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Council Action Summary

May 2015

May 11, 2015

Appointed Mr. Walter Young, representing lodging/hospitality, to serve as a member of the Accommodations Tax (2% State) Board.

Approved on second reading an ordinance to transfer funds not to exceed \$500,000 from the 2% local hospitality tax fund to the University of South Carolina - Beaufort Center for the Arts Renovation Project (replacement of lighting, sound system, drapery, electrical and seating).

Approved on first reading an ordinance to amend the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances to provide for the regulation of activities on Alljoy Beach and penalties for violation of the same.

Held the first of two public hearings and approved on second reading the FY 2015-2016 County budget proposal as follows: County Operations 48.77 mills, Purchase of Real Property Program 4.90 mills, County Debt 5.48 mills, Bluffton Fire District 24.02 mills operations and 1.22 mills debt service, Burton Fire District 60.66 mills operations and 5.26 mills debt service, Daufuskie Island Fire District 56.98 mills operations and 2.00 mills debt service, Lady's Island/St. Helena Island Fire District 36.94 mills operations and 2.20 mills debt service, and Sheldon Fire District 36.33 mills operations and 2.20 mills debt service.

Held the first of two public hearings and approved on first reading, by title only, the Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016 School District budget proposal as follows: School Operations 103.5 mills and School Bond Debt Service (principal and interest) 31.71 mills.

Postponed consideration of second reading of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$12,000,000 general obligation bonds and \$12,000,000 general obligation bond anticipation notes for the purchase of Pepper Hall Plantation to the June 8, 2015 meeting of Council. Further, direct administration to: (i) obtain a second legal opinion relative to a potential lawsuit, and (ii) obtain a recommendation from the Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Board to consider a 20-

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or 25-acre purchase along the front part of the property and to give Council their recommendation about a purchase and associated purchase price.

Authorized the County Administrator to execute the first amendment to the Solid Waste Management Disposal Agreement between Waste Management and Beaufort County that provides for a reduction in the County's current contract solid waste disposal rate and an extension of the contract term for a ten-year period of 2024.

In order to further relocation of staff from Arthur Horne Building and its subsequent demolition and removal, Council authorized the County Administrator to enter into a purchase agreement with Rhett Enterprises, LLC for real property located at 15 John Galt Road, TMS #R122 029 000 02A1 0000, for a purchase price of \$400,000; further, Council authorize the County Administrator to enter into a purchase agreement with Rhett Enterprises, LLC for real property located at 18 John Galt Road, TMS #R122 029 000 0262 0000, for a purchase price of \$275,000.

May 26, 2015

Appointed Ms. Louise Haacker, representing Council District 6, to serve as a member of the Bluffton Township Fire District Board.

Appointed Ms. Elaine Lust, representing Council District 8, to serve as a member of the Bluffton Township Fire District Board.

Appointed Mr. Geoffrey Brunning to serve as a member of the Daufuskie Island Fire District Board.

Appointed Mr. Herbert Glaze, representing at-large, to serve as a member of the Lowcountry Council of Governments Board.

Appointed Ms. Gail O'Kane, representing Council District 11, to serve as a member of the Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Board.

Appointed Mr. James Vineburg, representing southern Beaufort County, to serve as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Adopted a resolution supporting Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort and Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island and receipt and analysis of the recommendations of the 2015 Joint Land Use Studies.

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Awarded a contract to Fraser Construction, Bluffton, South Carolina in the amount of \$2,749,296 to build a maintenance facility for the Bluffton Township Fire District on 9.2 acres of land that the District owns at 199 Burnt Church Road. The source of funding is County Ordinance 2015/3, adopted January 26, 2015, authorizing the Bluffton Township Fire District to issue \$8.5 million general obligation bonds to fund three capital improvement projects.

Awarded a contract to Hutter Construction Corporation, Beaufort, South Carolina in the amount of \$241,500 for renovation of and improvement to two disabilities and special needs residential homes. The source of funding is account #24410011-54410, Disabilities and Special Needs Administration, including all Bluffton development costs.

Awarded a contract to Glick Boehm & Associates, Charleston, South Carolina in the amount of \$428,400 for architectural and engineering design services of the Animal Services and Control Facility. The source of funding is account #40090011-54600, New Animal Shelter CIP.

Awarded a primary contract for service to Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., Sarasota, Florida as well as a secondary contract for service to Crowder Gulf, Theodore, Alabama. Prior annual expenditures have not been established. Total costs are unit priced based on the cubic yards of debris generated by a hurricane or other debris-generating event handled by the firm. An estimated dollar amount for each firm was calculated by the County debris monitoring firm using an estimated average based on a hypothetical model. The actual cost will be determined by magnitude of each natural event impacting Beaufort County.

Awarded a contract to W M Roebuck, Inc., Lexington, South Carolina in the amount of \$154,449, plus a 10% project contingency of \$15,444, bringing the total budget to \$169,893 for the new traffic signal installation at the intersection of S.C. Highway 170 and Gibbet Road / Mill Creek. The source of funding is S.C. Highway 170 Widening Sales Tax Project, account #33403-54500 with an available balance of \$258,374 on May 13, 2015. All construction costs on the S.C. Highway 170 Widening project are reimbursable from the S.C. State Infrastructure Bank Grant. Additionally, the Mill Creek residential subdivision will be providing \$20,000 for funding the installation of the signal.

Approved on first reading an ordinance declaring certain real property as surplus property and authorizing Beaufort County to sell real property identified as TMP: R100 033 00A 021B 0000 upon such terms and conditions as he believes reasonably prudent and in the best interest of the citizens of Beaufort County.

Held the second of two public hearings and approved on third and final reading the FY 2015-2016 County budget proposal as follows: County Operations 48.77 mills, Purchase of Real Property Program 4.90 mills, County Debt 5.48 mills, Bluffton Fire District 24.02 mills operations and 1.22 mills debt service, Burton Fire District 60.66 mills operations and 5.26 mills debt service, Daufuskie Island Fire District 56.98 mills operations and 2.00 mills debt service, Lady's Island /

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