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Council Action Summary

January 2018

**January 8, 2018**

Authorized the purchase of one heavy duty rescue truck and one pumper ladder truck for Fire Station 35 for the Bluffton Township Fire District.

Adopted the 2018 caucus and regular meeting schedule.

Approved on second reading an ordinance to create the Keep Beaufort County Beautiful Board for the purpose of litter control, beautification, and waste reduction for Beaufort County.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final 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.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final 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, contingent upon the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding identifying the contributions of the Town of Bluffton and the Beaufort County School District to fund portions of the construction cost of the Lowcountry Culinary Institute and Tourism Center to the Technical College of the Lowcountry.

Approved on third and final 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 and Tourism Center.

Held a public hearing and delayed action on an ordinance adding Chapter 38, Article 6: Single-Use Plastic Bags to the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances 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 until the next County Council Regular Session meeting scheduled for January 22, 2018.

Authorized the Interim County Administrator to execute a retainer agreement with the Law Firms of Finger, Melnick & Brook, P.A. and Marc J. Bern & Partners, LLP to investigate and, if appropriate, pursue litigation against any party believed is liable to Beaufort County for damages Beaufort County has incurred as a result of the opioid crisis in Beaufort County.

**January 22, 2018**

Amended the 2018 Caucus and Regular Meeting Schedule to reflect a change from November 12, 2018 to November 5, 2018 due to the County offices being closed in observance of Veterans Day.

Awarded a contract to R.B. Baker Construction, Garden City, Georgia, in the amount of \$993,048 for the Okatie West Regional BMP Services for Beaufort County's Stormwater Department. Funding total price will be in the amount of \$1,092,352.80 (\$993,048 and a 10% contingency of \$99,304.80) and will be funded from account 50260014, Okatie West Regional Stormwater.

Approved an on first reading an ordinance authorizing for the issuance and sale of limited General Obligation Bonds (Bluffton Township Fire District), Series 2018B or such other appropriate series designation of Beaufort County, South Carolina; fixing the form and details of the bonds; authorizing the Interim County Administrator or his lawfully authorized 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.

Approved on third and final reading an ordinance adding Chapter 38, Article 6: Single-Use Plastic Bags to the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances 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 until the next County Council Regular Session meeting scheduled for January 22, 2018.

Adopted a resolution authorizing the Interim County Administrator to pursue condemnation of a portion of a tract of land located on Palmetto Ridge Street to complete a significant stormwater drainage project.

Approved on first reading an ordinance to amend the Stormwater Management Utility Ordinance 2016/38, as adopted October 24, 2016, to provide for the definition of "development" and exemptions related to County dirt road paving.

Approved on first reading text amendments to the Community Development Code (CDC): Article 1, Section 1.3.50 Exemptions (to exempt existing dirt roads paved as part of the County's Dirt Road Paving Program from the standards of the CDC).

Approved on first reading a Lady's Island Zoning Map Amendment for R200 019 000 013A 0000 (0.21 acres at 391 Sea Island Parkway) from T2-RN (Rural Neighborhood) to T2-RC (Rural Center).

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Approved an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018A, or such other appropriate series designation, of Beaufort County, South Carolina, in the principal amount of not to exceed \$11,250,000; fixing the form and details of the bonds; authorizing the Interim County Administrator or his lawfully-authorized designee to determine certain matters relating to the bonds; providing for the payment of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

Held a public hearing on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Needs Assessment to solicit public input on community needs and priorities for housing, public facilities, and economic development.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading an ordinance to create the Keep Beaufort County Beautiful Board for the purpose of litter control, beautification, and waste reduction for Beaufort County.