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Council Action Summary
August 2006

August 14, 2006

Approved on third and final reading an ordinance to impose a one percent (1%) Transportation Sales and Use Tax for not more than six years, if approved by referendum; to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds not to exceed \$152 million if approved by referendum, to describe the transportation-related projects and estimated capital costs of the projects to be funded in whole or in part from the proceeds of the tax; to order a county-wide referendum on the question of imposing the tax and authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds; to proscribe the contents of the ballot questions; and provide for all other things necessary to submit the aforesaid questions to the electorate. The ten projects are: (i) Bluffton Parkway Phase 5, \$50 million; (ii) US Highway 278 Improvements, \$28 million; (iii) SC Highway 170 Widening, \$6 million; (iv) US Highway 17 Widening, \$5 million; (v) US Highway 21 (Boundary Street) Improvements \$9.5 million; (vi) Boundary Street Parallel Road, \$4.2 million; (vii) SC Highway 802 (Ribaut Road) Improvements, \$600,000; (viii) SC Highway 21/SC Highway 802 (Lady's Island Drive) Widening, \$35.5 million; (ix) Northern Beaufort Bypass, \$6 million; and (x) SC Highway 802 (Savannah Highway) Widening, \$7.2 million.

Approved on second reading a Southern Beaufort County Map amendment/rezoning request for R600-21-11 and R600-21-11B (7.14 acres), from Light Industrial (LI) to Planned Unit Development (PUD), to be known as Barrel Landing Chevrolet.

Approved on second reading a Lady's Island Zoning Map amendment to include R201-18-7C (0.49 acre), R201-18-7D (0.85 acre), and R201-18-573 (0.74 acre) within the Lady's Island Redevelopment District.

Approved on second reading text amendments to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance/ZDSO, Appendix B, Section 5, Landscape Design Guidelines (adds standards prohibiting earthen berms and noise abatement walls in the U.S. Highway 21 Corridor between Chowan Creek and Harbor River).

Approved on first reading a proposed Industrial Park Development Agreement between Beaufort County and the Greater Beaufort/Hilton Head Economic Development Partnership, Inc.

Approved on first reading an ordinance to accept the transfer of authority to the Beaufort County Board of Registration and Elections to conduct the Town of Bluffton Municipal Elections.

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Held a public hearing and approved on third and reading a map correction for a 7.20 acre parcel on Lady's Island from Rural (R) to Lady's Island Community Preservation (CP) District.

Voted to send the proposed Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, Lighting Standards for Commercial Communication Towers issue back to the Land Management Committee for some additional discussion before it comes back to Council for consideration on third and final reading approval.

Approved on third and final reading text amendments to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance Article III, Administrative Procedures, Division 2, provisions generally applicable to reviews and actions.

Held a public hearing on proposed text amendments to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance Article VII, Division 4, Open Space Uses and Standards, Section 106-1876 (Uses in Open Space), and add a new Section 106-1917 (Residential Accessory Uses).

Appointed Mr. William Harris to serve as a member of the Northern Corridor Review Board.

Appointed Ms. Mary Legree, representing Comprehensive Plan planning area, St. Helena Township, to serve as a member of the Planning Board.

August 28, 2006

Awarded a contract to Sandcastle Constructors, Inc., Hilton Head Island, SC, in the amount of \$214,300, to design and build the Chechessee Landing dock and ramp improvements with a potential cost reduction. The funding source is County FY 2006 Capital Improvement Project funds and SCDOT funds for a total of \$276,250.

Awarded a contract to REA Contractors, Contract #32, in the amount of \$528,735.70 for the construction and paving of Sandy Ridge Road, Lonesome Court, Ramsey Loop Road, Sandra Drive, Gail Street, Kader Street and Roosevelt Avenue (Green Pond) on Port Royal Island. The funding source is Beaufort County Transportation (CTC) funds.

Approved the allocation of not more than \$100,000 for the construction supervision and quality control of Bluffton Parkway Phases III, Phase IV and Buckwalter Parkway by Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Funds will be dispersed on a time and effort basis, as directed by the County Engineer. The funding source is funds set forward in the Bluffton Parkway/Buckwalter Parkway engineering and construction budget.

Adopted a resolution supporting Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort and implementation of the recommendation supporting the Joint Land Use Study.

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Approved on first reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances, Division 2, Recording of Plats and Deeds, Section 2-616 (Plat Preparation Standards), Section 2-619 (Property Identification Number Required on Certain Documents Which Convey or Establish Ownership Interest in Real Property), and add a new Section 2.620 (Zoning Authority Review Required on All Plats Prior to Recording).

Denied the proposed text amendments to the Eagle's Point Planned Unit Development (PUD) Master Plan that would eliminate the stormwater testing requirement.

Adopted a resolution approving the FY 2006-2007 millage rates: School Operations 91.7, School Debt Service 17.0, County Operations 36.7, Purchase of Real Property Program 2.5, County Debt Service 5.4, Continuing Education 3.0, Indigent Health Care 1.5, Bluffton Fire District Operations 20.3, Bluffton Fire District Debt Service 0.7, Burton Fire District Operations 51.9, Burton Fire District Debt Service 6.0, Daufuskie Island Fire District Operations 29.7, Daufuskie Island Fire District Debt Service 2.6, Lady's Island/St. Helena Fire District Operations 28.9, Lady's Island/St. Helena Fire District Debt Service 1.4, Sheldon Fire District Operations 34.9, and Sheldon Fire District Debt Service 2.5.

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Approved including the items in the Resolution supporting the establishment of a Commerce Park in the I-95, US Highway 17 Corridor in the Steering Committee's activity for the Northern Regional Plan.

Approved the list of 19 Northern Beaufort County Road Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) totaling \$266,494,000.

