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Council Action Summary

January 2015

January 2, 2015

Elected D. Paul Sommerville to serve as Chairman of the 2015 / 2016 Beaufort County Council.

Elected Jerry Stewart to serve as Vice Chairman of the 2015 / 2016 Beaufort County Council.

January 12, 2015

Adopted the 2015 caucus and regular meeting schedule.

Approved the 2015 hawkers and peddlers license fees as follows: \$75 for County residents; \$500 for State, but not County residents; and \$1,000 for nonresidents.

Approved on second reading an ordinance appropriating funds not to exceed \$412,500 from the local (3%) accommodations tax funds to the County General Fund for design and rehabilitation improvements to the Daufuskie Island pier.

Approved on second reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a right of way encumbering property owned jointly by Beaufort County and the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

Approved on second reading an ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$8,500,000 Limited General Obligation Bonds of Beaufort County, South Carolina (Bluffton Township Fire District), Series 2015 or such other appropriate series designation; fixing the form and details of the bonds; authorizing the County Administrator or his designee to determine certain matters relating to the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds and disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto (Projects: Maintenance Facility, Fire Engine Fleet Replacement, Training Facility and Area).

Approved on second reading a Zoning Map amendment (Lady's Island) R200-15-51, -51A, -724, and -725 (39.03 acres, known as the Village at Oyster Bluff PUD, from Lady's Island Community Preservation (LICP) District and Lady's Island Expanded Home Business District (LIEHB) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) with conditions: (i) Approval of this PUD does not constitute endorsement of the proposed right-in/right-out intersection on Sams Point Road. Any additional access on Sams Point road would need to meet the County's separation standards; be carefully considered during the development permitting process; and, if approved, be accompanied by necessary on-site and off-site mitigation as determined by the Beaufort County Transportation Engineer. (ii) As recommended by the Beaufort County Transportation Engineer, the applicant should include traffic calming measures for Sunset Boulevard into the proposed Master Plan to address and minimize vehicle speeds above the posted speed limit. (iii) The PUD document should address the timing of the paving of Oyster Factory Road at a point in the development where 30% of the houses have been constructed.

Appropriated the 2015 accommodations tax funds to the following organizations: Arts Center of Coastal Carolina \$12,000, Beaufort Black Chamber of Commerce \$75,000, Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce \$75,000, Beaufort Film Festival \$17,500, Beaufort Historical Society \$6,000, Bluffton Historical Preservation Society \$20,000, Coastal Discovery Museum \$20,000, Colleton River Plantation Club \$10,000, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry \$10,000, Daufuskie Island Foundation \$15,000, Daufuskie Island Historical Foundation \$3,000, Fort Fremont \$10,000, Friends of Fort Fremont \$12,000, Friends of Spanish Moss Trail \$10,000, Green's Sustainability in Golf Program \$6,000, Hilton Head Island Choral Society \$3,000, Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance, Inc. \$20,000, Hilton Head Island Symphony \$6,000, Hilton Head Island/Bluffton Chamber of Commerce \$25,000, Historic Beaufort Foundation \$5,000, Lowcountry Golf Club Owners Association \$12,000, Lowcountry Resort and Tourism \$30,000, Main Street, Beaufort, USA \$15,000, Mitchelville Preservation Project \$30,000, Native Island Business and Community Affairs Association \$20,000, Penn Center Heritage Days \$30,000, and The Sandbox: An Interactive Children's Museum \$2,500.

Awarded a contract to JOCO Construction, Beaufort, South Carolina in the amount of \$459,000 to construct a new concession stand, restroom facilities and storage building at Wesley Felix Park. The source of funding is St. Helena Parks and Leisure Services Impact Fees-Wesley Felix Park Renovations, account #26550011-54451.

Approved on first reading an ordinance of the County of Beaufort, South Carolina, to amend County Council stipend from \$40 to \$50 per meeting and to amend the number of meetings from 144 to 180 for the fiscal year.

Held a public hearing on the S.C. Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for Beaufort County.

January 26, 2015

Authorized the County Administrator to execute a loan agreement in the amount of \$4.0 million with Santee Cooper for the construction of a 40,000-square foot prospect building at county-owned property at Myrtle Park.

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance authorizing the County Administrator to execute a Lease Agreement with the Santa Elena Project Foundation for the Federal Courthouse (1501 Bay Street).

Adopted a resolution to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between the County and the South Carolina Association of Counties relating to the South Carolina Association of Counties being authorized and designated as the claimant agent for the County pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act of 2003, as amended, and to authorize the Beaufort County Library to use the procedures provided in Chapter 56, Title 12 as the initial step in the collection of delinquent fees.

Approved the condemnation of the platted right of way for Devonwood Drive in order to facilitate paving of the road. After Devonwood Drive is resurfaced, all county vehicles shall use the asphalt portion of this roadway to access and depart from the county fuel depot. The dirt road portion of Devonwood Drive is off limits to county vehicles.

Authorized the acquisition of Trotter's Loop, by condemnation, if necessary, along those parcels in the first 3,600 feet of this dirt road.

Approved the Community Development Block Grant 2015 Needs Assessment priority rankings as follows: (i) Neighborhood Improvement Projects (multiple activities) in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods to include Buckingham Point, Crystal Lake, Salem Road, and others as identified, (ii) Public Infrastructure and Facilities to include County Community Services One-Stop facility, water/sewer service in Seabrook, Stuart Point, other areas as identified, as well as drainage (areas that qualify and are priorities of the Stormwater Utility Department), (iii) infrastructure to support new and existing businesses.

Awarded a contract to Butler Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep of Beaufort, South Carolina in the amount of \$141,246 for the purchase of six 2015 Dodge Grand Caravans. The source of funding is the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs – Vehicle Purchases.

Amended the indoor pool hours at two facilities: (i) Beaufort High School - Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 Noon to 8:00 p.m. (ii) Battery Creek High School – Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 12:00 Noon to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Approved on first reading an ordinance authorizing the donation of approximately 0.39 acres of County-owned real estate to the Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA). Further, the property shall be held by the Child Abuse Prevention Association, its successor and assigns and for so long as the premises are used as a house for abused children. If the premises at any time are not so used or are used for any other purpose or by any other organization, the premises shall revert to Beaufort County.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an appropriating funds not to exceed \$412,500 from the local (3%) accommodations tax funds to the County General Fund for design and rehabilitation improvements to the Daufuskie Island pier.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a right of way encumbering property owned jointly by Beaufort County and the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. (Spanish Wells Road (S-7-79) which is more particularly known as R511-077-000-075A and R511-007-000-075F located on Spanish Wells Road (S-7-79).

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the issues to be addressed. Such an alteration at Oyster Factory Road will occur within the existing right-of-way and up to ten (10') feet of buffer being provided by the Land Owner/Developer with funding by the Land Owner/Developer to be provided at the same time the asphaltting improvements to Oyster Factory Road are required. If the lane alterations indicated by the County-led study have not already been included in a County construction contract at the time the payment from the Land Owner/Developer is required to pave Oyster Factory Road, and, therefore, provide the funds for the land alterations, the Land Owner/Developer agrees to include the lane alteration construction as part of the Oyster Factory Road paving contract, subject to the overall cap on funding to be provided by the Land Owner/Developer hereinabove. Conversely, should the County seek to provide the road improvements at Miller Road prior to the required installation of the asphalt pavement for Oyster Factory Road, the County will include the lane alterations at Oyster Factory Road and Sunset Boulevard in a combined contract, and the Land Owner/Developer shall provide the agreed upon funding at the time agreed upon for those to be undertaken as set forth below. (iv) In order to address the timing of the paving improvements for Oyster Factory Road, the Land Owner/Developer agrees that such will be constructed at such time as thirty percent (30%) of the permitted residential units are completed.