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Council Action Summary October 2004

October 4, 2004

Approved on second reading an ordinance authorizing a Lease of County-owned real property consisting of the Butler Marine property to Butler Marine, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the Lease Agreement included in the minutes of the meeting. A summary of lease terms are included in a memoranda provided by the Trust for Public Land and made a part of these proceedings.

Approved a resolution adopting the Beaufort County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance authorizing a lease of County-owned real property to the Technical College of the Lowcountry.

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance to establish the salaries for various elected officials.

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance to establish the compensation and salaries for the members of County Council.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading text amendments to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO), regarding commercial communication towers (amends collocation standards and adds additional design standards for commercial communication towers), Section 106-18-Definitions and Section 106-1357-Commercial Communication Towers.

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

Appointed Mrs. Dorothyann Mullen to serve as a member of the City of Beaufort Housing Authority.

Appointed Mr. Merritt Patterson, representing Beaufort Township, to serve as a member of the Tax Equalization Board.



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Awarded a five-year contract to Sprint United in the amount of \$62,270 to provide dark fiber. The funding source is an Emergency Management Division grant award in the amount of \$300,000 to add additional traffic cameras into the County. This project is being funded under the Hurricane Evacuation Program.

Accepted the late filing of agricultural use valuation on property R600 006 000 001A 0000, a total of .06 acres, for tax year 2003 (Mr. and Mrs. Clark Lowther).

Approved the purchase of development rights on 143 acres of property in the amount of \$850,000 on property situated on the Colleton River and owned by Mrs. Mary O. Merrick as Trustee and Elizabeth Merrick Lee as Trustee.

Approved the purchase of 3.5 acres of land on Spanish Wells Road in the amount of \$1,250,000 subject to: (i) Seller being granted a lease on the property for a period of up to, but not more than, six months, and (ii) The Town of Hilton Head Island contributing 50% of the costs (\$625,000 plus 50% of due diligence and closing costs).

Approved the purchase of two parcels of land consisting of 6.51 acres (G.G. Dowling Family) in the amount of \$4,000,000 and 7.4 acres (Clarence and Patricia Stewart) in the amount of \$5,400,000 and execute restrictive covenants on the G.G. Dowling Family property only, the covenants to be negotiated by the County Administrator and his designee.

October 11, 2004

Accepted the \$1.4 million grant for the improvement and widening of the runway and the blast pads at the Hilton Head Island Airport and limited the length of the blast pad construction from the prescribed 200 feet in the FAA grant application to not exceed 50 to 75 feet at each end of the runway (which is the current length of each of the temporary blast pads that exist at each end of the runway today); and reaffirmed the Council's position dated July 28, 1975, that "limits the length of the runway at the Hilton Head Island Airport to 4,300 feet and a statement that the now-seated Council has no intention of expanding the length of the runway".

Approved on first reading an ordinance authorizing the sale of a restrictive easement to the United States of America, acting by and through the Department of the Navy, to provide an effective date and severability among other things.

Approved on second reading an ordinance to establish the salaries for various elected officials as follows: Auditor - \$48,459, which excludes any other stipend paid by the County and/or State; Clerk of Court - \$61,767, which excludes any other stipend paid by the County and/or State; Coroner - \$56,467; Probate Judge - \$79,789, which excludes any other stipend paid by the County and/or State; Sheriff - \$83,856, which excludes any other stipend paid by the County and/or State; Treasurer - \$49,138, which excludes any other stipend paid by the County and/or State.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance adopting a Capital Improvements Plan for Roads in Northern Beaufort County.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance adopting a Road Facilities Development Impact Fee to be imposed on new development in northern Beaufort County.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance authorizing a lease of County-owned real property consisting of the Butler Marine property to Butler Marine, Inc.

Held a public hearing and adopted a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an Interlocal Agreement with the Capital Trust Agency and other matters related thereto.

Authorized the Bluffton Township Fire District to purchase a new fire truck with equipment to be housed at the Palmetto Bluff station. The estimated purchase price is \$350,000. The funding source is Bluffton Fire District impact fees.

Appropriated FY-2005 accommodations tax (2% state) funds in the amount of \$310,000 as follows: Arts Council of Beaufort County (promotional material - \$14,000 and special events \$10,000), Beaufort Art Association \$3,000, Beaufort Chambers of Commerce (marketing plan \$15,000 and Visitor Center \$40,000), Beaufort County Orchestra Society \$2,000, Black Chamber of Commerce \$5,000, Bluffton Historical Preservation Society Heyward House \$45,000, Coastal Discovery Museum \$3,000, Daufuskie Sea Island Foundation \$5,000, Exchange Club of Beaufort \$5,000, Friends of Hunting Island State Park \$10,000, Gullah Festival \$20,000, Hilton Head Island/Bluffton Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center \$13,500, Historic Beaufort Foundation (Guidebook \$15,000 and signage \$450), Historic Port Royal Foundation \$4,550, Keep Beaufort County Beautiful \$3,500, Lowcountry Estuarium \$15,000, Lowcountry Tourism Commission Visitors Center and Museum \$25,000, Main Street USA \$17,500, Music at St. Helena Episcopal Church \$1,500, Penn Center \$25,000, SC Coastal Community Development \$2,500, St. Helena Episcopal Church Spring Tour \$2,000, and USC-Beaufort Performing Arts Center \$12,500.

October 25, 2004

Authorized the County Administrator to execute a five-year Memorandum of Agreement for the Buckwalter Community Park between Beaufort County and the Town of Bluffton.

Authorized the County Administrator to execute a Memorandum of Agreement for the Bluffton Oyster Factory and Park between Beaufort County and the Town of Bluffton.

Authorized the County Administrator to execute a contract renewal with the Trust for Public Land.

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Awarded a contract to Adams Equipment Company, Lexington, SC, in the amount of \$107,748.70 for a Truckat self-propelled truck-mounted hydraulically driven boom-type mower.

Awarded a contract to Freightliner of Savannah in the amount of \$87,500 per unit, for a total of \$351,200, inclusive of tax, for the purchase of four 2005 model M2-112 Freightliner dump trucks.

Awarded a contract to L. B. Smith, Inc., Savannah, GA, in the amount of \$169,825.95 for a 205 horsepower, EC290B Volvo Excavator with a turbocharged diesel engine, hydraulic dampening mounts, and bucket/boom/arm attachment.

Awarded a contract to Palmetto Bus Sales, Columbia, SC, in the amount of \$152,828 for four, new, 30-passenger buses for the Parks and Leisure Services Department.

Awarded a contract to Novalis Technologies of Charlotte, North Carolina in the amount \$398,000 to integrate tax billings and collection with Land Development Office and Assessor's Office application systems.

Awarded a five-year revenue-generating lease concession contract to Republic Parking Systems, Inc. for the public parking concession at Hilton Head Island Airport.

Awarded a contract to Triad Mechanical Construction in the amount of \$103,386 for the HVAC Upgrade at the Mink Point Gym.

Awarded a contract to REA Contracting, LLC, in the amount of \$1,494,515.90 for the construction and paving of Contracts #22 and #26 - Carolyn Lane, Castle Point Road, Croaker Street, Fisherman Lane, Flounder Street, Garnett Street, Luray Street, Mullet Street, Sailors Choice, Allendale Street, Fairfax Street, Palmetto Beach Lane, Trout Street, Vine Street, Brunson Street, Hodge Avenue.

Awarded a contract to REA Construction/Andrews Engineering Company, Inc., in the amount of \$969,026, with the potential for cost reduction, to design and build the Dirt Road Paving Contract #27, Design-Build Contract Award (District 5) – No Man Land Road, Golden Dock Street, Luther Lane, McCoy Street, Chisholm Road, Seaside Road, Gregory Drive, Eddings Point Road, Sycamore Hill Drive, Candy Johnson Road, and Mixon Road located on St. Helena Island.

Awarded a contract to REA Construction/Andrews Engineering Company, Inc. in the amount of \$525,074 with the potential for cost reduction, to design and build the Dirt Road Paving Contract #28 (Council Districts 6 and 8) – Mulrain Road, Peaceful Way, Grays Hill Acres, Smith Road, Webb Road, Jacob Lane, Poppy Hill Road, and Mamie Frazier Lane.



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Awarded a contract to Ward Edwards in the amount of \$75,000 for engineering services for Contract #29 (Council Districts 6 and 11) – Jonesfield Road, Braden Road, Benjamin Smalls Way, Capehart Lane, HorseNettle Lane, Moultrie Circle, Wildcat Lane, and Reynolds Street.

Awarded a contract to Powell Electric in the amount of \$92,725 to replace the lighting fixtures, additional emergency lighting fixtures throughout the building and replacing obsolete fixtures for which there are no spare parts, and installing a more modern ballast system that is repairable in the County Administration Building. This work will be funded by Beaufort County Capital Improvement Program with a project budget of \$146,000.

Approved on second reading an ordinance authorizing the sale of a restrictive easement to the United States of America, acting by and through the Department of the Navy, to provide an effective date and severability among other things.

Adopted a resolution observing Veterans' Day, November 11, 2004, as an official paid holiday for employees of Beaufort County effective November 10, 2004.

Adopted a resolution endorsing the intentions and objections of the Joint Land Use Study recommendations and commits to a good-faith effort to implement those recommendations.

Adopted a resolution opposing decommissioning of United States Navy F/A-18 Fighter Squadron, VFA-82, and Search and Rescue Squadron (Angel One) from MCAS Beaufort and expressing serious concern that these decommissionings may be a precursor to more serious and lasting events by the US Department of Defense in regard to MCAS Beaufort squadrons.

Held a public hearing and approved on second reading an ordinance authorizing a lease of County-owned real property to the Technical College of the Lowcountry.

Held a public hearing and approved on second reading an ordinance authorizing a lease of County-owned real property to Mr. Pablo Aranda for a period up to, but not more than, six months.

Approved on third and final reading an ordinance to establish the salaries for various elected officials, including the County Council members

Authorized 20,000 gallons of the County's reserved sewer capacity of 47,585 gallons, be set aside for affordable housing, at 350 gallons donated sewer capacity per house; and authorized impact fee subsidies being paid from the remaining \$430,000 set aside for affordable housing; and (iii) accept the proposal, The Criteria to Obtain County Incentives, for the Development of Affordable Dwelling Units.

Approved 3% local accommodations tax funding allocations totaling \$456,237 as follows: (i) Historic Beaufort Foundation \$30,000, (ii) Bluffton Historic Preservation Society/Heyward

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House \$28,000, (iii) Lowcountry Estuarium \$18,000, (iv) To cover a shortage from the 2% state allocation - St. Helena Episcopal Church Spring Tour \$1,500, Bluffton Historic Preservation Society/Heyward House \$5,000, Main Street USA \$3,737, and (v) Joint Chambers of Commerce/Treasured Coast \$370,000 and broken down as follows: Beaufort Chamber/Visitor's Center \$20,000, Hilton Head Island/Bluffton Chamber/Visitor's Center \$46,500, Hilton Head Island/Bluffton Chamber/Marketing Program \$50,000, Black Chamber/Marketing Program \$25,000, Treasured Coast \$228,500.

Authorized the Trust for Public Land to proceed with the purchase of Okatie Headwaters Preserve South, adjacent to the Okatie Headwaters West Tract, consisting of approximately 17 acres of upland and 19 acres of wetland marsh following the completion of their due diligence.