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Council Action Summary January 2009

January 2, 2009

Elected Mr. Weston Newton to serve as Chairman of the 2009 / 2010 Beaufort County Council.

Elected Mr. Paul Sommerville to serve as Vice Chairman of the 2009 / 2010 Beaufort County Council.

January 12, 2009

Authorized the County Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Beaufort Housing Authority, Beaufort County, LCOG, City of Beaufort, Town of Port Royal, and Town of Bluffton for the purpose of establishing a framework for a coordinated application to the South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority for funding under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

Adopted a resolution to submit a grant application to the South Carolina Department of Transportation for dollar-to-dollar match assistance in an amount not to exceed Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) for ferry service to and from Daufuskie Island.

Awarded a contract to REA Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$772,369.10 for Ribaut Road intersection improvements, with the condition that a subcontractor from Cross, South Carolina, which was listed as a small/minority business, be replaced since it is not a local business.

Awarded a contract to REA Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$457,278 for the Lady's Island Convenience Center renovation project, with the condition the contractor use a local business.

Awarded a contract to Austin Builders, Hardeeville, SC, in the amount of \$109,913, for the Basil Green Park concession stand and storage shed construction project.

Adopted the 2009 regular meeting schedule.

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Approved the hawkers and peddlers license fees for 2009 as follows: \$75 for County residents; \$500 for State, but not County residents; and \$1,000 for nonresidents.

Approved on third and final reading a Southern Beaufort County Zoning Map amendment / rezoning request for R600-22-125; 63.12 acres known as St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church and School on US Highway 278 in Bluffton, from Rural (R) to Suburban (S); with the knowledge that the existing full traffic lights will remain and the frontage road process will continue and the existing Planned Unit Development requirements will be implemented as stated in the PUD document.

Approved on third and final reading text amendments to the Flood Plain Regulations, Section 78-31, Basis for Establishing Areas of Special Flood Hazard; Section 78-38(d)(13), Use of Best Available Data; and Section 78-72, Standards for Streams with Established Base Flood Elevations but without Floodways (adds regulations required for continued participation in the National Flood Insurance Program).

Approved on third and final reading text amendments to Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO), Appendix A1. Airport Overlay District / MCAS-Beaufort, Section 5. Use Limitations (clarifies that residential units over commercial shall be counted towards the allowable density within accident potential and noise zones).

Approved on third and final reading a text amendment to the Beaufort County Comprehensive Plan, Natural Resources Element (Chapter 5) (replaces in-kind the existing Element) and includes the clarifications and/or scrivener's errors as outlined in a memorandum dated December 4, 2008 from Planning Director Tony Criscitiello to Beaufort County Council.

Approved on first reading a St. Helena Island Zoning Map Amendment for R300-16-316, 0.82 acre at the corner of US Highway 21 and Peter Smalls Road, from Corners Area Community Preservation District to Public Market District.

Approved on first reading a text amendment to Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO), Appendix K, Division 2. Public Market District, Section 11. Limited and Special Use Standards (add to Commercial Retail Neighborhood Standards to include variety stores, limited to 8000 square feet and fronting US Highway 21).

Approved on first reading a text amendment to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, Article XV, Section 106-3176(2) (Signage Requirements for Corridor Overlay District); add "Restaurant Food Specials" as allowable changeable copy on a sign.

Accepted Sago Palm Drive and Evan Way, serving a proposed elementary school in Bluffton, with the School District meeting certain conditions: (i) the School District shall bring both roads up to County standards, (ii) the School District shall acquire 50 feet of right-of-way, (iii) if there is a traffic signal needed at some point, the School District shall pay for it, and (iv) the School

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District shall provide a letter stating they will fund any required traffic controls that may be necessary in the future. The County is in receipt of correspondence dated January 6, 2009 from Board of Education Chairman Fred Washington to County Engineer Robert Klink which reads as follows: "Please allow this letter to serve as confirmation that Beaufort County School District will be responsible for any expenses associated with the installation of a traffic signal and related road improvements at the junction of Evan Way Right of Way and Highway 170 not paid for through traffic impact fees. Beaufort County Schnook District is grateful for the agreement by Beaufort County to accept ownership and maintenance of the Evan Way and Sago Palm Drive Rights of Way following completion of the roads and traffic signal."

January 26, 2009

Awarded Contract #34 dirt road reconstruction to Cleland Site Prep, Inc., in the amount of \$870,716.01, for the construction and paving of Browns Island Road, Stroup Road, White Sands Circle, Tabby Road, Levant Road, Hunt Terrace, Old Dawson Acres, Mt. Pisgah Road, Phoenix Road, and Honeysuckle ditch renovation.

Approved on second reading a St. Helena Island Zoning Map amendment for R300-16-316, 0.82 acre at the corner of US Highway 21 and Peter Smalls Road, from Corners Area Community Preservation District to Public Market District.

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Approved on first reading a Southern Beaufort County Zoning Map amendment to the Callawassie Planned Unit Development (PUD) Master Plan (R600-15a-124) to allow communication towers in the area Designated Utility And Service Area subject to the following conditions: (i) The tower shall be monopole in design. (ii) The maximum tower height, including antennae, shall be 145 feet. (iii) The tower shall meet all requirements of the ZDSO in effect at the time of permitting. (iv) The applicant shall install a light on the tower full time with no trial period.

Postponed discussion for a time certain of four months while the applicant pursues a special use through the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Development Review Team for approval consideration, and back to Council where staff will report on the status of this special use.

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Approved on second reading an ordinance of the County of Beaufort, South Carolina, to amend the Beaufort County Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Element (add Rural Policies and amendments the Future Land Use Map).

Postponed consideration of a request to adjust the boundaries of the easement parcel in tandem with the change in the location of the OCRM line, until such time as Council has a full understanding of what the County bought, how it was conveyed to the County, what the descriptions were, and what the total acreage is Council is being ask to convey to the people who we bought to property from.

Voted to change Mr. Robert Semmler designation from the At-Large slot to Comprehensive Plan Planning Area, Port Royal Island. This change in designation does not extend his term.

Appointed Mr. Alan Herd to serve as member on the Planning Commission.

Adopted a resolution requesting that the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina consider new legislation that would exempt local governments, who partner with the State for funds, from the requirement that it must accept, as a condition precedent to the receipt and use of state funds, the incorporation of State procurement regulations into its local bidding and procurement practices.

Adopted a resolution urging the Legislature of the State of South Carolina, to continue to fund the efforts of the Lowcountry Economic Alliance through a Department of Commerce earmark with the 2009 - 2010 budget.

Adopted a resolution urging the Legislature of the State of South Carolina during the 2009 Session to (i) amend the South Carolina economic development criteria so that it is based on average regional wage instead of per-capita income; (ii) amend South Carolina's incentives qualifications for headquarters relocations so that incentives are available as long as a minimum of 10% of corporate payroll is dedicated to headquarters employees who earn twice the state per-capita income; (iii) adding knowledge-intensive business to the SC Department of Commerce's definition of types of businesses that qualify for state incentives. The Network defines knowledge-intensive businesses as those that primarily arc dependent upon the professional and intellectual expertise of their workforce and the translation and distribution of their product to various markets. These companies include the healthcare, computer and information technology, architecture, business and financial operations, arts and design sectors; and adding a tax credit to the multi-county industrial park program for companies whose new construction meets LEED and Energy Star standards.