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Council Action Summary

November 2017

November 13, 2017

Accepted the Accommodations (2% State) Tax Board fiscal year 2018 grant recommendations to tourism-related organizations in the amount of \$540,000 as follows: Arts Center of Coastal Carolina - \$10,000, Beaufort Art Association - \$1,000, Beaufort County Black Chamber of Commerce - \$81,000, Beaufort Film Society - \$15,000, Beaufort History Museum - \$30,000, Beaufort History Museum, Project 2 - \$8,000, Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce - \$100,000, Bluffton Historical Preservation Society - \$15,000, Coastal Discovery Museum - \$20,000, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry - \$5,000, Daufuskie Island Foundation - \$5,500, Daufuskie Island Historical Foundation - \$4,000, David M. Carmines Foundation - \$10,000, Exchange Club and Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA) - \$500, Farmers Market of Bluffton - \$2,000, Friends of Fort Freemont - \$7,000, Friends of the Spanish Moss Trail - \$3,750, Greater Bluffton Chamber of Commerce - \$10,000, Gullah Festival, Main Street Beaufort - \$31,150, Gullah Museum of Hilton Head Island - \$8,000, Hilton Head Choral Society - \$3,000, Hilton Head Hospitality Association - \$6,000, Hilton Head Island – Bluffton Chamber of Commerce and Visitor and Convention Bureau - \$21,000, Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival and Concours d'Elegance - \$26,000, Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra - \$7,000, Historic Bluffton Arts and Seafood Festival, Inc. - \$10,000, Lean Ensemble Theater - \$1,800, Lowcountry Golf Course Owners Association - \$10,000, Mitchelville Preservation Project - \$27,500, Native Island Business and Community Affairs Association (NIBCAA) - \$23,000, Santa Elena Foundation, History Center - \$1,800, SC Lowcountry and Resort Island Tourism Commission - \$35,000, and The First Tee of the Lowcountry - \$11,000, making the cumulative amount of grant appropriations \$550,000.

Approved on first reading an ordinance of Beaufort County Council adding Chapter 38, Article 6: Single-Use Plastic Bags to the Beaufort County Code of Ordinance to encourage the use of reusable checkout bags and recyclable paper carryout bags and banning the use of single-use plastic bags for retail checkout of purchased good in the unincorporated areas of the County; with the removal of Section 38-166(B) – “This Ordinance shall sunset three (3) years from the date it takes effect” and the inclusion of language in Section 38-166 to evaluate effectiveness of ordinances within three years.

Approved on first reading an ordinance authorizing the Interim County Administrator to execute a two-year extension of the lease agreement with the Santa Elena Foundation for the Federal Courthouse.

Approved on first reading an ordinance committing funds from the Buckwalter Place Multi-County Industrial Park Fee in Lieu of Taxes Revenue and additional revenue generated from the Buckwalter Place Development after the expiration of the Multi-County Industrial Park, up to a total of \$5,000,000 to the Technical College of the Lowcountry for the construction of the Lowcountry Culinary Institute.

Approved on first reading an ordinance allocating \$3,243,000 from Local Hospitality Tax Funds to the Technical College of the Lowcountry for a portion of the cost for construction of a Lowcountry Culinary Institute contingent upon the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding identifying the Town of Bluffton's and the School District's financial commitments to fund portions of the construction cost.

Awarded a contract to purchase one new 2017 Ford F450, 4x2, Diesel, Type I Ambulance Conversion Package from AEV Northwestern Emergency Vehicles, Jefferson, North Carolina in the amount of \$240,997.00. Funding will come from account 40090011-54003, EMS Vehicle Purchases.

Adopted a resolution repealing and replacing Resolution 2016-8 and authorizing the County Administrator to accept from Plantation Business Park Owner's Association Inc., Business Park Way and a portion of Plantation Park Drive, into County Road System including stormwater drainage infrastructure within the dedicated right of way.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance to appropriate funds not to exceed \$630,000 from the 2% Local Hospitality Tax Funds to the County General Fund for improvements to the Factory Creek Boat Ramp, Lady's Island.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance enacted pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §4-37-30 *et seq.* to impose a one percent (1%) Transportation Sales and Use Tax for not more than four years, if approved by referendum; to authorize the issue of General Obligation Bonds not to exceed \$120,000,000 if approved by referendum, to describe the transportation-related projects and estimated capital costs of the projects to be funded in whole or in part from the proceeds of the tax; to order a county-wide referendum on the question of imposing the tax and authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds; to prescribe the contents of the ballot questions; and provide for all other things necessary to submit the aforesaid questions to the electorate.

Authorized the Interim County Administrator to provide correspondence, on behalf of County Council to the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, indicating that the County has no objection to the purchase of certain real property located within Beaufort County by the Department.