

UPDATE FROM COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, JOSEPH PASSIMENT

- **Route 278 Project**

  SCDOT Project Manager Craig Winn
  No final decision has been made. Nine alternatives still being considered and stakeholder input is still being gathered. View his presentation on the SCDOT website.
  Next public hearing: January 2021

  State Senator Tom Davis
  The County completed and submitted the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) application. He suggested an independent review be done to include an engineer and landscape architect. The review will examine the scope of the project and make recommendations in the next 60 days.

- **Detour Road to Seabrook Road Project**

  County Council directed the County Administrator to work with the Town of Hilton Head and come up with a cost sharing plan for the purposes of hiring a firm to study the plan and submit an analysis within 60 days.

  Project cost: approximately $568,000

  Most agenda items having been discussed and reviewed by committees of cognizance, they were moved to the consent agenda and approved unanimously.

  Actions Taken By Council:

  Pepper Hall & Okatie River Joint Development Agreement
  Council discussions date back to December 2018. A formal agreement was signed in February 2019. With no successful conclusion reached to recoup costs for road work, the agreement was amended to have the developer and the County each pay to cover the road and park costs.

  Action: The amendment was voted on and passed 6 to 5.
  Next step: Third reading and adoption scheduled for September 28

  School Impact Fees
  The ordinance to adopt an SIF had its second reading postponed. Time was needed to secure



intergovernmental agreements between the Beaufort County School District, The Towns of Bluffton and Hilton Head Island and the city of Hardeeville.

Next step: Second reading scheduled for October 12

Noise Ordinance
The second reading was amended to remove mopeds, scooters and motorcycles. Loud and unnecessary vehicular noise is now considered a nuisance and violations are misdemeanors.
Action: Passed as amended.

Graves Road Rezoned from T2 Rural to C3 Neighborhood Mixed-Use
First reading. Other parcels are already C3 so no discussion.
Action: Council passed 8 to 3

Community Development Code—Billboards Text Amendment
First reading of ordinance with text amendment to allow minor modifications that improve safety standards during hurricanes and high wind events.
Action: Council passed 9 to 2

Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park
First reading to authorize $575,000 from H-Tax funds for Phase 1 of the Mitchelville Freedom Park Master Plan.
Action: Passed unanimously

One Cent Sales Tax Program Management
Recommendation to award the contract to J. Bragg Consulting, Inc.
Action: Council passed 9 to 2

For upcoming meetings

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Next County Council Meeting
Monday, September 28 Caucus: 5 p.m. Council Meeting: 6 p.m.