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## Council Action Summary

March 2004

### March 8, 2004

Awarded a contract to Construction Associates Group of Bluffton, South Carolina in the amount of \$408,775 for the USCB – New River Campus Landscape, Irrigation and Storm Drainage Project. The funding source is New River Tax Increment Financing funds with a budget of \$420,000.

Approved on third and final reading an ordinance establishing an Internal Auditor unit and adopting language relative to the United States General Accounting Office (GAO) to establish new requirements governing auditor independence.

Approved on second reading a proposed FY-2004 budget amendment appropriating accumulated year-end fund balances in an amount up to \$200,000 as financial support for the efforts of the Greater Beaufort Chamber of Commerce Military Enhancement Committee.

Approved on second reading an ordinance to approve a lease and sublease of County-owned real property to the Daufuskie Island Cooperative, Inc., tenant, and Ms. Beth Shipman, doing business as Marshside Mama's, subtenant, among other things.

Approved on second reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO), Article II (Administrative Bodies and Agents) and Article III (Administrative Procedures) (streamlines design review process and adds informative flowcharts).

Approved on second reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO), Appendix I, Lady's Island Community Preservation Area, Division 1, Section 1.5 (Limited And Special Use Standards, Residential Uses) and Division II, Section 2.5 (Limited and Special Use Standards, Residential Uses) (deletes density requirements that were contingent upon completion of Sam's Point Road improvements).

Adopted a Resolution to amend the Resolution, adopted June 26, 2004, to provide that the Beaufort County Council request that the Commission bring forward to the Beaufort County Council on or before June 23, 2004, the proposed referendum question pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 4-10-300, *et seq.* (Supp. 2003).



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Appointed Mrs. Diane Chmelik, representing at-large, to serve as a member on the Planning Board.

Appointed Mr. William Grayson, representing at-large, to serve as a member on the Parks and Leisure Services Board.

Reappointed Mr. Brad Samuel, representing Stormwater District #7 – Unincorporated Lady's Island, to serve as a member on the Stormwater Management Utility Board.

Followed the Staff Attorney's advice and agreed to participate in a Consent Order of Dismissal, County of Beaufort vs. City of Beaufort, 2000-CP-07-1107.

Authorized the County Administrator, acting with the Staff Attorney, to enter into settlement negotiations in a pending lawsuit within the parameters as discussed in executive session.

### **March 22, 2004**

Awarded a contract to Beaufort Construction/Ward Edwards Engineering in the amount of \$548,329 to design and build the Public Works South Substation.

Approved a change order to the contract with Malphrus Construction in the amount of \$77,342.50 to authorize full construction of the piping design change to the original drainage design at the Burton Wells soccer fields. The funding source is Shell Point Park Rest Room and Picnic Shelter. It is understood that these funds will be reinstated in FY 2004-05 Capital Improvements Program.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading a proposed FY-2004 budget amendment appropriating accumulated year-end fund balances in an amount up to \$200,000 as financial support for the efforts of the Greater Beaufort Chamber of Commerce Military Enhancement Committee.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance to approve a lease and sublease of County-owned real property to the Daufuskie Island Cooperative, Inc., tenant, and Ms. Beth Shipman, doing business as Marshside Mama's, subtenant, among other things.

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 Area, Division 1, Section 1.5 (Limited And Special Use Standards, Residential Uses) and Division II, Section 2.5 (Limited and Special Use Standards, Residential Uses) (deletes density requirements that were contingent upon completion of Sam's Point Road improvements).

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Approved an allocation of up to \$76,000 for the purpose of parallel planning in the event of passage of certain laws by the State Legislature relative to the 15% tax cap that would require Management Information System Department activities on the County's part.

Awarded a single source contract to Palmetto Microfilm Systems, Columbia, South Carolina in the amount of \$87,612 to install and implement an Imaging System for the Family Court and Judgments in Circuit Court.

Adopted a resolution supporting the allocation of funds from the South Carolina Conservation Bank to conserve and protect Hunting Island State Park and requesting that all possible action be taken to conserve and protect this invaluable asset for the people of South Carolina and Beaufort County.

Accepted the two drainage easements located in the Hidden Lakes Subdivision in Bluffton.

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance to approve a ground lease and contract for services with the Boys and Girls Club of the Lowcountry, Inc.

Accepted Jessica Drive and Ned Court, both in the Town of Hilton Head Island, into the County for roadwork and rights-of-way for utility easements.

Accepted the following projects, in descending order, for the proposed one-cent capital projects sales tax referendum: (i) Bluffton Parkway (4 lanes divided) - \$6,000,000; (ii) US 278 widening and related improvements (in addition to current funding) - \$31,500,000; (iii) SC 802 Lady's Island Drive widening (4 lanes divided) - \$4,600,000; (iv) SC 802 Savannah Highway widening (4 lanes divided) - \$3,580,000; (v) Gardens Corner intersection (US 21 to US 17) re-alignment - \$500,000; (vi) Intersection Traffic Control Devices - \$750,000; (vii) Dirt Roads (per County's Needs Rating Priority list) - \$5,000,000; (viii) Burnt Church Road widening (4 lanes divided) - 3,540,000; (ix) Simmonsville Road widening - \$1,500,000; (x) Buckwalter Parkway widening (4 lanes divided) - \$6,600,000; (xi) Port Royal/Yemassee Railroad Corridor- 2,500,000; (xii) SC 46 at Buckwalter Parkway intersection improvements - \$1,720,000; (xiii) South County Trails Plan - \$1,500,000; and (xiv) SC 170 Robert Smalls Parkway interconnectivity, Phase 1 - \$6,000,000. Total projects cost is \$75,290,000.

