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Council Action Summary July 2006

July 24, 2006

Accepted a grant in an amount up to \$2,968 offered by the Department of Commerce, Aeronautics Commission, for replacement of Precision Approval Path Indication (PAPI) light on the end of Runway 25 located at the Beaufort County Airport (Lady's Island).

Accepted a grant in an amount up to \$305,643 offered by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, to pay the United States' share of 95% of the allowable costs incurred in accomplishing the project consisting of the following: (i) Conduct Environmental Study (Stormwater Pollution Prevention) Plans. The contract was awarded to Wilbur Smith Associates on or about May 23, 2006. The fee estimate is \$15,434; (ii) Conduct Miscellaneous Study (Wildlife Assessment Study). The contract was awarded to the United States Department of Agriculture on or about January 4, 2005. The fee estimate (excluding reimbursable expenditures) is \$12,452; (iii) Final AIP grant relating to land acquisition costs incurred on or about October 16, 2000. The cost of land acquisition at the Hilton Head Island Airport was \$1,875.

Authorized the Staff Attorney to correct the Schedule of Precincts stated in the Rural and Critical Lands Program \$50 Million Bond Authorization Ordinance so to correct and delete certain precincts which did not receive Legislative approval for use in the 2006 General Election.

Awarded a contract to Gumbo Limbo, LLC, Hilton Head Island, SC, to purchase the old Jail, for the amount of \$511,142 pending the City of Beaufort's approval of the subdivision of the Jail/SC Health and Environmental Control lot.

Awarded a contract to Wilbur Smith Associates Task Order #7 in the amount of \$95,618 and Task Order #8 in the amount of \$72,426, totaling \$168,044, for professional services contracts for the removal of tree obstructions at both Beaufort County airports.

Awarded a contract to Pictometry International Corporation, Rochester, NY, in the amount of \$153,379 for aerial photography of Beaufort County for calendar year 2007.

Approved on second 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.

Approved on second reading text amendments to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, Article V, Sections 106-1357(c) and 106-1363, and Table 106-1556 (Lighting Standards for Commercial Communication Towers).

Approved on second reading text amendments to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance Article III, Administrative Procedures, Division 2, provisions generally applicable to reviews and action and, further to amend the text in Section 106-372(b) as follows: The Zoning Administrator in concert with the DRT will ascertain the extent and the nature of the violation and determine appropriate mitigation measures which will resolve the violation. Any violation that the Zoning Administrator/DRT determines shall have a thirty-day (30) day stop-work order imposed upon it will require notification and approval of the County Administrator. If the violation has not been resolved prior to the expiration of the stop-work order, the County Administrator shall be advised and the stop-work order may be extended with the express consent of the County Administrator.

Approved on second reading 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).

Approved on first 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 first 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 first 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).

Held a public hearing and approved on second reading an ordinance to impose a transportation tax within Beaufort County to fund multiple capital projects in the amount of \$152 million for not more than six years or whichever comes first.

Appointed Ms. Carol Myers to serve as a member of the Disabilities and Special Needs Board

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Adopted a 2007 Local Legislative Agenda consisting of 12 resolutions as follows: (i) Support the enactment of legislation which would alter the State's method of calculating award of

the enactment of legislation which would alter the State's method of calculating award of economic incentives to counties from income-based to average wage rate-based; (ii) Support the enactment of legislation which would include average wage rates in its formula for calculating tax-paying ability as used to determine the State's allocation of public education funding; (iii) Support the enactment of legislation which would permit local governments to assess a transfer fee on the sale of real estate provided the use of such fees is restricted to those uses currently allowed within the Town of Hilton Head Island; (iv) Support the enactment of legislation which would allow Counties to opt for more frequent reassessments than currently provided for by the SC Code; (v) Support the enactment of legislation that would authorize Counties to enact School Impact Fees; (vi) Support the enactment of legislation which would ensure that no County (School District) receive less than 50% of the per student base allocation from the State in each fiscal year; (vii) Support enactment of legislation that would require some measure of "Tourism" to be included in the formula for determining support of local road improvements and maintenance; (viii) Support enactment of Legislation (amending current State law) which would allow, as an authorized purpose, the consideration of a local sales tax funding for established Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Programs without predetermination of properties to be considered for acquisition; (ix) Encourage the South Carolina Association of Counties and the Legislature to explore all opportunities for property tax relief including, but not limited, to the ability to conduct annual reassessments, point of sale valuations, and the consideration of circuit breakers on property valuations; (x) Support the enactment of legislation to adequately fund the South Carolina Department of Transportation to allow maintenance and improvements of existing roads and the construction of new roads as needed to preserve and protect the well-being of South Carolina's citizens, visitors and commerce; (xi) Support the enactment of legislation to allow collection of property taxes beginning in the first full month after issuance of a certificate of occupancy of newly constructed or improved properties; and (xii) Support the enactment of legislation that will allow the use of fair market value of property at the time it is sold for tax purposes.