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Council Action Summary May 2004

May 10, 2004

Approved on first reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Comprehensive Plan, Section 8, Transportation, Policy 1, Action 1.1 and Figure 9 (to adopt a revised Functional Classification Map).

Approved on first reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance/ZDSO regarding Road Functional Classifications: Article I, Section 106-18, Definitions (add new definitions) and Appendix N, Road Functional Classification Map (adds new appendix) and, further, include a definition for freeway - "*Freeway* means a multilane, divided highway with a minimum of two lanes for the exclusive use of traffic in each direction and full control of access without traffic interruption."

Approved on first reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance/ZDSO that add definitions and standards for Inland Water Freight Transportation to Appendix D - Table 4, Community Preservation Use Table and Appendix D - Section 7(E), Inland Water Freight Transportation.

Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading map amendments for 67 Lady's Island properties within the Hazel Farm and Dow Road Area--twelve (12) properties to the south of Hazel Farm Road; six (6) properties off Club Road; and 49 properties in the vicinity of Freemans Drive and Dow, Meadowbrook Farm, and Little Creek Roads - Beaufort County Future Land Use Map amendment from Rural Service Area to Community Preservation Area.

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Held a public hearing and approved on third and final reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance/ZDSO, Appendix I - Lady's Island Community Preservation (LICP) Area, Division 6, Redevelopment District (adds the



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Development Standards of a New Overlay District within the Lady's Island Community Preservation (LICP) Area).

Agreed to draft correspondence to Mr. Earl Campbell, Chairman of the Beaufort County School Board, clarifying that Council's requests contained in correspondence dated April 28, 2004, were made pursuant to the S.C. Freedom of Information Act.

Supported the following bills: (i) H.5122 – Prohibits utility companies from superseding or violating county zoning laws, (ii) H.5127 – Requires proof of citizenship to register to vote, and (iii) S.1166 – Resolution directing the State Election Commission to include a provision in the State's HAVA plan which allows counties to determine the kind and type of voting machines used in their jurisdiction.

Supported H.4908 – South Carolina Put Parents in Charge Act allows property tax credits to persons contributing to scholarship granting organizations. Allows "voucher" funding for students who choose to attend independent schools or be home schooled.

Conditionally supported the following bill: S.1163 only if the imposition and collection are left to the discretion of the county or municipal government in which such unit is located. This is consistent with Home Rule.

Opposed the following bills: (i) S.1045 – Phases out the sales tax on food and allows a local sales tax on food, (ii) H.4934 – Enacts the S.C. Isolated Wetlands Act of 2004. Defines wetlands as no less than five acres, (iii) S.536 – Brain Injury Fund: This bill would add \$10 to certain traffic tickets, and (iv) S.1148 – Provides that when a person's auto insurance lapses or terminates, their driving privileges are suspended. (Person may have employment that requires driving vehicles that are insured).

Instructed the County Administrator, in conjunction with the Trust for Public Land, to proceed with the purchase of approximately 37.7 acres of land located on the northwest corner of Pinckney Colony Road and US Highway 278, which consists of 11.7 acres of uplands and 26 acres of freshwater wetlands. The purchase price is \$3,250,000 in fee simple interest. There is 1,900 linear feet of frontage on US Highway 278 and 894 linear feet on Pinckney Colony Road. The property is currently zoned Commercial/Suburban.

Acquired approximately 100 acres of land owned by Hazel Pointe, LLC, which is Phase III of Heyward Point, a.k.a., Altamaha, in the amount of \$3,100,000 in fee simple interest. The property is located between Old Bailey Road and the Okatie River off the intersection of SC Highway 170 and Callawassie Road.

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May 24, 2004

Approved on second reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Comprehensive Plan, Section 8, Transportation, Policy 1, Action 1.1 and Figure 9 (to adopt a revised Functional Classification Map).

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Approved on second reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Comprehensive Plan, Appendix H, Old Sheldon Church Road Scenic Highway Corridor Management Plan (adds new Appendix), beginning at the intersection of SC Highway 21 (Old Sheldon Church Road) and US Highways 21/17 and ending at the intersection of Le Creuset Road and SC Highway 21.

Approved on second reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance/ZDSO, Article II, Section 106-231(2) (adds Old Sheldon Church Road to the Corridor Overlay District beginning at the intersection of SC Highway 21 (Old Sheldon Church Road) and US Highways 21/17 and ending at the intersection of Le Creuset Road and SC Highway 21. This will reduce the length of the Scenic Byway by approximately 610 feet.

Approved on first reading an amendment to the Beaufort County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance (ZDSO), Appendix A, Airport Overlay District, Section 4.17.11, Official Maps, to adopt an updated map showing airport noise and accident potential zones applicable to the Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Beaufort.

Approved on first reading, by title only, an ordinance clarifying the terms of county employment, educational requirements, exceptions and effective date.

Approved on first reading, by title only, the proposed FY 2004-2005 School District budget.

Approved on first reading, by title only, proposed FY 2004-2005 which includes budgets for Beaufort County government, Solid Waste Management, Purchase of Real Property Program, County Debt Service, Indigent Health Care, Continuing Education and, further, Bluffton Fire



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District, Burton Fire District, Daufuskie Island Fire District, Lady's Island/St. Helena Island Fire District, and Sheldon Fire District.

Approved a budget transfer of \$23,000 to Drug Court from Council's contingency fund.

Approved a budget transfer of \$40,000 to the Mosquito Control Department from Council's contingency fund.

Authorized the Chairman to draft correspondence to Governor Mark Sanford endorsing the \$5 million currently included in the state budget for Hunting Island State Park to help preserve the Park.

Awarded a one-year contract to W. Frazier Construction, Inc., Ravenel, SC, to provide fine aggregate sand and clay as needed by the Public Works Grounds Maintenance division.

Approved Wilbur Smith Associates Supplemental Agreement #20 for Hilton Head Island Airport in the amount of \$521,930 for: (i) Design services for the General Aviation Apron Expansion and Fencing Project. (ii) Bidding Services for Package One-Runway widening and Strengthening, Taxiway A overlay, and Runway Blast Pads; Package Two-GA Apron Expansion and Fencing; and Package Three-GA Apron Repair, overlay and installation of a New Wind Sock. (iii) Project Administration Services including tree mitigation, permitting and coordination with the Town of Hilton Head Island, FAA Environmental Checklist, ATCT Lighting Control Coordination, and Project Formulation for 2005 AIP/CIP and associated meetings. (iv) Construction Administration Services for each of the three packages outlined above. (v) CEI and Testing Services for each of the three packages outlined above.

Approved Wilbur Smith Associates Supplemental Agreement #21 for Beaufort County Airport, Lady's Island, in the amount of \$164,905 for: (i) Design Services for the Repair and Overlay of the Existing Apron and Taxiway and PAPI's, New Wind Sock, and GCO.; (ii) Bidding Services for the work in item (a) above and the Partial Parallel Taxiway (already designed); (iii) Administrative Services for the items listed above and (iv) CEI and Testing Services for the listed above.

Approved a change order to New River Phase 1 Site Development Contract #3 in the amount of \$77,281.84.

Approved a change order to Construction Associates Group's contract in the amount of \$27,165.

Approved the drainage easement between Lots 302 and 303, Telfair Subdivision, Lady's Island be reduced from 30' to 25'.