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Council Action Summary

October 2005

October 10, 2005

Approved on second reading an amendment to the Template Ordinance, Section III, Membership, to allow for the members of the Corridor Review Boards to serve out-of-geographic boundary.

Approved on second reading text amendments to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, Article III, Section 106-367(C), Application Fees (amends fees).

Approved on second reading text amendments to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, Appendix I (Lady's Island Community Preservation District), Division 5 (Village Center), Sections 5.4 and 5.5 (Permitted Activities and Limited and Special Use Standards (allows boat sales and service in areas close to the marina).

Adopted a resolution approving and consenting to the assignment and change of control of a County Television Franchise and Cable System from Adelphia Communications Corporation to Time Warner NY LLC.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance authorizing the sale of restrictive easement on the 71-acre Lucky property to the United States Navy for \$232,875 limiting the use of the property to one residence and for agriculture, passive recreation, temporary storage, and processing of storm debris.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance authorizing the acquisition of a conservation easement on 27.5 acres from the Rathbun Family for the sum of \$1.9 million.

Appointed Ms. Veronica Miller, representing Council District 2, to serve as a member of the Library Board.

Appointed Ms. Norma Stewart, representing Council District 10, to serve as a member of the Library Board.

Appointed Mrs. Jean Wolff, representing Council District 9, to serve as a member of the Library Board. (Ms. Wolff lives in Council District 6. This is an out-of-Council District appointment with the approval of the Council District representative.)

Appointed Ms. Anita Nelson, representing St. Helena Island, to serve as a member of the Historic Preservation Review Board.

Appointed Mr. Malcolm Goodridge, representing Council District 10, to serve as a member of the Rural and Critical Lands Board.

October 24, 2005

Approved on first reading, by title only, an amendment to the Admissions Fee Ordinance to clarify County Council's legislative intent that Council intended to impose a user fee on actual usage on an amount actually paid for admissions, not the privilege.

Awarded a contract to Johnson Controls in the amount of \$802,088 to design and construct the Detention Center HVAC replacement. The funding source is \$788,132 in Capital Improvement Program funds plus an additional \$13,956 from the FY 2002-2003 contingency funds.

Adopted the 2006 Employee Benefits Package, in conjunction with the County's Benefits Consulting Firm, The Mercer Company, as follows: Health Care Provider-UniCare, Dental Provider-United Concordia, Vision Provider-Spectera, Basic Life/Accidental Death/Dismemberment/Long-Term Disability - Standard, Long-Term Disability-Standard, Flexible Spending-UniCare, COBRA Administration-UniCare, and Employee Assistance-Horizon Health.

Approved the contract renewal between Beaufort County and the Trust for Public Land to include a 2½% increase or \$6,216 annually year over year.

Awarded a contract to Malphrus Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$22,640,560.10 for construction of the Bluffton Parkway Phases III A, B, C and IV

Adopted a joint resolution that the County of Beaufort and the Beaufort County Board of Education, as partners, agree to obtain a consultant and/or legal services to advise and represent the county and the school district in their pursuit to amend or change the present Educational Finance Act. Furthermore, Beaufort County and the Board of Education agree to equally fund this effort in an amount not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$125,000.00 each). In addition, the County and the Board of Education will meet with local state delegation and State Assembly representatives at the statehouse in Columbia to express the need to modify the Act and to pursue other public education funding possibilities.

Adopted a resolution authorizing an amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the County of Beaufort, South Carolina and the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina so to provide for an additional contribution from the Town of Bluffton in the amount of \$750,000.00 to be expended towards the costs of improvements to Phase III and IV of the Bluffton Parkway.



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Approved on second reading text amendments to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance/ZDSO, Article IV, Zoning Districts (amends standards) and to include the words "parcel of land" in Section 106-926, Developments in more than one zoning district.

Approved on first reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance/ZDSO, Adding Development Standards Relating to the Proposed Rural Business Districts: Article IV, Table 106-922, Table of Zoning Districts; Article IV, Section 106-1025, Rural Business District Purpose Statement; Article V, Table 106-1098, General Use Table; Article V, Sections 106-1284, 1286, 1288, 1290, and 1359, Limited and Special Use Standards; Article VI, Table 106-1526, Open Space and Density Standards; Article VI, Table 106-1556, Lot and Building Standards; Article VI, Table 106-1617, Bufferyard and Tree Standards; Article VI, Table 106-1711, Exterior Storage and Illumination Standards; Article VII, Table 106-1782, Resource Protection Levels; and Article VII, Table 106-1814, Base Site Area and Total Protected Resource Land.

Approved on first reading amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning Map from Rural (R) and Rural-Residential (RR) Districts to Rural Business (RB) District for several properties in the Lobeco area of Northern Beaufort County to include three additional parcels (located between Allen Funeral Home and First Stop Bait Shop, a.k.a. Alice's Bait Shop) R-700-37-10, George Busby owner; R-700-37-144, Mark Johnson owner; and R-700-37-9A, Louis F., Jr. and Sanae K. Schleuger owners.

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Approved the consolidated ambulance rates to include an increase in mileage rate from \$6.50 to \$7.25; Basic Life Support (BLS) - \$255; Advanced Life Support Level 1 (ALS 1) - \$725; Advanced Life Support Level 2 (ALS 2) - \$1,070; Specialty Care Transports (SCT) - \$380; No Transport (NT) - \$100; and an increase in administrative fees charged to patients and law firms for copies of records from \$10 to \$15.

Appropriated FY-2006 accommodations tax (2% state) funds in the amount of \$522,000 as follows: (i) Arts Center of Coastal Carolina \$11,100; (ii) Arts Council of Beaufort County (promotional material) \$20,000; (iii) Beaufort County Orchestra Society \$2,000; (iv) Beaufort



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County Black Chamber of Commerce \$20,000; (v) Beaufort County Marketing Partnership (Treasured Coast) \$60,000; (vi) Beaufort County Open Land Trust \$2,500; (vii) Beaufort Performing Arts, Inc. \$11,100; (viii) Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce (Marketing Plan \$27,195 and Visitor Center \$45,000); (ix) Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District \$1,500; (x) Bluffton Historical Preservation Society (Heyward House Historic Center) \$50,000; (xi) Bluffton Old Town Merchants Society \$2,500; (xii) Coastal Discovery Museum \$12,000; (xiii) Daufuskie Sea Island Foundation, Inc. \$2,500; (xiv) Exchange Club of Beaufort \$3,000; (xv) Friends of Hunting Island State Park \$15,000; (xvi) Gullah Festival of South Carolina \$20,000; (xvii) Hilton Head Island Bluffton Chamber of Commerce \$70,000; (xviii) Historic Beaufort Foundation (Fall Tour of Homes) \$5,205; (xix) Historic Bluffton Arts and Seafood Festival \$10,000; (xx) Historic Port Royal Foundation \$5,000; (xxi) Keep America Beautiful of Beaufort County \$2,100; (xxiii) Lowcountry Estuarium \$11,000; (xiv) Lowcountry Tourism Commission/Visitors Center and Museum \$28,000; (xv) Main Street Beaufort, USA \$25,000; (xvi) Music at St. Helena Episcopal Church \$1,500; (xvii) Native Island Business and Community Affairs Association, Inc. \$15,000; (xviii) Old Village Association of Port Royal \$8,000; (xxix) Penn Center \$30,000; (xxiv) Society of Bluffton Artists \$3,000; and (xvii) Town of Port Royal (kayaking path) \$2,800.

Approved the establishment of the restrictive covenant for preservation of the 43.44-acre wetlands as identified at Beaufort County Airport on Lady's Island.

Accepted Bostick Road into the County's road maintenance inventory.

Approved the Okatie Regional Park Conceptual Master Plan with the caveat that Staff revisit the issues brought up by the Committee.