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Council Action Summary January 2005

January 3, 2005

Elected Wm. Weston J. Newton to serve as Chairman of the 2005-2006 Beaufort County Council.

Elected Mr. Von Harten to serve as Vice Chairman of the 2005-2006 Beaufort County Council.

Approved the Hawkers' and Peddlers' License fees for 2005 as follows: \$75 for County residents; \$500 for State, but not County residents; and \$1,000 for nonresidents.

January 10, 2005

Awarded a contract to Adrian Building Concepts, Inc., Swainsboro, Georgia for the fabrication and delivery of one modular surveillance laboratory with rubber roof and mansard in the amount of \$66,250 and other necessary requirements from other sources to complete the installation in the amount of \$33,136. Total value of the project is \$99,386. The funding source is the Capital Improvement Program.

Adopted the 2005 regular meeting schedule to include holding the February 14 and September 12, 2005 meetings at the Hilton Head Library and the June 13 and November 14, 2005 meetings at the Bluffton Library. All meetings begin at 5:00 p.m.

Authorized the County Administrator to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between Beaufort County and the City of Beaufort relative to Boundary Street capacity improvements and Boundary Street Connectivity Plan implementation.

Approved on second reading an ordinance authorizing the issuance of bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for north Beaufort County Road Impact Fees Projects.

Approved on second reading an ordinance to amend the FY 2004-2005 County budget to allocate \$250,000 from the Technical College of the Lowcountry operating appropriation and capital operating appropriation.

Approved on third and final reading a text amendment to the Development Impact Fee Ordinance, Section 6, Affordable Housing Impact Fee Discount.

Approved on third and final reading an amendment to the Beaufort County Zoning Map for Southern Beaufort County to R600-21-233 (0.3 acre from Rural (R) to Island West Planned Unit Development (PUD)/Commercial), 1.15 acres from PUD/Wetland to PUD/Commercial-Open Space, and 2.19 acres from PUD/Powerline Easement to PUD/Commercial Vehicle Parking. Conditions for Island West PUD: (i) The Commercial parcel shall have an additional building setback of 10-feet for the north side of the property along US 278. This will allow for the future widening of US 278 while creating minimal effect on the use of the land. (ii) There shall be a minimum of 500 ft between the US 278 ROW and the east/west connector road shown on the conceptual site plan. (iii) A berm and landscaping shall be provided along the south side of the property to screen the Island West commercial development from the adjacent golf course and residential area. (iv) The following transportation improvements shall be provided as part of Phase I of development of the Commercial parcel: (a) The developer shall construct a deceleration lane coming into the commercial tract for east-bound traffic along US 278. The cross over median in front of the Island West commercial tract may be closed in the future at the discretion of the SCDOT and Beaufort County. If this were to occur, the entrance shall be right turn only. (b) The developer shall provide a north/south and an east/west connector road between the Island West commercial development and the Island West residential section of the PUD. This will permit residential traffic to access the commercial area and, in the future, the planned traffic light to the west. The most logical area for the east/west connection is along the power line easement east of the north/south connector road (refer to conceptual site plan).

Adopted a resolution approving a one-time stipend payment of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) as additional compensation for those employees who did not receive the benefit of the minimum salary level adjustment. Further, this expenditure shall not exceed \$65,000. All elected county officials, the County Administrator, and the personnel of the Sheriff's Office are exempt from receiving the additional salary compensation set forth in this Resolution.

Encouraged the Legislative Delegation to sustain the Governor's veto of 20% Reassessment Cap legislation and to seek alternative solutions to the property tax burden as soon as possible.

Accepted the Sheridan Commercial Center Subdivision right of way into the County road system under the conditions listed in Beaufort County correspondence, dated September 19, 2003, attached hereto and made a part hereof. The conditions are: (a) Acceptance of the Sheridan Commercial Center Subdivision roads into the County road system. (b) The acceptance of the proposed Sheridan Commercial Center Connector right of way into the County road system. (c) The construction of the proposed Sheridan Commercial Center Connector from the Sheridan Commercial Center Subdivision to the Bluffton Parkway. (d) The acceptance of the Sheridan Commercial Center Subdivision drainage system into the Beaufort County drainage system. (e) The maintenance/minor correction of the existing storm drainage system by the Stormwater Utility. (f) A driveway connection for the concrete plant to be constructed to the Sheridan Commercial Center Connector Road with concurrence of the concrete plant. (g) Approximately 10 road radii to be repaired/improved to accommodate the existing commercial traffic. (h) The



US 278 safety median opening modification will be made as part of the US 278 widening project.

January 24, 2005

Adopted a resolution conveying sincere appreciation to the Affordable Housing Consortium and the Lowcountry Community Development Corporation for their hard work, commitment, and accomplishments in the effort to make housing affordable available to low-to-moderate income individuals and families throughout Beaufort County.

Adopted a resolution agreeing to submit an application to the State of South Carolina Department of Transportation in the amount of \$50,000 to increase the number of ferry trips to and from Daufuskie Island for residents of Beaufort County and general public.

Awarded a contract to West Electric, Newberry, SC, in the amount of \$425,580 for replacing deteriorated poles and associated lighting at Basil Green Park and the Bluffton Recreation Center, and also the installation of new sports lighting for the soccer field at Shults Park.

Awarded a contract of no more than \$160,000 to New Century Systems for the purchase of a Storage Area Network(SAN)/Network Appliance System (NAS). This SAN/NAS will be used to optimize the use of disk, tape and processors resources, significantly improve the backup and recovery of critical systems, and simplify the management of the County's data processing environment. The funding source is 2005 General Obligation Bonds.

Awarded a contract to EMX, Inc., a General Service Administration/GSA contractor, in conjunction with Advanced Video, in the amount of \$102,525.10 for the purpose of installing specialized camera systems at Marine Corps Recruit Depot-Parris Island.

Accepted the new Beaufort County Personnel Handbook to include an addition in Section 3.2.1, Personal Leave Days (PLD), Number 4, "Accrual rates for regular Hilton Head employees working 24-hour shifts."

Approved on first reading a text amendment to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance/ZDSO, Appendix I (Lady's Island Community Preservation/CP District), Division 4 (Professional Office District): Table 1 – Land Use (adds temporary sales/roadside stands as a limited use).

Approved on first reading a text amendment to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance/ZDSO: Article VII, Section 106-1844(E) (2), Beach Development Setbacks (Corrects OCRM Jurisdictional Reference Line).

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance authorizing the issuance of bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for north Beaufort County Road Impact Fees Projects.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance to amend the FY 2004-2005 County budget to allocate \$250,000 from the Technical College of the Lowcountry operating appropriation and capital operating appropriation.

Approved as the County's top four objectives for the Community Development Block Grant Program Infrastructure, Economic Development, Affordable Housing, and Demolition and Clearance of Dilapidated Homes.

Approved on first reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Template Ordinance: Section III (B)(5), term (provides at-large appointment of Library Board with Council Member consent) and Section III(E)(2) (provides reasonable cause exception for removal from board).

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance to extend the date of payment of personal property and real estate taxes for persons serving with the United States Armed Forces or National Guard in or near a hazardous duty zone to 180 days after they leave the combat area and to waive any penalties and interest due as a result of the extension.

Voted to reapply for a Community Development Block Grant for a waterline extension in the Dale Community.

Voted to draft correspondence to the Legislation Delegation opposing S.304 - Livestock and Poultry Regulation legislation. Council is stridently opposed to any legislation that further erodes the ability of Home Rule local governments to regulate commercial activities which local constituents believe are not in the best interest of their county, municipality, or neighborhood.

Approved the reallocation of the prescriptive easement right-of-way to the respective property owners on Island Beach Road.

Authorized the expenditure of 40 wetland mitigation credits from the County's Wetland Mitigation Bank as the County's portion of the cost to construct the new signalized Home Depot/Target/Stafford Properties US Highway 278 median opening.

Amended the Aviation Board Charter as follows: Paragraph I, Purpose, add "in securing safe and community-sensitive operations", Paragraph II(a), add "who are committed to the enhancement of the Beaufort County airports, and Paragraph II(b), add "Community leadership and Public relations".

Declined the opportunity to participate in the proposed SCDOT State Match Program for FY 2004/2005.