

## Capital Project Sales Tax Commission Minutes – March 8, 2016

**Commission Attendance:** Carolyn Smith, Andrea Siebold, Mike Sutton (late), Dean Moss, Joseph Kline (late), Mike Tripka (Absent: Linda Maietta)

### Call to Order:

Vice Chairman Andrea Siebold called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. and asked everyone to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Meeting minutes** were reviewed from the February 23, 2016, meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Mike Tripka to approve as written, seconded by Mr. Dean Moss. Motion was passed unanimously (Mr. Mike Sutton and Mr. Joe Kline absent for the vote).

Mr. Scott Liggett, Director of Public Projects and Facilities/Chief Engineer, HHI, provided an introduction to the projects to be presented by the Town of Hilton Head Island:

1. Pavilion at historic Mitchellville Freedom Park
2. Proposed acquisition and paving of certain dirt roads on HHI
3. Arts, Entertainment and Cultural Campus request

Mr. Bob Richardson, Treasurer of the Mitchellville Preservation Projects, addressed Item 1. Discussion followed.

Mr. Scott Liggett addressed Item 2. Discussion followed.

Mayor David Bennett; Councilwoman Kim Likins, Chairman, Community Services Committee; Mrs. Jane Joseph, Chairman, Arts and Cultural Strategic Planning Committee, addressed Item 3. Discussion followed.

Mayor Bennett prioritized public safety projects as top priority.

Public comments were received by Chairman Sutton.

Mr. Shawn Leininger, Assistant Town Manager and Executive Director of the Public Development Corporation, Bluffton, gave an overview of Bluffton's growth and the projects to be presented by the Town of Bluffton. There are a total of 12 projects broken down into three focus areas and are prioritized as follows:

1. Heritage Tourism Infrastructure projects
2. May River Watershed Restoration
3. Pedestrian Pathways connecting neighborhoods

Projects total: \$19,725,000

Ms. Kendra Lelie, Director of Growth Management, addressed the Heritage Tourism Infrastructure and noted the priorities in this focus area:

1. Oyster Factory Park – estimated cost \$3.7 million.
2. Calhoun Street Dock – estimated cost \$750,000.
3. Dr. Mellichamp Streetscape – estimated cost \$1 million.

Other potential funding sources include: Hospitality tax revenue, Accommodations tax revenue, Stormwater utility fees, Federal/State grants, private donations.

Discussion followed.

Ms. Kim Jones, Director of the Stormwater Management Division, addressed the May River Watershed projects and noted the priorities in this focus area:

1. Pond improvements in Stoney Creek drainage basin – estimated cost \$1.75 million
2. Pond improvements in Rose Dhu Creek drainage basin – estimated cost \$1.75 million
3. Wetlands restoration throughout headwaters – estimated cost \$2.5 million
4. Water and sewer installation and connection – estimated cost \$4 million

Other potential funding sources include: Stormwater utility fees, Federal/State grants, BJWSA assistance. Discussion followed.

Ms. Lelie presented the sidewalks and pathways (pedestrian pathways) projects:

1. Burnt Church Road from Bridge Street to Bluffton Parkway – if already included in the County proposal, this can be removed for Bluffton. Estimated cost is \$1 million.
2. Bridge Street from Burnt Church Road to Calhoun Street. Estimated cost is \$275,000.
3. Buck Island/Simmons ville Road between Mary River Road and US Highway 278. Estimated cost is \$750,000.
4. Goethe/Shultz Road neighborhood. Estimated cost is \$750,000.
5. May River Road from Buck Island Road to Buckwalter Parkway. Estimated cost is \$1.5 million.

Discussion followed.

Brief discussion held on meeting dates.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

By:

Linda Maietta

Capital Project Sales Tax Commission Staff Liaison

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 9:00 a.m., at the Executive Conference Room, Beaufort County Administration Building.

APPROVED March 29, 2016