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AGENDA
 COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY
 Monday, September 8, 2014
 4:00 p.m.
 Council Chambers
 Administration Building, Government Center
 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort

Citizens may participate in the public comment periods and public hearings from telecast sites at the Hilton Head Island Branch Library as well as Mary Field School, Daufuskie Island.

1. CAUCUS - 4:00 P.M.
 - A. Discussion of Consent Agenda
 - B. Discussion is not limited to agenda items
 - C. Executive Session
 1. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed purchase of property
 2. Receipt of legal advice for pending or threatened claims
2. REGULAR MEETING - 5:00 P.M.
3. CALL TO ORDER
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. INVOCATION – Councilwoman Laura Von Harten
6. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Approval of Minutes
 - B. Receipt of County Administrator’s Two-Week Progress Report ([backup](#))
 - C. Committee Reports (next meeting)
 1. Community Services (September 22 at 2:00 p.m., Bluffton Branch Library)
 2. Executive (October 13 at 2:00 p.m., ECR)
 3. Finance (September 15 at 1:30 p.m., BIV #3)
 Compensation (September 15 at 12:30 p.m., BIV #3)
 4. Governmental (September 16 at 4:00 p.m., CC)
 5. Natural Resources (October 13 at 2:00 p.m., ECR)
 6. Public Facilities (September 15 at 4:00 p.m., BIV #3)
 - D. Appointments to Boards and Commissions ([backup](#))



7. PUBLIC COMMENT

8. CONSENT AGENDA

A. AN ORDINANCE OF BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL CREATING A SPECIAL TAX ASSESSMENT FOR REHABILITATED HISTORIC PROPERTIES IN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF BEAUFORT ([backup](#))

1. Consideration of second reading to occur September 8, 2014
2. Public Hearing Announcement – Monday, September 22, 2014 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the large meeting room of the Bluffton Branch Library, 120 Palmetto Way, Bluffton
3. First reading, by title only, approval occurred August 25, 2014 / Vote 10:0
4. Finance Committee discussion and recommendation to approve occurred August 25, 2014 / Vote 6:0
5. Finance Committee discussion and recommendation to approve occurred August 18, 2014 / Vote 6:0

B. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BEAUFORT COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2014/15 SO AS TO ADJUST THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MILLAGE RATE FROM 101.70 TO 103.5 TO ACHIEVE THE SAME APPROPRIATED REVENUE AMOUNT OF \$114,868,815 TO BE DERIVED FROM TAX COLLECTIONS ([backup](#))

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C. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING, DEVELOPING AND CONSTRUCTING MULTI-USE RECREATION TRAILS AND RESTRICTING THE USE THEREOF TO NON-MOTORIZED ACTIVITIES ([backup](#))

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4. Public Facilities Committee discussion and recommendation to approve occurred August 18, 2014 / Vote 7:0

D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT TO GIVE AND RECEIVE MUTUAL ACCESS EASEMENTS WITH THE BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ([backup](#))

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E. AUTHORIZATION TO APPROPRIATE \$200,000 (\$190,000 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND \$10,000 MEMBERSHIP DUES) TO THE LOWCOUNTRY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

1. Governmental Committee discussion and recommendation to approve occurred September 2, 2014 / Vote 5:1

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

10. ADJOURNMENT



Memorandum

DATE: September 5, 2014

TO: County Council

FROM: Gary Kubic, County Administrator *Gary Kubic*

SUBJ: County Administrator's Progress Report

The following is a summary of activities that took place August 25, 2014 through September 5, 2014:

August 25, 2014

- Employee orientation
- Meeting with Josh Gruber, County Attorney, and Kim Statler, Executive Director of Lowcountry Economic Alliance
- Finance Committee meeting
- Caucus
- County Council meeting

August 26, 2014

- Conference call with Bryan Hill, Deputy County Administrator; Josh Gruber, County Attorney; Morris Campbell, Director of Community Services; and Tony Criscitiello, Division Director - Planning and Development re: Daufuskie Island Ferry private / public partnership
- Meeting with Josh Gruber, County Attorney, and Carolyn Smith of Alljoy Preservation Commission re: Alljoy Preservation zoning issues

August 27, 2014

- Meeting with Josh Gruber, County Attorney, and Audra Antonacci, Director of Codes Enforcement re: 10 Chesterfield Lake Drive

August 28,, 2014

- Bluffton Office hours

August 29, 2014

- Personal leave

September 1, 2014

- Labor Day holiday

September 2, 2014

- Personal leave

September 3, 2014

- Agenda review with Chairman, Vice Chairman and Executive Staff re: Review draft agenda for Council meeting, September 8, 2014
- Conference call with Josh Gruber, County Attorney, Lori Lord and Ken Driggers, of Rural and Critical Lands Board
- Detention Center Director interviews

September 4, 2014

- Meeting with Drew Laughlin, Mayor, and Steve Riley, Town Manager, Town of Hilton Head Island re: Windmill Harbour

September 5, 2014

- Staff meeting re: Government Center campus pond improvements – next step

**REAPPOINTMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS
TO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

September 8, 2014

1. Natural Resources Committee

① Planning Commission

<i>Nominate</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Position/Area/Expertise</i>	<i>Reappoint/Appoint</i>	<i>Votes Required</i>
09.08.14	George Johnston	Comprehensive Plan Planning Area - Lady's Island	Appoint	6 of 11 (1 st term)

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL CREATING A SPECIAL TAX ASSESSMENT FOR REHABILITATED HISTORIC PROPERTIES IN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF BEAUFORT

WHEREAS, Section 4-9-195 of the South Carolina Code of Laws (Supp. 2013), as amended (“S.C. Code”), provides that counties may by ordinance grant special property tax assessments to real property which qualifies as “rehabilitated historic property”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beaufort, South Carolina (“the City”) contains a substantial amount of historic property, the preservation of which is beneficial for the economic development of the County and for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County Council (the “County Council”) has determined that it is in the best interests of the County and its citizens to allow for a special property tax assessments available and as set forth in S.C. Code §4-9-195 to qualifying properties located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Beaufort; and

WHEREAS, the County Council finds that providing for this special property tax assessment will (1) encourage the restoration of historic properties, (2) promote community development and redevelopment, (3) encourage sound community planning, and (4) promote the general health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code §4-9-195, the County must specify the minimum investment threshold and the number of years in which the special assessment shall apply, and in the absence of a board of architectural review the County may name an appropriate reviewing authority to consider proposed rehabilitation plans and actual rehabilitation work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by Beaufort County Council that Chapter 66, Article III of the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

ITEMS THAT ARE UNDERLINED ARE ADDED, ITEMS THAT ~~STRIKE THROUGH~~ ARE REMOVED.

Division 4. Special Assessment Ratio for Rehabilitated Historic Properties

Section 66-150. Special tax assessment created.

A special tax assessment is created for eligible rehabilitated historic properties located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Beaufort for 10 years equal to the appraised value of the property at the time of preliminary certification.

Section 66-151. Purpose.

It is the purpose of this division to:

- (a) Encourage the restoration of historic properties;
- (b) Promote community development and redevelopment;
- (c) Encourage sound community planning; and
- (d) Promote the general health, safety, and welfare of the community.

Section 66-152. Eligible properties.

(a) Certification. In order to be eligible for the special tax assessment, historic properties must receive preliminary and final certification.

(1) To receive preliminary certification a property must meet the following conditions:

- a. The property has received historic designation from the City of Beaufort.
- b. The proposed rehabilitation work receives approval from the City of Beaufort's Historic District Review Board (HRB); and
- c. Be a project that commences on or after the date of the adoption of this ordinance. Preliminary certification must be received prior to beginning work.

(2) To receive final certification, a property must have met the following conditions:

- a. The property has received preliminary certification.
- b. The minimum expenditures for rehabilitation were incurred and paid.
- c. The completed rehabilitation receives approval from the City of Beaufort's Director of Planning and Development Services as being consistent with the plans approved by HRB as part of preliminary certification.

(b) Historic designation. As used in this section, "Historic Designation" means:

- (1) The structure is at least 50 years old and is located in the Historic District as designated by the City of Beaufort;
- (2) The structure is located outside the Historic District and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; or

- (3) The structure is listed on the “1997 Beaufort County Above Ground Historic Sites Survey,” and has been designated as “historic” according to Section 3.21 of the Unified Development Ordinance and its successors.

Section 66-153. Eligible rehabilitation.

- (a) Standards for rehabilitation work. To be eligible for the special tax assessment, historic rehabilitations must be appropriate for the historic building and the historic district. This is achieved through adherence to the standards set forth by the City of Beaufort.
- (b) Work to be reviewed. The following work will be reviewed according to the standards set forth above:
- (1) Repairs to the exterior of the designated building.
 - (2) Alterations to the exterior of the designated building.
 - (3) New construction on the property on which the building is located.
 - (4) Alterations to interior primary public spaces.
 - (5) Any remaining work where the expenditures for such work are being used to satisfy the minimum expenditures for rehabilitation.
- (c) Minimum expenditures for rehabilitation means the owner rehabilitates the building, with expenditures for rehabilitation exceeding 75 percent of the fair market value of the building. Fair market value means the appraised value as certified to the HRB by a real estate appraiser licensed by the State of South Carolina, the sales price as delineated in a bona fide contract of sale within 12 months of the time it is submitted, or the most recent appraised value published by the Beaufort County Tax Assessor.
- (d) Expenditures for rehabilitation means the actual cost of rehabilitation relating to one or more of the following:
- (1) Improvements located on or within the historic building as designated.
 - (2) Improvements outside of but directly attached to the historic building which are necessary to make the building fully useable (such as vertical circulation) but shall not include rentable/habitable floorspace attributable to new construction.
 - (3) Architectural and engineering services attributable to the design of the improvements.
 - (4) Costs necessary to maintain the historic character or integrity of the building.

(e) Scope. The special tax assessment may apply to the following:

(1) Structure(s) rehabilitated.

(2) Real property on which the building is located.

(f) Time limits. To be eligible for the special tax assessment, rehabilitation must be completed within two years of the preliminary certification date. If the project is not complete after two years, but the minimum expenditures for rehabilitation have been incurred, the property continues to receive the special assessment until the project is completed or until the end of the special assessment period, whichever shall first occur.

Section 66-154. Process.

(a) Fee required. A fee as set out in the City of Beaufort's Fee Schedule shall be required for final certification for each application.

(b) Plan required. Owners of property seeking approval of rehabilitation work must submit an HRB application with supporting documentation and application fee prior to beginning work.

(c) Preliminary certification. Upon receipt of the completed application, the proposal shall be placed on the next available agenda of the HRB to determine if the project is consistent with the standards for rehabilitation in subsection 10-1004(a). After the HRB makes its determination, the owner shall be notified in writing. Upon receipt of this determination the owner may:

(1) If the application is approved, begin rehabilitation;

(2) If the application is not approved, may revise such application in accordance with comments provided by the HRB;

(d) Substantive changes. Once preliminary certification is granted to an application, substantive changes must be approved by the HRB. Unapproved substantive changes are conducted at the risk of the property owner and may disqualify the project from eligibility. Additional expenditures will not qualify the project for an extension on the special assessment.

(e) Final certification. Upon completion of the project, the project must receive final certification in order to be eligible for the special assessment. The City of Beaufort's Director of Planning and Development Services will inspect completed projects to determine if the work is consistent with the approval granted by the HRB pursuant to Section 10-1004 (a). Final

certification will be granted when the completed work meets the Standards and verification is made that expenditures have been made in accordance with Section 10-004 (c) above. Upon receiving final certification, the property will be assessed for the remainder of the special assessment period on the fair market value of the property at the time the preliminary certification was made or the final certification was made, whichever occurred earlier.

- (f) *Additional work.* For the remainder of the special assessment period after final certification, the property owner shall notify the HRB of any additional work, other than ordinary maintenance. The HRB will review the work at a regularly scheduled hearing and determine whether the overall project is consistent with the standards for rehabilitation. If the additional work is found to be inconsistent, the property owner may withdraw his request and cancel or revise the proposed additional work.
- (g) *Decertification.* When the property has received final certification and has been assessed as rehabilitated historic property, it remains so certified and must be granted the special assessment until the property becomes disqualified by any one of the following:
 - (1) Written notice from the owner to the HRB and the Beaufort County Auditor requesting removal of the preferential assessment; or
 - (2) Rescission of the approval of rehabilitation by the HRB because of alterations or renovation by the owner or the owner's estate, which causes the property to no longer possess the qualities and features which made it eligible for final certification.

Notification of any change affecting eligibility must be given immediately to the Beaufort County Assessor, Auditor, and Treasurer.

- (h) *Notification.* The city shall, upon final certification of a property, notify the Beaufort County Assessor, Auditor and Treasurer that such property has been duly certified and is eligible for the special tax assessment.
- (i) *Date effective.* If an application for preliminary or final certification is filed by May 1 or the preliminary or final certification is approved by August 1, the special assessment authorized herein is effective for that year. Otherwise, it is effective beginning with the following year.

The special assessment only begins in the current or future tax years as provided for in this section. In no instance may the special assessment be applied retroactively.

(j) Application. Once the HRB has granted the special property tax assessments authorized herein, the owner of the property shall make application to the Beaufort County Auditor for the special assessment provided for herein.

SECTIONS 66-155 through 66-160. Reserved.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

DONE, this _____ of _____, 2014.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By: _____
D. Paul Sommerville, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Joshua A. Gruber, Staff Attorney

ATTEST:

Suzanne M. Rainey, Clerk to Council

First Reading, By Title Only: August 25, 2014

Second Reading:

Public Hearing:

Third and Final Reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014 /

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BEAUFORT COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2014/15 SO AS TO REFLECT AN INCREASE IN MILLAGE RATE.

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2014, Beaufort County Council adopted Ordinance No. 2014/15 establishing the fiscal year 2014 - 2015 budget for the Beaufort County School District; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2014/15 established a millage rate at 101.70 appropriating \$114,868,815 in local tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County Council has determined that it is in the best interests of its citizens to amend the previously established millage rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by Beaufort County Council that Beaufort County Ordinance No. 2014/15 is hereby amended to reflect a millage rate increase from 101.70 to 103.5 to achieve the same appropriated revenue amount of \$114,868,815 to be derived from tax collections.

Adopted this ____ day of September, 2014.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY: _____
D. Paul Sommerville, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Joshua A. Gruber, Staff Attorney

ATTEST:

Suzanne M. Rainey, Clerk to Council

First Reading, By Title Only: August 25, 2014

Second Reading:

Public Hearing:

Third and Final Reading:

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING, DEVELOPING AND CONSTRUCTING MULTI-USE RECREATION TRAILS AND RESTRICTING THE USE THEREOF TO NON-MOTORIZED ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, Beaufort County, South Carolina is establishing, developing and constructing multi – use recreational trails to include, but not be limited to the Spanish Moss Trail; and

WHEREAS, these multi – use trails are for the intended use of non-motorized activities such as walking, jogging, inline skating, roller blading, skate boarding and bicycling; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide for the safe use of these trails, it is necessary to adopt an ordinance regulating the use of same; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County Council believes to best provide for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens it is appropriate to amend Part II, Chapter 90 of the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances by adding Article V thereto and to provide for additional terms to said Article; and

WHEREAS, all text that is underscored shall be added text;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL, that Article V of the Beaufort County Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 90-100. Purpose

The Beaufort County Council recognizes that the multi-use recreational trails in Beaufort County, South Carolina are for the use and enjoyment of its citizens and that it is in the public’s interest that laws be promulgated to protect the safety and welfare of its patrons while using these trails.

Sec. 90-101. Definitions

Multi – use trail means any trail or path designated by County Council to be used for pleasure or as an alternative mode of transportation for use by walking, jogging, inline skating, roller blading, skate boarding, bicycling, and other non-motorized recreation.

Motorized vehicle means any motorized conveyance including, but not limited to: cars, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, farm machinery, four-by-four’s, golf carts, motorized scooters, minibikes, dune buggies or ATV’s. This shall not include motorized wheelchairs or other devices, which are necessary to facilitate movement due to a disability.

Sec. 90-102 Prohibitions

- (1) Vehicles. No person shall operate a motorized vehicle of any kind or nature over, through, across or upon the multi-use trail, provided that county vehicles operated while cleaning or working on the trail and law enforcement and emergency vehicles shall be exempt from the application of this section.
- (2) Hours of Use. No person shall be allowed access to or use a multi – use recreational trail from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise unless specially authorized by the Beaufort County Council.
- (3) Alcoholic Beverages. The consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages shall be prohibited on any multi-use recreational trail.
- (4) Litter. Throwing, depositing or causing or permitting to be thrown or deposited any glass, bottle, glassware, can or pieces thereof or any garbage, waste or refuse of any kind on the multi – use trail or the lands adjacent thereto shall be unlawful. All trash or litter shall be placed in designated trash receptacles.
- (5) Animals. No person shall fail to exercise proper care and control of his animal while using the multi – use trail. All animals must be on a leash and properly restrained. All animal refuse shall be placed in designated trash receptacles.

Sec. 90-103 Penalties

Any person violating any provision of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof shall pay such penalties as the court may decide, not to exceed \$500.00 or 30 days imprisonment for each violation.

DONE this ____ day of _____, 2014.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By: _____
D . Paul Sommerville, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Joshua A. Gruber, Staff Attorney

First Reading: August 25, 2014
Second Reading:
Public Hearing:
Third and Final Reading:

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
TO GIVE AND RECEIVE MUTUAL ACCESS EASEMENTS
WITH THE BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Bluffton Township Fire District, is the owner of real property adjacent to the Beaufort County School District; and

WHEREAS, the Bluffton Township Fire District, by and through its Fire District Board does hereby wish to give and receive mutual easements for ingress and egress with the Beaufort County School District to as to be to access their respective properties from the future Hampton Parkway; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the proposed access easement between the two parties is attached to this Ordinance and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, S.C. Code Ann. §4-9-130 requires that the transfer of any interest in real property owned by the County agency or any entity subject to County Council control must be authorized by the adoption of an Ordinance by Beaufort County Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL
AS FOLLOWS:**

The Bluffton Township Fire District is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the giving and receiving of mutual access easements with the Beaufort County School District for access to the future Hampton Parkway.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2014.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY: _____
D. Paul Sommerville, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Joshua A. Gruber, Staff Attorney

ATTEST:

Suzanne M. Rainey, Clerk to Council

First Reading, By Title Only: August 25, 2014

Second Reading:

Public Hearing:

Third and Final Reading:

ADD-ONS

The document(s) herein were provided to Council for information and/or discussion after release of the official agenda and backup items.

Topic: Traffic Signal Timing at Intersection of
Big Estate Road and Jacob White Road

Date Submitted: September 8, 2014

Submitted By: William Ladson

Venue: County Council Meeting

We, the undersigned, citizens /residents of the Sheldon Township area hereby request that signal synchronizing be adjusted at the intersection of Big Estate Rd./Jacob White Rd. to a minimal of 20 seconds per interval to allow an adequate time period for crossing/turning...

Name	Address
Linda Grant	91 Newberry Circle, Yemassee SC 29945
Randy Grant	91 Newberry Circle Yemassee SC 29945
Randy T. Grant	91 Newberry Circle Yemassee SC 29945
Mary S. Grant	91 Newberry Circle Yemassee SC 29945
Rene S Grant	91 Newberry Circle Yemassee SC 29945
Annethea Ferguson	15 Nettle Way, Yemassee, SC 29945
Sadie Munis	65 Jenkins Rd. Yemassee, SC 29945
Daniel Hamilton Sr.	69 Jenkins Rd. Yemassee, SC 29945
Debra Hamilton	69 Jenkins Rd. Yemassee, SC 29945
Jamel Hamilton	69 Jenkins Rd. Yemassee, SC 29945
Daniel Hamilton Jr.	69 Jenkins Rd. Yemassee, SC 29945
Williamina Hamilton	57 Jenkins Rd Yemassee, SC 29945
Gabe Jayin	149 BULLCORNER RD. YEMASSEE, SC 29945
She Jayin	149 Bull Corner Rd. Yemassee 29945
Abertha D. Clement	83 Erach Norris Rd Yemassee 29945
SWANN COPELAND	83 Erach Norris Rd Yemassee 29945
CARRIE Adams	8 Erach Norris Rd Yemassee SC
Mildred White	39 Jacob White Rd Yemassee SC 29945
Woodrow Collin	83 HUEPAH Dr Seabrook, SC 29940
Sharon Brazor	91 Big Estate Cir. Yemassee 29945
Jannine Mann	255 Big Estate Cir. Yemassee SC 29945
George Mann	255 Big Estate Cir. Yemassee SC 29945
James Perkins	150 Bull Corner Rd Yemassee SC 29945
Dollie Myers	136 Big Estate Cir. Yemassee SC 29945
Bessie Washington	139 Big Estate Cir. Yemassee, S.C. 29945

William Ladson
September 8, 2014
Council Meeting

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
William H. Ladson	35 Alice Ladson Dr. Yem. S.C.
Kathie Ladson	32 ALICE LADSON DR. YEM. S.C.
James W Bing	82 Bull Coner Yem. SC
Ernest Devereaux	84 Prescott Rd YEMASS SC
Earl Brown	47 Charleston Hwy YEM. SC
Charles Pringle	389 Sheldon S.C, 98 Pollyann
Francis Scott	40 Sheldon dr.
Lauren Heyward Jones	88 prescott RD Yem. S.C
Patricia Harris	149 Bailey Rd Sheldon
Mason Moulton	15 BRAMBLE LN YEMASS SC
St Singleman	P.O. Box #1726, Beaufort, SC 29901
Jane Nye	8 African Baptist Rd. Yem.
Debra Nye	8 African Baptist Rd. Yem.
Frankie Glover	377 Bigestate Cir Yem 29945
Eartheen Blount	315 So. 15 Butterfly Ln Yem.
Deborah Alston	243 Bigestate Rd. Yem.
Vernie Smith	243 Bigestate Rd Yem.
Katherine Yancey	244 Bigestate Rd. YEMASS SC 29945
Kennie Black	350 Big estate Circle Yem. S.C.
Denny J Brown	135 Big Estate Circle Yem. S.C. 29945
Jacqueline Fields	245 Bigestate Circle YEMASS SC 29945
Chugbeni mustakem	17 Huiyinka Ave Yem. S.C. 29941
Henrietta Washington	51 Dash Rd. Yem. S.C.
Darlene Quinn	140 Treaskin Rd. 29945
Joveco Scott	51 Dash Rd, Yem. S.C. 29945

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Name	Address
Ashley Scott	217 Ash Rd Yemassee S.C 29934 ⁴⁵
Meyolca Scott	217 Ash Rd Yemassee SC 29945
Emily Stewart	37 Big Estate Rd Yemassee SC 29945
Edgar Williams	231 Big Estate Rd Yemassee S.C
Richard Gardner	16 AFRICAN BAPTIST Rd Yemassee SC 29945
REGINALD FIELDS	111 BIG ESTATE CIRCLE YEMASSEE SC 29945
MAHOGANY FIELDS	111 BIG ESTATE CIRCLE YEMASSEE, SC 29945
BERNELL FIELDS	115 BIG ESTATE CIR. YEMASSEE 29945
Earnestine Rivers Watson	66 Big Estate Cir Yemassee SC 29945
Rufus Williams	P.O. Box 736 Lenoir, SC 29931
Willellie M. Davis	57 Rural Street Yemassee SC 29945
JACK WASHINGTON	12 Audubon Rd, Beaufort, SC, 29905
Aline Rudolph	P.O. Box 4116, Beaufort, SC 29905
Edward B. Allston	4645 Log Haul Road PUGELAND SC 29926
Evelyn Fisher	38 Creekmoor Ln, Seabrook SC 29940
Charles Williams	224 Big Estate Yemassee SC 29945
Capricia Evans	37 Newberry Circle Yemassee SC 29945
Rae Evans	37 Newberry Cir Yemassee SC 29945
Alma Burkett	5 Alice Ladson Dr Yemassee SC 29945
Otha Burkett	5 ALICE LADSON DR YEMASSEE S.C. 29945
Otha Burkett Jr	5 Alice Ladson Dr. Yemassee, SC 29945
Mary Ladson Phd	24 Alice Ladson Dr Yemassee SC 29945
Burtin Field	13 ALICE LADSON DR YEMASSEE SC 29945
Jessie Fields	35 Monarch Way Yemassee, SC 29945
James Kendra	21 Alice Ladson Dr. YEMASSEE SC 29945

William H Ladson

From: "Kubic, Gary" <gkubic@bcgov.net>
To: "William H Ladson" <suppacop@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 7:25 AM
Attach: ATT00047.txt
Subject: Read: Fw: Traffic Control Device Adjustment

Your message

To: Kubic, Gary
Subject: Fw: Traffic Control Device Adjustment
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2014 2:09:01 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

was read on Friday, March 07, 2014 6:25:29 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

William H Ladson

From: "William H Ladson" <suppacop@embarqmail.com>
To: "Gary Kubic" <gkubic@bcgov.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2014 3:09 PM
Subject: Fw: Traffic Control Device Adjustment
Mr. Kubic;

Don't know if you recieved my message I left on your cell, but here are the interactions between Mr. Michael Black(SCDOT) and Colin Kinton beginning from dates listed. The only purpose of this traffic concern is to regulate a more adequate time passage during light changing intervals. I spoke to Mr. Kinton today (03/06/2014) about 8:08 am, and after a brief conversation, he indicated that he can't make any changes to the traffic device at the given location. I appreciate everything he's attempted to do, but we, the citizens and vehicle operators need adequate time to cross and turn at this intersection. Mr. Kinton contends that he has monitored the traffic device and has concluded that no changes are needed, and I along with a petition with area residents begs the difference. Mr. Kinton has not even considered the concept of pedestrians trying to cross at this intersection. We use this intersection, daily. Mr. Kinton doesn't. I'm appreciative of his assumed up to date data, but when you actually use this intersection, you will find out things are much different. I'm in the process of getting a petition from those individuals who actually use this intersection, and has experienced the same dilemma that I have in spite of what Mr. Kinton alleges. Please get back to me. I would hope that I wouldn't have to address council on such a simple issue. All we are asking for is a minimal 20 seconds time interval for Big Estate Rd./Jacob White Rd. Hope to hear from you. I've always told fmr. chairman Weston, that I would never come near County Council, unless an issue affected me. And, yes if you're are wondering if I contacted the councilman for this district, the answer is yes, I spoke to him. Thanks

*Respectfully;
 Bill Ladson*

----- Original Message -----

From: [William H Ladson](#)
To: [Kinton, Colin](#)
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 1:36 PM
Subject: Re: Traffic Control Device Adjustment

Mr. Kinton;

I'm well aware of citizen's right to speak to council, but before I do that I would have a petition to share with council, indicating it is not only I who is concerned about this situation. Thanks for the new update...

----- Original Message -----

From: [Kinton, Colin](#)
To: [William H Ladson](#)
Cc: [McFee, Robert](#) ; [Gurley, Claudette](#)
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 10:15 AM
Subject: RE: Traffic Control Device Adjustment

Mr. Ladson,

As you are aware, citizens are always welcome to speak before County Council during the public comment period. The next County Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 10 at 5pm in Council Chambers.

As a continuing effort to monitor this intersection to ensure it is operating properly, we conducted a new traffic count

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yesterday for 6 hours. We try to keep traffic count data for signalized intersections up to date every 2-3 years. Since the last count was June 2011, we decided to go ahead and re-count it, which would give us additional opportunities to observe the signal operation since you have indicated that our previous observations are not indicative of your experience.

One possible explanation for the differences in our observations and your experiences is related to the volume of traffic turning left or crossing the intersection. Our counts from yesterday indicate that during the peak hour of the six we observed, there were a total of 23 vehicles wanting to either turn left or go straight from both Big Estate and Jacob White. This is less than one car every two minutes (one vehicle every 156 seconds). With traffic that light, the signal will stay red for Big Estate for approximately 3 minutes at a time and will not change until a vehicle has pulled up to the stop bar and waited for at least 10-15 seconds.

Attached is the traffic count data for your information. **I will call you to discuss.**
thanks

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Please consider the environment before printing this email.

From: William H Ladson [mailto:suppacop@embarqmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 5:20 PM
To: Kinton, Colin
Subject: Re: Traffic Control Device Adjustment

Mr. Kinton:

In as much as I appreciated your return response on the traffic signals, I need to speak with you so that you can understand what I'm trying to relay to you in essence of our situation at this light. Since you feel it not fitting to return my phone call, then I'll have to address to full council if necessary. On 03/04/2014, approximately 4:45 pm, upon returning home I observed a county traffic engineering truck at that intersection. The purpose for it being there, I do not know, if you were so final on your response to my request, then why the observation now. Besides, the data sheets you sent to me was dated 06/29/2011, hardly something that couldn't be adjusted. I will await your call, or I will address full council, whether you make an adjustment or not, because this is not a fair time interval for cars traveling across Big Estate Rd./Jacob White Rd.

Respectfully:
William H Ladson

----- Original Message -----

From: [Kinton, Colin](#)
To: [William H Ladson](#)
Cc: [McFee, Robert](#) ; [Hill, Bryan](#) ; [Gurley, Claudette](#) ; [Holt, Brian M.](#) ; [Black, J Michael](#)
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2014 9:13 AM
Subject: RE: Traffic Control Device Adjustment

Mr. Ladson,

Thank you for your call and email regarding the US 17 at Big Estate Rd signal operation.

I had our technicians go out and pull the signal timings from the intersection, check to make sure all vehicle detectors are operating properly and monitor the signal to ensure it is operating as programmed.

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The following is what we determined:

- US 17 operates with a minimum green time of 20 seconds and a maximum green time of 40 seconds; however, if there are no cars on Big Estate Rd, the signal will stay green indefinitely
- Big Estate Rd operates with a minimum green time of 5 seconds and a maximum green time of 27 seconds. If one car is waiting at the STOP Bar, they will receive 5 seconds of green, which is sufficient for them to cross. Additional vehicles will extend the green time up to a maximum of 27 seconds.

Considering the very light volume of traffic on Big Estate Road, these times are more than sufficient to provide motorists with enough time and no timing adjustments are warranted. I am surprised the US 17 max time is only 40 seconds as I would be inclined to bump it up to 60 to 75 seconds because of the low volumes on Big Estate Rd.

Vehicle detectors are all working properly. Staff monitored the intersection and every time a car pulled up to the STOP Bar and stopped, the signal turned green. If more than one vehicle were waiting, the signal time extended properly to serve the additional cars. No vehicle waited more than 40 seconds before getting a green light to cross. The signal is programmed properly and is working properly as it is designed.

We have monitored the volumes at this intersection and have expressed our concern to SCDOT that the low volumes on Big Estate Road do not appear to warrant a full traffic signal. However, at this time, we do not see any need to make any timing adjustments to the traffic signal as it is programmed correctly and working properly.

Thank you again for contacting us with your concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact us again should you have any further concerns or questions about this intersection or other traffic related issues.

Regards,

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From: William H Ladson [mailto:suppacop@embarqmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 12:30 PM
To: Kinton, Colin
Subject: Fw: Traffic Control Device Adjustment

Colin:

Please review the attached email contents and call me, or make the necessary adjustments for this intersection. I sent this email originally to SCDOT, assuming that they had control of the traffic device. You can reach me at 843-846-6231(H) 843-258-2822(C). Will be awaiting your response. Thanks, and Happy New Year.

*Bill Ladson
Frmer. Councilman*

----- Original Message -----

From: [Black, J Michael](#)
To: [William H Ladson](#)
Cc: [Holt, Brian M.](#)
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2014 6:01 PM
Subject: RE: Traffic Control Device Adjustment

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Mr. Ladson I am going to ask that Brian Holt, our Traffic Engineer over the Signals Department, give you a call and discuss your concerns.

Thanks

Michael Black

From: William H Ladson [<mailto:suppacop@embarqmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2014 7:51 PM

To: Black, J Michael

Subject: Re: Traffic Control Device Adjustment

Mr. Black;

My name is Bill Ladson, fm. councilman, of the Beaufort County Council. I have made contact with a gentleman named "Daniel", some time again, expressing my dissatisfaction with the traffic light intervals at the intersection of Hwy. 17/Big Estate/Jacob White Rd. The traffic needs to be adjusted to give traffic coming out out Big Estate Rd./Jacob White Rd., so that more that 1 vehicle can cross intersection before traffic signal changes for flow of traffic on Hwy. 17. Don't misunderstand me, I understand the importance of the SCDOT 's thought of keeping traffic flowing on Hwy. 17, but why should traffic on Big Estate Rd./Jacob White Rd. can only experience a 9 second interchange between cycles, then have to wait approximately 3 minutes before the cycle comes back around, only to repeat the same interval. Traffic that are making left turns from Big Estate Rd./Jacob White Rd. have to endure this unnecessary inconvenience. Today, 02/18/2014, I sat and timed that light for 2 intervals, and traffic traveling on Big Estate Rd./Jacob White Rd. only had approximately 9 seconds, before changing to red. This is not a satisfactory element of time for vehicles that are making left turns and going across. I would appreciate if you would have someone contact me on this matter. My telephone number is 843-846-6231. Several complaints have been made in regards to this conditions, at least to me, and I have made contact to Mr. Daniel Blount, I believe, who stated that they(SCDOT) have reviewed the situation and deemed it necessary that the traffic control device remain as it is. I don't think this fair to the residents using this intersection daily. Why can't we recieve at least 20-30 seconds. After all traffic traveling on Big Estate Rd./Jacob White Rd. have to wait approximately 3 minutes before they can go across or make left turns. I would appreciate it greatly if you would check on this situation or have whoever who's in charge of the signal control department make these minor changes or adjustments. Thanking you in advance.

William H Ladson

V.Pres./Friends of Gardens Corner

Fmr. County Councilman of Bft. County

Topic: Renaming Government Center after
General Robert Smalls

Date Submitted: September 8, 2014

Submitted By: Charlotte Pazant Brown

Venue: County Council Meeting

Greetings:

Mr. Chairman
Members of County Council

My name is Charlotte Pazant Brown and I am a proud graduate of Robert Smalls' Class of 1967. I am also a proud member of the Robert Smalls Alumni Association.

I am here to support an earlier request to have you, the members of County Council to seriously take under consideration following through on the previous request to do everything possible to ensure that all steps are properly directed, explained and followed through toward the successful actions needed to rename this government complex the "Robert Smalls Government Complex."

As we all know, this entire Beaufort Government Complex sits on the same entire footprint as the original Robert Smalls School Complex.

In addition, we are all aware that the original school was named after General Robert Smalls, a former local Beaufortonian and a well known and respected government official who has received national recognition.

You may not know that there are presently many Robert Smalls students who have left here and have represented Beaufort exceptionally well, for example, Boxer, Joe Frazier; NBA Player Kenneth Washington; Dr. Frank Faulk; Plastic Surgeon, Walter Evans Brigadier Gen. Clarence Mitchell, and Col. Thomas Smalls. We also have many Robert Smalls graduates who are now serving or have served in many leadership positions in Beaufort County such as City Council Woman Alice Wright, Board of Ed. Chair, Fred Washington; ZBA Member, Edgar Williams; BMH Director, Rev. Doctor Elijah Washington, Former Sled Agent Robert Jenkins and FBI Agent Sammie Alston.

You may also not know that there are government buildings and ships in this nation named after General Robert Smalls such as the 2004 Robert Smalls LSV-8 a logistics Support Vessel operated by the US Army. General Robert Smalls is recognized in the Great Lakes, Portland Oregon, Charleston, SC, and Baton Rouge, La.

We need to bring this government complex the true recognition it deserves on these grounds, by honoring those who attended or worked in the Robert Small Schools. We need to give true respect and recognition to a great Statesman, from Beaufort, who will forever have a significant role in America's history by renaming this Beaufort Government Complex the Robert Smalls Government Complex.

As stated in our Alma Mater "Through all the years where e're we land for Robert Smalls we'll always stand." By day and night, for truth and right"

Thank you!

Charlotte Pazant Brown

September 8, 2014

Council Meeting