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Council Action Summary

April 2010

April 12, 2010

Adopted a resolution endorsing the St. Helena Island public library project at Penn Center for the children and residents of St. Helena Island area; accepting the generous offer of the Penn Center Board of Directors to use approximately ten acres of the Penn Center campus as the future site for the St. Helena Island public library; and authorizing the County Administrator to submit a request to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide \$8,500,000 in a grant and loan combination for the development and construction of the St. Helena Island public library. The USDA grant and loan combination represents \$2,500,000 grant with a \$6,000,000, forty year, 4% loan [EPR of two point four (2.4%)]. Further, Administration will move expeditiously to utilize the donation of the Penn Center property, the \$8.5 million USDA grant and loan and the \$1.5 million Community Enrichment Grant develop and construct the St. Helena Island public library at Penn Center.

Approved on third and final reading text amendments to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO), Article XV, Section 106-3176(2) Signage Requirements for Corridor Overlay District (adds School and House of Worship Signs as Allowable Changeable Signs).

Approved on third and final reading a text amendment to the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO), Appendix I, Division 5, Section 5.8.E (Signage – Special Conditions) (allows additional signs for single occupancy buildings designed with a multiple storefront façade in Lady's Island Village Center).

Held a public hearing on text amendments to Chapter 14, Article II, Animal Control Ordinance (rewrite of ordinance).

Adopted a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to prepare and submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Infrastructure grant application in the amount of \$500,000 for the Burton Community Water Project and to commit funds in the amount of 10% of the grant request to meet its matching requirement of the Community Development Block Grant Program. Funding source is account #14000-55000.

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Authorized the Sheldon Fire District to purchase a new 257 GPM pumper to replace the 1986 pumper. The funding source is a USDA Rural Development grant in the amount of \$151,250. Sheldon Fire District portion is \$123,750.

Approved on first reading an amendment to the Village at Lady's Island Planned Unit Development (PUD) to extend the sunset date to January 1, 2011.

Adopted a resolution endorsing and approving the Beaufort County Parks and Leisure Services Board's recommended changes to the fee schedule for Youth Summer Camp and to include multiple siblings' discount. Further, that Beaufort County Parks and Leisure Services Board will continue to monitor and evaluate the use of recreational programs and facilities, and when appropriate, provide additional recommendations to County Council for consideration and response.

Approved the purchase of six acres at a price of \$305,000 per acre from Martin sisters' through the Rural and Critical Lands Program. The property is known as Barrel Landing. It is located near the intersection of US Highway 278 / SC Highway 170 intersection at the headwaters of the Okatie River. It is part of the County's effort to protect the headwaters of the Okatie River.

Authorized the staff attorney to affect an eminent domain process for a drainage easement on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Buoni on or near Pleasant Point Drive on Lady's Island.

Approved the revised purchase price for the acquisition of a one-half undivided interest in a 1.06 acre tract of land known as The Green in the City of Beaufort in the amount of \$685,000 to be paid by the County in the amount of \$342,500 with the balance payable by the Beaufort County Open Land Trust and the City of Beaufort all in accordance with the Terms and Assignment of Option in favor of Conservation Consulting Company dated June 24, 2009.

Purchased through the Rural and Critical Lands Program a block of property containing eight platted lots totaling 2.534 acres on St. Helena Island at a total purchase price of \$530,000 in accordance with the Terms and Assignment of Option in favor of Conservation Consulting Company dated January 29, 2010. This property is located adjacent to Ft. Fremont. Further, a first right of refusal applies to the other property discussed in executive session.

April 26, 2010

Approved on second reading an amendment to the Village at Lady's Island Planned Unit Development to extend the sunset date to January 1, 2011.

Approved on third and final reading text amendments to Chapter 14, Article II, Animal Control Ordinance (rewrite of ordinance).

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Awarded a design contract to Liollo Architecture for the design of the St. Helena Island Public Library at Penn Center in the amount of \$1,211,637 (variable design fee based on building size \$585,750; fixed design fees \$625,887) as funded by the utilization of \$8.5 million USDA grant/loan package (\$6 million loan, \$2.5 million USDA grant) and \$1.5 million Community Enrichment Grant (CDBG) as described on Resolution 2010-9.