointed Mrs. Pinkerton to serve as a member of the Disabilities and Special Needs Board. A vacancy exists in District 11.

Reappointed Rev. Venice Young to serve as a member of the Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

Adopted a resolution approving an amendment to the Personnel Policy, Article VII, Fringe Benefits, Section 1, Retirement, "An employee retiring under the Police Officer's Retirement System (PORS) may return to County employment at the same position and salary as before their retirement, if so recommended by the employee's supervisor and the County Administrator."

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Approved the abandoning process, in accordance with State law, of Israelite Church Road, Lady's Island due to the lack of access to a public road. Any prescriptive rights the County has on this non-functional dirt road be quit claimed to the property owners and the road alignment abandoned.

Authorized the Staff Attorney to negotiate with a lawyer to enter into a contract to represent the County in matters relating to several buildings located at the Government Center.