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Council Action Summary September 2005

September 12, 2005

Amended the resolution reducing the FY 2005-2006 County operations millage rate by .5 mils.

Adopted a resolution requesting the inclusion of US Highway 278 Alternate (Bluffton Parkway) in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) through Lowcountry Council of Government's 20-year long-range transportation plan as an unfunded project. This will allow Federal earmark of funds toward the project.

Appointed Mr. Emanuel Dore to serve as a member of the Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

Appointed Ms. Elizabeth Santagati to serve as a member of the Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

Appointed Mr. Perry Harvey to serve as a member of the Sheldon Fire District.

Appointed Mrs. Janifer Johnson, representing Council District 8, to serve as a member of the Library Board.

Acquired the 71-acre Lucky property located at Bruce Smalls/Carolina Avenues for \$750,000 from the Trust for Public Land.

Approved on first reading, by title only, selling a 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.

Approved on first reading, by title only, the acquisition of a conservation easement on 27.5 acres from the Rathbun Family for the sum of \$1.9 million.

Voted to proceed with the acquisition of a conservation easement on 27.5 acres from the Rathbun Family for the sum of \$1.9 million only in the event that through negotiations with the United States Navy, through a Memorandum of Understanding, that the United States purchase a restrictive easement on those 27.5 acres for the sum of \$1.2 million.

September 26, 2005

Adopted a resolution approving a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of disability status and internal grievance procedure. This resolution should be construed to protect the substantive rights of interested persons, to meet with appropriate due process standards, and to assure that the County of Beaufort complies with 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Awarded a one-year contract to Excellence, Inc., Madison, Alabama in the amount of \$258,444.54 for three chassis and ambulance boxes for the Emergency Medical Services Department.

Awarded various contract awards for the Intelligent Traffic System Capacity Expansion Project in the amount of \$364,460.75, funded 100% by the Department of Defense. EMX Incorporated – 3EMX 8000 cameras, \$105,000; Advanced Video – encoders/decoders, \$38,000; Eddins Electric Co., 3 concrete poles, \$22,500; J Moore Electrical - 3 traffic cabinets, \$4,000; Alphanumeric Systems – network equipment, \$35,500; Kooltronics Incorporated – NEMA 4 AC Units, \$8,000; Graybar Electronic Company – electrical materials, power managers, surge protection systems, etc., \$36,000; Certified Crane – crane service, \$1,000; Woods Communication – contract labor service, \$24,000; BNS Services – contract labor services, \$5,000, Staff labor \$12,0000, and Advanced Video - \$73,101.

Awarded a sole source purchase to Computer Marketing Corporation for 180 battery pack units in the amount of \$250 each, including shipping and tax, for a total order of \$47,628.

Awarded an annual contract with renewal options to Alltel in the amount of \$115,000 for wireless telephone services.

Adopted a joint resolution with Colleton County Council in support of SCDOT's proposed project to widen U.S. Highway 17 from Jacksonboro to Gardens Corner under the conditions provided in SCDOT correspondence dated September 21, 2005 and to co-sponsor the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank application for funding provided that the application is based on the conditions as stated in SCDOT letter dated September 21, 2005.

Adopted a resolution supporting a Penn Center Economic Community Development Block grant application in the amount of \$250,000 to assist them in the acquisition and development of the Frogmore Inn (a 50-room motel) and restaurant (a 75-seat restaurant).

Adopted a resolution opposing the proposed annexation of the Mobley Tract into the Town of Port Royal and the proposed Mixed Use (MU-1) zoning; urging Port Royal Town Council to deny the annexation; and urging the Town to work jointly with Beaufort County and the City of Beaufort to address future urban growth issues as part of the upcoming Northern Beaufort County Regional Plan.

Approved on second 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.

Approved on second 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.

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

Approved on first reading text amendments to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, Article IV, Zoning District (amends standards).

Approved on first reading text amendments to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, Article V, Section 106-1357(C), Lighting (amends Lighting Standards for Commercial Communication Towers).

Approved on first 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).

Voted, on behalf of the County of Beaufort and the Bluffton Fire District, to opt-out of participating in the Town of Bluffton proposed Tax Increment Financing District Plan. Further, in accordance with Section 31-6-80, of the *Code of Laws of South Carolina*, 1976, as amended, and correspondence dated August 26, 2005, from Mr. Joshua Martin, Bluffton Town Manager, Beaufort County Council hereby submits its written comment prior to, and within the 45-day requirement of, the public hearing on the Redevelopment Plan on October 12, 2005.

Supported Hilton Head Island Public Service District No. 1 Commission effort to shift its Commission election cycle from odd-numbered to even-numbered years.

Authorized the Town of Bluffton to rename Shults Park the "Oscar J. Frazier Park.

Approved the acquisition of the needed rights-of-way in accordance with the County's Right-of-Way Land Acquisition Manual.

Offered and negotiated the sale of 0.12 acres of Gibson Drive, as shown on a survey dated May, 6, 2005, to Cheryl and George Ackerman.