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Council Action Summary May 2011

May 9, 2011

Approved a Consortium Agreement between the Lowcountry Council of Governments, the Lowcountry Workforce Investment Board, and the Counties of Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper.

Awarded a contract to Manatron in the amount of \$204,300 for Building Codes software, installation, data conversion, training and services to be funded from account 11435-56000.

Accepted the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission Grant Offer 11-002 in the amount of \$32,718 for projects at the Hilton Head Island Airport. FAA Grant #30 (\$1,243,296) and the associated State Grant #11-002 (\$32,718) will pay 97.5% of the cost for the following projects at the Hilton Head Island Airport: Runway 21 On-Airport Tree Obstruction Removal and Mitigation, Design Services for Lighted Sign Relocation, Reimbursement of Legal Expenses (Avigation Easements), and Preparation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise.

Awarded a contract to JS Construction Services, Inc. in the amount of \$494,695 for the Buckwalter Regional Park Soccer Field III addition. This project is to be funded from Bluffton PALS Impact Fees account 09030-54451.

Awarded a change order to add bathrooms to the pavilion, construct a second multi-purpose field, and fence the remaining perimeter of the park to JoCo Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$231,290 from the Lady's Island PALS Impact Fees account 09060-54450.

Awarded a one-time appropriation of \$101,000 hospitality tax funds, as recommended by the Accommodations Tax Board as follows: Penn Center, Inc. - \$10,000; Beaufort County Black Chamber of Commerce - \$5,000; Main Street Beaufort, USA - \$3,000; Arts Council of Beaufort County - \$2,500; Bluffton Historical Preservation Society - \$7,000; Concours d'Elegance - \$3,500; Friends of Fort Freemont - \$4,000; Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra - \$1,000; Gullah Festival of South Carolina - \$8,000; Historic Beaufort Foundation - \$1,000; Coastal Discovery Museum - \$2,000; Lowcountry Estuarium - \$1,000; Daufuskie Island Historical Foundation -

\$2,000; Mitchelville Preservation - \$8,000; Arts Center of Coastal Carolina - \$7,000; The Sandbox - \$1,000; Friends of Hunting Island State Park - \$5,000; Literacy Volunteers of the Lowcountry - \$5,000; Lowcountry Tourism - \$4,000; Hilton Head Island Chamber of Commerce - \$10,000; Main Street Youth Theater - \$1,000; and Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce - \$10,000.

Approved on first reading a text amendment to the Beaufort County Comprehensive Plan. Appendix L. Buckwalter Parkway Access Management Plan, with a new Figure 5 that allows the installation of a temporary light at Parker Drive which shall be removed upon completion of Phase 5B of the Buckwalter Parkway, and the median opening at Parker Drive will be closed upon completion of Phase 5B, and Phase 5B alignment shall remain as is, and as part of Phase 5B construction, two additional residential access points will be simultaneously built to provide three residential access points for adjacent residents.

Approved on first reading text amendment to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, adding a new article: Article XVII. Transfer of Development Rights.

Approved on first reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO) that allow for control of stormwater volume from “lots of record but not built.” These controls will mitigate water resource impacts from construction in previously approved developments that do not have volume controls. Section 106-7. Exemptions of Development Types; Section 106-8. Exemption from Subdivision Review; Section 106-18. Definitions. (adding new definition—Best Management Practices, On-Site); Section 106-732. Zoning Permit; Section 106-2857. Exemptions from Site Runoff Control and Drainage Planning/Design; Section 106-2861. Retention / Detention Facilities; Section 106-2865. On-Site Single Family Lot, Best Management Practices (BMP) (adding new section).

Approved on first reading an ordinance to establish, pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the *Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976*, as amended, a multi-county industrial/business park, to be known as the Riverport Multi-county Park, in conjunction with Jasper County, South Carolina, such park to be geographically located in Jasper County, South Carolina; to provide for a written agreement with Jasper County as to the sharing of the revenues and expenses of the park; to provide for the distribution of revenues from the park among taxing entities having jurisdiction over the park; to provide for a fee in lieu of ad valorem taxation; and other matters related thereto.

Approved on first reading, by title only, the School District FY 2012 budget which includes no tax increase.

Approved on first reading an ordinance for regulation of towing from private property in Beaufort County.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading a Beaufort County Zoning Map amendment for R100 015 0000 0051 and R100 015 0000 015A (known as the Village at Lady's Island Planned Unit Development (PUD), approximately 35+ acres total, bordered by Sam's Point and Oyster Factory Roads); from PUD to Lady's Island Community Preservation District (LICP) and Lady's Island Expanded Home Business (LIEHB) Zoning Districts.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading text amendments to the Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction Ordinance, Section 104(1) Section 105(1), Section 106(1), Section 106(2)(g), Section 109(6), Section 109(8)(b), Section 109(13), Section 109(16)(c), Section 109(24)(b), Section 109(24)(c), Section 111(2), Section 111(4) and Section 115(1).

Approved on third and final reading an agreement between Beaufort County, South Carolina and Jasper County, South Carolina for the establishment of a multi-county industrial / business park; and an ordinance to establish a multi-county industrial park to be known as Cypress Ridge Multi-County Industrial Park in conjunction with Jasper County, South Carolina.

Denied further consideration regarding the purchase of the Beaufort Commerce Park.

Approved the appointment status of Mr. Robert Semmler to at-large representative and Mr. Ron Petit to representative of Port Royal Island on the Planning Commission. Terms of office follow the individual.

Purchased the conservation easement on Coosaw Plantation totaling 1,584 acres of rural land, including more than 10 miles of waterfront, in partnership with the Marine Corps Air Station, and contingent upon the County being able to use this as a debris site in the event of a natural disaster. The purchase price is \$2,493,000. The Rural and Critical Lands Program is contributing \$833,000 and the Department of Defense \$1,660,000.

May 23, 2011

Reaffirmed the commitment and authority of the County Administrator to move forward with the tree cutting application posthaste.

Adopted a resolution allowing the Beaufort County Administrator to institute certain measures cutting costs and reducing expenditures through the implementation of mandatory unpaid furlough days due to unforeseen economic conditions.

Approved on second reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO) that allow for control of stormwater volume from "lots of record but not built." These controls will mitigate water resource impacts from construction in previously approved developments that do not have volume controls. Section 106-7. Exemptions of Development Types; Section 106-8. Exemption from Subdivision Review; Section 106-18. Definitions. (adding new definition—Best Management Practices, On-Site); Section 106-732.

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Approved on first reading an ordinance based on the request from the Beaufort County Board of Education to amend the School District 2010-2011 general fund budget to accommodate the change in state funding sources pursuant with Proviso 1.79 of the General Appropriations Act of 2010.

Approved Sheldon Fire District's request to purchase an engine pumper to be financed for \$56,000, over a six year period.

Approved on first reading text amendment to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, adding a new article: Article XVII. Transfer of Development Rights.

Approved on first reading an ordinance to amend County Council stipend to install a cap of 120 meetings per the fiscal year.

Approved on first reading Clemson Extension request for financial assistance in the amount of \$30,000 with the development of a Lowcountry Farmers / School District Economic Partnership, and to loan the grant application to Penn Center if the USDA grant is approved and a business plan, approved by the administrative staff, is submitted to Council.

Approved on second reading the School District FY 2012 budget tax levy of 91.61 mills school operations and 28.00 mills school debt service.

Approved on first reading the proposed FY 2011 / 2012 budget at 40.21 mills County Operations, 2.76 mills Purchase of Real Property Program, and 4.57 mills County Debt Service. Additionally, Bluffton Fire District at 19.67 mills operating and .38 mills debt service, Burton Fire District at 55.87 mills operating and 5.53 mills debt service, Daufuskie Island Fire District at 30.71 mills operating and 0.00 mills debt service, Lady's Island/St. Helena Island Fire District 31.00 mills operating and 1.50 mills debt service, and Sheldon Fire District 32.22 mills operating and 2.18 mills debt service.