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Council Action Summary October 2007

October 8, 2007

Adopted a resolution asking the Beaufort County municipalities to consider incorporating the Lawful Employment provisions into their business license program.

Approved on second reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 62, Solid Waste (clarifies current policy and operating procedures).

Appropriated FY 2007-2008 accommodations tax (2% state) funds in the amount of \$400,000 as follows: (i) Arts League of Hilton Head \$2,000; (ii) Arts Center of Coastal Carolina \$10,000; (iii) Arts Council of Beaufort County \$6,000; (iv) Beaufort County Black Chamber of Commerce \$11,500; (v) Beaufort Marine Institute, Inc. (Fishing Tournament) \$3,000; (vi) Beaufort Performing Arts, Inc. \$11,000; (vii) Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce (Marketing \$40,000 and Operations \$35,000); (viii) Beaufort Tennis Association \$5,500; (ix) Bluffton Association of Baseball and Softball \$25,000; (x) Bluffton Historical Preservation Society \$25,000; (xi) Coastal Discovery Museum \$15,000; (xii) Daufuskie Island Foundation (Daufuskie Day) \$4,000; (xiii) Exchange Club (Ghost Tours) \$2,000; (xiv) Friends of Hunting Island State Park \$15,000; (xv) Fripp Island Friends of Music \$1,000; (xvi) Gullah Festival of South Carolina \$8,750; (xvii) Hilton Head Concours d'elegance \$10,000; (xviii) Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce \$50,000; (xix) Hilton Head Regional Partnership Foundation \$10,000; (xx) Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra \$5,000; (xxi) Historic Beaufort Foundation (Fall Festival of Homes) \$3,500; (xxii) Keep Beaufort County Beautiful \$1,000; (xxiii) Lowcountry Resort Island Tourism Commission \$25,000; (xxiv) Main Street Beaufort, USA \$30,000; (xxv) Native Island Business and Community Affairs (Hilton Head Gullah Celebration) \$8,750; (xxvi) Old Town Bluffton Merchants \$9,000; (xxvii) Old Village Association of Port Royal (Festivals) \$15,000; (xxviii) Penn Center \$7,000; (xxix) Sandbox (An Interactive Children's Museum) \$2,000; (xxx) Society of Bluffton Artists \$2,000; and (xxxi) St. Helena Episcopal Church (Tour of Homes) \$2,000.

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Awarded a contract to Beaufort Construction, Inc., Beaufort, SC, in the amount of \$551,431.95 for the design and construction of a hangar and associated taxiway improvements at Beaufort County Airport (Lady's Island) for the Mosquito Control helicopter. The funding source is FY 2005 Capital Improvement Program funds. (The Mosquito Control Department is relocating its office operation/equipment/rolling stock, etc. to this 5,000 square foot hangar.)

Awarded a contract to Industrial Tractor, Ladson, SC, in the amount of \$97,300 for the purchase of a John Deere 444J Wheel Loader. The funding source is the Stormwater Utility Budget, Specialized Capital Equipment.

Awarded a contract to Bakers Waste Equipment, Inc., in the amount of \$51,043.28 for two compactors and four containers for collection and recycling of cardboard.

Awarded a contract to Heavy D's Maintenance, LLC, in the amount of \$70,296 for janitorial services for 7 facilities north of the Broad River.

Awarded a contract to Care Environmental Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for two events, one north of the Broad River and one south of the Broad River, to collect household hazardous waste and dispose of it properly.

Awarded a contract to Kimley-Horn and Associates in the amount of \$1,405,000 for engineering design services for improvements to US Highway 21 (Boundary Street) and a new parallel roadway.

Approved the recommended 2008 Benefit Plan providers: (i) Blue Cross/Blue Shield for Health Insurance; (ii) United Concordia for Dental Insurance; (iii) Spectera for Vision Insurance; (iv) Standard Insurance Company for Life, Supplement Life, and AD&D; (v) and Standard Insurance Company for Short-Term Disability, and (vi) the changes in the Employee Contribution Program for year 2008.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading text amendments to the *Beaufort County Code of Ordinances*, Chapter 62, Solid Waste (clarifies current policy and operating procedures).

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading a Beaufort County Zoning Map for Southern Beaufort County for seven parcels from Light Industrial District; R600-21-11, 11F, 76, 77, 78, 81 and 311 (7 parcels, 17.69 total acreage) to Research and Development District; owners: Gordon K. Faulkner (11), Henry L. Bumgardner, Jr. (11F) Dorothy and Martin Porter (76), Melanie and Martin Reeder (77), Molande Group Ltd. (78), and Martin Kirk (81) Bemis P. Howell (311).

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Held a public hearing and adopted a resolution in support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its Economic Development Revenue Bonds (CNC Components and Millwork, Inc. Project) Series 2007, pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the *Code of Laws of South Carolina*, 1976, as amended, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$6,000,000.

Approved the allocation of \$170,000 as matching dollars to Historic Beaufort Foundation to help with the exterior restoration of the Beaufort Arsenal. The funding source is the tourism and infrastructure portion of 3% local accommodations tax funds. The County's release of its \$170,000 contribution shall occur at the same time and same quantity when the City of Beaufort releases their \$170,000 contribution.

Approved the allocation of \$350,000 from the County-wide advertising portion of the 3% local accommodations tax funds. The funds would be distributed 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--*Treasured Coast* Campaign \$140,000.

Approved the outside agencies' funding recommendations for fiscal year 2008: Beaufort Conservation District \$25,000, B/I Waster and Sewer Authority \$5,000, Child Abuse Preservation Association \$35,000, Clemson Extension \$7,500, Coastal Empire Community Mental Health Services \$140,000, Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse \$18,000, DHEC \$75,240, Economic Opportunity Commission \$7,000, Hope Haven \$17,000, Literacy Volunteers \$10,000, Palmetto Breeze \$247,000, Senior Services \$70,000, Alliance/Asset Development Institute \$10,000, and Together for Beaufort Initiatives \$50,000.

Approved a request for two additional positions -- Program Director and Judgment Administrator -- for the Clerk to Court's Office. The funding source is the discretionary account in the Clerk of Court's budget.

Approved the purchase of 32.7 acres on SC Highway 170, including 17.61 acres of upland and about 13 acres of marsh. The property, a portion of the parcel known as the Burch Tract, is located northeast of the intersection of SC Highway 170, the Okatie Highway, and includes about 2,000 feet of highway frontage. The acquisition cost of the acreage is \$520,000, and the landowner has agreed to gift back \$75,000, bringing the total purchase amount to \$445,000.