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Council Action Summary January 2004

January 12, 2004

Awarded a contract to Walker and Whiteside, Inc. of Greenville, South Carolina, in the amount of \$100,753 for the installation of an automated weather observing system (AWOS) at the Hilton Head Island Airport.

Approved the Hawkers' and Peddlers' license fees for 2004 as follows: \$75 for County residents; \$500 for State, but not County residents; and \$1,000 for nonresidents.

Adopted its 2004 regular meeting schedule, which includes holding the March 8, and September 27 meetings at the Hilton Head Library and the June 14 and November 22 meetings at the Bluffton Library. All meetings begin at 4:00 p.m. This motion is contingent upon a discussion of this issue at the Annual Planning Meeting scheduled January 30 and 31, 2004. Further, this issue is to be brought before Council for consideration February 9, 2004.

Adopted a resolution recommending that the South Carolina Department of Transportation acquire the right of way necessary to both complete the proposed improvements to U.S. 21 and provide sidewalks, curbs, gutters, landscaped medians where appropriate, and bike paths, on both sides of U.S. 21 between Yard Farm Road and Tomm Fripp Road. Further, the Beaufort County Council recommends that the South Carolina Department of Transportation design the proposed improvements such that the historic "Emancipation Oak" is not affected in any way by the U.S. 21 improvements. Further, amend paragraph 2 and paragraph 7, after the word "gutters", add the following text: ". . . and landscaped median where appropriate."

Approved on first reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO), Appendix D, Community Preservation/CP Areas, Section 1, and Tables 1 and 4 (deletes references to CP Areas that have completed Community Plans or have been rezoned).

Approved on first reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO), Article V: Table 106-1098, General Use Table, and Section 106-1397, Temporary Outdoor Sales (adds limited standards for Roadside Stands to address location, signage, access, and the sale of items other than produce, and permits Roadside Stands as a limited use in the Urban, Commercial Suburban, and Commercial Regional Zoning Districts).

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Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO): Appendix I – Lady’s Island Community Preservation (CP) Area, Division 5 – Village Center, Section 5.7 – Additional Development Standards (amends the definition of building height within the Lady’s Island Village Center Zoning District).

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading a map amendment for Lady’s Island R200-10-358: Beaufort County Future Land Use Map amendment from Transitional Area to Rural Service Area.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading a map amendment for Lady’s Island R200-10-358: Beaufort County Zoning Map amendment from Rural Transitional Overlay District (R-TO) to Rural (R) District Zoning.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance to amend the Beaufort County Comprehensive Plan, Appendix E, to adopt the Trails and Blueways Master Plan.

Endorsed and submitted to the Legislative Delegation for their consideration and approval the FY 2003-2004 distribution of Parks and Recreation Development funds in the amount of \$47,440.09 as follows: (i) Beaufort County - \$27,515.25 Burton Wells County playground, (ii) City of Beaufort - \$5,218.41 purchase and installation of playground equipment for Pigeon Point Park, (iii) Town of Hilton Head Island - \$13,283.23 development of Green Shell Park, (iv) Town of Port Royal - \$1,423.20 walking path around the 14th Street Park and (iv) Town of Bluffton declined its allocation of \$474.40 stating it had no current projects using these funds at this time.

Approved the amended and restarted solid waste disposal contract as follows: increase the disposal rate to \$28 per ton effective February 1, 2004, with subsequent increases to \$32 per ton effective July 1, 2004, \$37 per ton effective July 1, 2005, and beginning July 1, 2006, a commercial disposal rate equal to the then current base disposal rate.

Accepted Alice Ladson Drive and associated drainage facilities into the Beaufort County Maintenance Inventory.

January 26, 2004

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance that would increase the number of representatives on the Greater Beaufort/Hilton Head Island Economic Development Partnership, Inc. from four to five members appointed by Council and the new position to be held by a designated person from the Black Chamber of Commerce. Further, Council referred the matter to the Intergovernmental Relations and Economic Development Committee for review and consideration. Further, if it is determined that an ordinance or ordinance amendment is not

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required, this motion is a statement of endorsement by Council and the issue is still to be referred to the Intergovernmental Relations and Economic Development Committee.

Amended the Stormwater Management and Utility Agreement, Articles 4 (Initial Funding of Stormwater Utility and Rate and Drainage Studies), Article 4.1 (Initial Funding of Stormwater Utility), and Article 4.2 (Relief from Fees) between Beaufort County and the City of Beaufort, Town of Bluffton, Town of Hilton Head Island, and Town of Bluffton for a one-year period.

Awarded a one-time contract to the firm of GVA Marquette Advisor of Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the amount of \$24,000. This shall include all professional fees, travel and overhead to provide the needs assessment report within the required timeframe.

Awarded a one-year consulting contract to the firm Low Country Community Development Corporation in the amount of \$54,719, to provide leadership to the newly-formed Affordable Housing Consortium and Governing Council.

Approved on second reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO), Appendix D, Community Preservation/CP Areas, Section 1, and Tables 1 and 4 (deletes references to CP Areas that have completed Community Plans or have been rezoned).

Adopted a resolution to create a One-Cent Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission pursuant to the Capital Projects Sales Tax Act, SC Code Ann. § 4-10-300, (Supp. 2003); to provide for the appointment, composition, duties and responsibilities of the Commission and to provide for other matters relating thereto. The Commission shall consist of six members and all must be residents of Beaufort County. Beaufort County Council shall appoint three members, the Town of Hilton Head Island shall appoint two members, and the City of Beaufort shall appoint one member.

Held a public hearing on the 2004 Needs Assessment for Community Development Block Grants for Beaufort County.

Reappointed Mr. Robert Cummins, Jr., representing St. Helena Township, to serve as a member on the Tax Equalization Board.

Reappointed Mr. Bert Hines, representing Beaufort Township, to serve as a member on the Tax Equalization Board.

Reappointed Mrs. Martha Lynn Webb, representing at-large, to serve as a member on the Tax Equalization Board.

Appointed Mrs. Marjorie Harms, representing Council District 9, to serve as a member on the Library Board.

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Approved the reduction in the drainage easement from 30 feet to 15 feet at Lot 12, Kitties Landing, with the caveat this is only done after the drainage pipe is installed and approved by County Staff.

Approved the proposed increase in the PALS Summer Camp Program rates for FY 2004 as follows: the Scholarship (reduced) rate, based on children who already qualify for the Federal free or reduced lunch program, will increase from \$80 to \$150 for the first child, \$50 to \$132 for the second child, and \$30 to \$120 for the third child. The rate for art camp will increase from \$150 to \$300 per child. The current approved budget for this program is \$214,685.

Approved the Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual, dated December 2003.