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Council Action Summary February 2007

February 12, 2007

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance authorizing an issuance and sale of general obligation bonds for an amount not to exceed \$25,500,000 to provide \$20,000,000 for Capital Projects for Rural and Critical Lands Program and \$5,500,000 for construction of the southern portion of Buckwalter Parkway.

Adopted a resolution agreeing to apply to the State of South Carolina Department of Transportation for a grant to assist with ferry service to and from Daufuskie Island.

Awarded a contract to Sand Castle Constructors, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, in the amount of \$694,075 for the construction of the improvements to the Broad River Fishing Pier.

Awarded a contract to Cape Romain Contractors, Inc., Wando, South Carolina, in the amount of \$346,640 for the Sands Boat Landing Improvements.

Approved a change order in the amount of \$4,993,403.50 for the Malphrus Construction Company Inc., Okatie, South Carolina, Bluffton Parkway contract for the Buckwalter Parkway widening.

Awarded a contract to Columbia Freightliner in the amount of \$70,153 for one Columbia Freightliner Tri-Axle Lowboy tractor for the Public Works Department.

Awarded a contract to Bonitz Flooring Company, Charleston, SC, in the amount of \$97,357 for carpeting in the Human Services Building.

Directed the County Administrator, in cooperation with the Trust for Public Land and the Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Board, to purchase the development rights and/or fee simple interests on all or part of that tract of land known as the McLeod Tract, within the limits established by the Rural and Critical Lands Program Ordinance, and in partnership with the Department of the Navy. For the sake of public interest, Council notes that the Rural and Critical Lands Policy prohibits purchase of property for one year after the property is rezoned.

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Moreover, the Ordinance restricts the County from paying more than current appraised fair market value for the property.

Adopted a joint resolution with the Board of Education (subject to wordsmithing) communicating to the South Carolina General Assembly to allege that the Beaufort County School District is a "Rogue District" is inaccurate; and further, that South Carolina General Assembly must take action to consider and establish laws which adjust and account for a School District's loss in EFA funding when establishing the millage limitation base used in funding public education in South Carolina.

Approved on first reading, by title only, a third amendment to the Del Webb Development Agreement agreeing to pay, or causing to be paid, a Transportation Fee (Hilton Head Island/Daufuskie Island Southern Beaufort Roads Impact Fees) of \$1,552 per house, in addition to what they are currently paying.

Approved on second reading an ordinance of the County of Beaufort, South Carolina, Lady's Island Map amendment to the Lady's Island R-200-5-37A (1.28 acres) from Rural Residential and Lady's Island Community Preservation District.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading a Beaufort County Zoning Map amendment/rezoning request to Lady's Island R200-15-597, from Lady's Island Community Preservation (LICP) District and Lady's Island Expanded Home Business (LIEHB) to Lady's Island Expanded Home Business (LIEHB) District.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading a Beaufort County Zoning Map amendment/rezoning request for Port Royal Island R100-24-78C (12.2 acres), from Light Industrial (LI) to Rural with Transitional Overlay (R-TO).

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance/ZDSO, Article V, Table 106-1098—General Use Table (to permit Institutional Residential Uses in the Rural District as a Special Use), subject to review and approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBOA).

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance/ZDSO that add or amend Tree Standards and Definitions: Section 106-18, Definitions; Section 106-1648, Resource Protection; and Section 106-1846, Forests.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance adopting Intergovernmental Impact Fees Agreements between Beaufort County and the Town of Bluffton.

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Awarded a contract to General Engineering & Environmental, LLC, Charleston, South Carolina, in the amount of \$189,980 to perform the stormwater quality monitoring, testing, and analysis as recommended by the County's Stormwater Master Plan.

Approved a change order for Mock Plumbing & Mechanical Inc., in the amount of \$187,984 to install insulation and shading materials at the Battery Creek and Beaufort High Schools' pools, and at the MC Riley Elementary School pool, with the caveat Staff is to contact both DWG, Inc. and Mock Plumbing & Mechanical Inc., to discuss their contributing additional funds towards the cost.

Awarded a contract to Manatron, Inc., Portage, Michigan, in the amount of \$1,320,830 for new Computer-Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA), Tax Billing and Collection, and Business License Systems.

Approved on second reading an ordinance authorizing an issuance and sale of general obligation bonds not exceeding \$20,000,000 to provide for Capital Projects for the Rural and Critical Lands Program.

Approved on second reading an ordinance authorizing an issuance and sale of general obligation bonds not exceeding \$5,500,000 for construction of the southern portion of Buckwalter Parkway.

Approved on second reading a third amendment to the Del Webb Development Agreement agreeing to pay, or causing to be paid, a Transportation Fee (Hilton Head Island/Daufuskie Island Southern Beaufort Roads Impact Fees) of \$1,552 per house, in addition to what they are currently paying.

Approved on first reading an ordinance to postpone for one property tax year the implementation of revised values resulting from the Equalization Program provided pursuant to Section 12-43-217(A) of the 1976 *Code of Laws of South Carolina*.

Approved on first reading an amendment to Ordinance 2006/14, appropriating accumulated year-end fund balance of Bluffton Fire District in an amount of \$40,000 to be used for the purchase and installation of an emergency traffic signal.

Approved on first reading a Beaufort County Zoning Map amendment to four southern Beaufort County parcels from Light Industrial District to the following R600-21-9, 9A, 10 and 199 (4 parcels, 44.45 total acreage) to Resource Conservation District.

Approved on first reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance/ZDSO, Article IV, Section 106-962, Research and Development (RD) District (amends the minimum acreage and road access standards).

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Approved on first reading a text amendment to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance/ZDSO, Article V, Table 106-1098-General Use Table (clarifies uses in the Light Industrial District).

Approved on first reading Comprehensive Plan Map amendments for R603-13-3, 3A, 3B, and 61 (101.359 acres, to be known as Okatie Marsh PUD) from Rural Service area to Residential/Light Commercial area.

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Approved on first reading, by title only, a proposed Development Agreement for Okatie Marsh Planned Unit Development.

Reappointed Mr. Arthur Middleton, representing northern Beaufort County, to serve as a member of the Parks and Leisure Services Board.

Reappointed Mr. Allen Stern, representing southern Beaufort County, to serve as a member of the Parks and Leisure Services Board.

Reappointed Mr. Gordon Bowers, representing Solid Waste District 7 (Lady's Island), to serve as a member of the Solid Waste/Recycling Board.

Appointed Mr. George Potts, representing Solid Waste District 9 (Bluffton Township), to serve as a member of the Solid Waste/Recycling Board.

Directed the County Administrator, in cooperation with the Trust for Public Land and the Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Board, to purchase the development rights on 160 acres from Paul Sanders (Sanders Farm) for a total purchase price of \$1,680,000. The purchase structure is as follows: \$420,000 from the County, \$420,000 from the SC Conservation Bank, and \$840,000 from the Federal Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program. The property is located on St. Helena Island off Seaside Road. Half the property contains forested acreage and other half is in agricultural protection.

Directed the County Administrator, in cooperation with the Trust for Public Land and the Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Board, to purchase a conservation easement on 92 acres from Norman Jones (Scott Hill LP) for a total purchase price of \$360,000, less a ten percent donation (\$36,000) to the County at closing. The property is located on St. Helena Island off Scott Hill Road. A majority of the property is forested. Approximately 20% of the acreage is in agriculture. The primary use of the property is timberland.