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Council Action Summary
October 2006

October 9, 2006

Approved on second reading a Beaufort County Zoning Map Amendment/Request for Port Royal Island R100-28-155 (8.87 acres) from Suburban to Commercial Suburban.

Approved on second reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance/ZDSO, Appendix I - Lady's Island Community Preservation Area, Division 5 - Village Center (VC), Section 5.4—Permitted Activities, Table 1—Land Use, Commercial Retail (delete reference to exterior storage) and Section 5.7—Additional Development Standards (add standards for commercial retail exterior storage).

Adopted a resolution calling for a public hearing to be held upon the question of the issuance of not exceeding \$12,500,000 of general obligation bonds of Hilton Head Island No. 1 Public Service District and providing for the publication of the notice of such hearing. The funds will be used for the purpose of constructing a three-million gallon per day reverse osmosis treatment plant to increase their ability to bring water to their customer base.

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance finding that Hilton Head Island No. 1 Public Service District may issue not exceeding \$12,500,000 general obligation bonds and to provide for the publication of notice of the said finding and authorization. The funds will be used for the purpose of constructing a three-million gallon per day reverse osmosis water treatment plant to increase their ability to bring water to their customer base.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading a proposed Industrial Park Development Agreement between Beaufort County and the Greater Beaufort/Hilton Head Economic Development Partnership, Inc.

Appropriated FY-2006-2007 accommodations tax (2% state) funds in the amount of \$429,300 as follows: (i) Arts Center of Coastal Carolina \$13,000; (ii) Arts Council of Beaufort County (news and web site) \$15,000; (iii) Arts Council of Beaufort County (Beaufort's Big Swim) \$5,000; (iii) Beaufort Art Association \$1,500; (iv) Beaufort County Black Chamber of Commerce \$15,000; (v) Beaufort County Marketing Partnership (Treasured Coast) \$25,000; (vi) Beaufort Performing Arts, Inc. \$15,000; (vii) Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce (Visitor Center \$40,000 and Tourism \$25,000); (viii) Bluffton Historical Preservation Society (Heyward House Historic Center) \$50,000; (ix) Coastal Discovery Museum \$15,000; (x) Exchange Club of Beaufort \$2,000; (xi) Friends of Hunting Island State Park \$20,000; (xii) Gullah Festival of South

Carolina \$7,000; (xiii) Hilton Head Island Bluffton Chamber of Commerce \$56,000; (xiv) Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance, Inc. \$15,000; (xv) Historic Beaufort Foundation (Fall Tour of Homes) \$2,500; (xvi) Historic Bluffton Arts and Seafood Festival \$5,000; (xvii) Historic Port Royal Foundation \$5,000; (xviii) Keep America Beautiful of Beaufort County \$2,000; (xix) Lowcountry Tourism Commission/Visitors Center and Museum \$25,000; (xx) Main Street Beaufort, USA \$38,000; (xxi) Native Island Business and Community Affairs Association, Inc. \$10,000; (xxii) Old Town Bluffton Merchants \$1,800; (xxiii) Old Village Association of Port Royal \$6,000; (xxiv) Penn Center \$8,000; (xxv) Sandbox: An Interactive Children's Museum \$1,000; (xxvi) Society of Bluffton Artists \$3,000; (xxvii) St. Helena Episcopal Church \$2,000; and (xxviii) St. Peter's Catholic Church \$500.

Approved the distribution of \$350,000 of local (3%) accommodations tax funding to continue the South Carolina's Treasured Coast Marketing Program for FY 2006-2007. The monies will be allocated as follows: Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce - \$65,000; Beaufort County Black Chamber of Commerce - \$35,000; Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce - \$110,000; and Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce - \$140,000.

Appointed Mr. Robert Holzmacher to serve as a member of the B/J Water and Sewer Authority.

Appointed Mr. Joseph Hall, representing architect, to serve as a member of the Southern Corridor Review Board.

October 23, 2006

Adopted the changes to Greenprint Map, dated October 2006, approved by the Rural and Critical Lands Board, and submitted by the Trust for Public Land.

Awarded a contract to Columbia Freightliner in the amount of \$381,608 for the purchase of four tri-axle dump trucks for the Public Services Department.

Awarded a contract to Bob Cat of Savannah, GA, in the amount of \$99,639.24 for the purchase of two compact track loaders with trailers for the Public Works Department.

Approved US 21/SC 802 Connector Alignment Alternative 3A between Lady's Island Drive and Sea Island Parkway on Lady's Island.

Awarded a contract to Kimley-Horn and Associates in the amount of \$479,513 for engineering design services for the US 21/SC 802 Connector Alignment Alternative 3A.

Adopted Blue Cross/Blue Shield of South Carolina as the County's Medical/Prescription benefit provider for calendar year 2007. The annual cost is estimated to be \$7,070,322. The proposed rates follow: employee \$337.03 per month; employee with spouse \$739.92; employee and children \$625.11; and employee with full family \$1,013.01. This represents an 18.64% increase against UniCare's 2006 cost.

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Approved in concept, on first reading, by title only, a proposed Illegal Immigration Relief Ordinance.

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance to add to the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances a new section therein establishing the regulations and requirements relating to smoking tobacco products in the County of Beaufort (smoking prohibition).

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee Agreement by and between Beaufort County and [Project Panther], its affiliates and assigns, to provide for a fee in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes incentive, including the grant of certain infrastructure credits, the inclusion of the Company's property in a Multi-County Park, and other matters related thereto.

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Approved on third and final reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances, Article II, Development Impact Fee Procedures, Sections 82-21 and 82-39; Article III, Parks and Recreation Facilities, Sections 82-51 and 82-64 and Parks and Recreation Facilities in the Town of Bluffton-Okatie Bluffton Service Area and Town of Hilton Head Island Service Area; Article IV, Road Facilities-Southern Beaufort County Service Area, Sections 82-81 and 82-95 and Development Impact Fees for Road Facilities in Southern Beaufort County Service Area; Article V, Library Facilities, Sections 82-111 and 82-124 amending Development Impact Fees for Library Facilities throughout the County.

Permanently tabled the issue regarding 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).

Accepted the Taft Street right-of-way into the County's Maintenance System and that the right-of-way subsequently be conveyed to Oakview Commons, LLC and, further, incorporate specific language in the deed requiring that the road shall remain dedicated for vehicular use.

Approved the purchase of 475 acres of undeveloped land at New Riverside at Palmetto Bluff. The acquisition will cost the County \$350,000 and is contingent upon federal funding of \$1.4 million and S.C. Conservation Bank funding of \$750,000 to cover the purchase price of \$2.5 million. The site includes land proposed for the Bluffton Linear Trail and sits adjacent to the New River. It removes the possibility of as many as 300 homes and 2,400 cars per day on local roads.

