

# TRANSPORTATION/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

March 17, 2020 –2:00 P.M.

County Council Conference Room

Members:

Dennis DiSabato, Chairman

Bill Howard

Cam Crawford

Gary Loftus

- I. Call to Order..... Dennis DiSabato
- II. Invocation
- III. Public Input
- IV. Review and Approval of Agenda Contents
- V. Approval of Minutes – February 11, 2020
- VI. Resolutions
- VII. Ordinances
- VIII. Committee Discussion
  - A. **Airport**
    - 1. **Master Plan Update**.....Scott Van Moppes (Page 5)
    - 2. **Financing for Terminal Expansion**.....Ken Cushine, Frasca & Associates, LLP (Page 19)
  - B. **Coast RTA**
    - 1. **Board Report –January 2020**.....Brian Piascik (Page 25)
    - 2. **Transit Symposium**.....Brian Piascik (Page 43)
  - C. **MBREDC Brief Update**.....Sandy Davis
  - D. **R. J. Corman Brief Update**.....Adam Boyles

ATTACHMENTS: Airport Department Reports (for information only)  
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**Passenger Enplanements** (Page 60)

- IX. Old Business/New Business
- X. Executive Session – If necessary
- XI. Adjourn

3-12-2020 Approved  
Arrigo Carotti, County Attorney

3-12-2020 Approved  
Steve Gosnell, County Administrator

3-12-2020 Approved  
Dennis DiSabato, Committee Chairman

**MINUTES**  
**HORRY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Transportation / Economic Development Committee Meeting**  
**Council Conference Room**  
**February 11, 2020**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dennis DiSabato, Chairman; Bill Howard; Gary Loftus and Cam Crawford

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Council Chairman Johnny Gardner; Steve Gosnell; David Gilreath; Randy Webster; Samantha Wallace; Arrigo Carotti; Randy Haldi and Kelly Moore

In accordance with the FOIA, notices of the meeting were provided to the press stating the time, date, and place of the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman DiSabato called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Mr. Gardner gave the invocation.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA CONTENTS:** Mr. Howard moved to approve the agenda contents, seconded by Mr. Loftus. The motion was unanimously passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Crawford moved to approve the minutes for January 27, 2020 as submitted, seconded by Mr. Howard. The motion was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None

**ORDINANCES:**

- A. **An ordinance approving and authorizing the county administrator to sell an approximate 2.00-acre parcel of undeveloped property located within the Cool Springs Industrial Park (TMS #067-00-01-124) – Project Sand Dollar:**
- B. **An ordinance approving and authorizing the county administrator to sell an approximate 3.65-acre parcel of undeveloped property located within the Cool Springs Industrial Park (TMS #067-00-01-125) – Project Mail**

Ms. Sandy Davis wanted to discuss both ordinances together since both projects were looking to go to the Cool Springs Industrial Park they had discussed during the last meeting. Project Sand Dollar wanted to purchase a two-acre parcel for \$10,000.00 per acre. It was an existing industry and would create possibly five new jobs. The Cool Springs Committee had approved it and it was now being presented for approval from the Committee to move forward to Council.

The second project known as Project Mail was a metal powder company that planned to hire about fifteen employees up front. Their building would be about 20,000 sq. ft. with a possible 18,000 feet expansion over the next five years. Their employee's wages would average around \$18.00 per hour.

Mr. DiSabato asked for confirmation that no incentive had been provided to either company and Ms. Davis confirmed. Mr. DiSabato commented that there had been a discussion previously about ways to protect the County by requiring the company's purchase of the parcels contingent on them beginning construction in a certain period of time. He deferred to Mr. Randy Haldi for comment.

Mr. Haldi explained that the current covenant and restrictions did not require construction to commence within a certain time but the County could determine by contract. They would need guidance from Council on how long they would require.

Mr. DiSabato asked Ms. Davis if that would detract from the company. She stated that it would not as they were ready to start as soon as Council could approve. He asked the committee if they were open to adding language to the agreement that would make it contingent on them commencing construction. Mr. DiSabato asked Mr. Haldi if adding the language would cause a delay in getting it to the next Council meeting. Mr. Haldi noted that their attorneys would want to review and possibly have some input on the language. Mr. DiSabato asked if they would have to amend the ordinance to change the language and Mr. Haldi stated they would not. Ms. Davis added they were prepared to break ground within the next three months. Mr. DiSabato noted adding the language should not affect anything since the company had already stated they would be ready within the next three months. Mr. Carotti noted the language could be added before it went to Council. It would have the language in it when and if approved by the Council for the company to sign.

**Mr. Crawford moved to approve ordinance A with a second by Mr. Howard. The vote was unanimous.**

**Mr. Crawford moved to approve ordinance B with a second by Mr. Howard. The vote was unanimous.**

#### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:**

**Coast RTA Update:** Mr. Brian Piascik commented that he had an invitation to pass out to everyone and hoped they would be able to attend. Mr. Howard stated that he had seen the flyer and he definitely wanted to go.

Mr. Piascik noted that was really about all he had for his update. He did not have a new report for the committee but things were still moving forward. He had been having discussions with the City of Conway, the City of North Myrtle Beach and Myrtle Beach about where they were headed for the next year.

He wanted to make everyone aware of an initiative that was being moved forward by Lt. Gov. Evette. She had called all of the regional transportation authorities to Columbia back in October to discuss issues and how public transportation was doing in South Carolina overall. Referring to the initiative that came from the meeting, he explained that Lt. Gov. Evette wanted to heighten the awareness of public transportation to the business community. She had discussions with the different Chambers on ways to accomplish that objective. She would be hosting a symposium on February 24. He hoped that they would be able to get the conversation out to the public concerning different aspects of public transportation and where they hoped to be within the next three years or so. He noted that he had a speaking part in the upcoming

symposium and felt that it would be the most important presentation he had made in his time at Coast RTA.

Mr. Howard asked if he would be asking for some of the billion dollar surplus. He answered that they were doing that through the Transit Association and would be in conjunction with the Maintenance Facility that was looking for some one-time money projects. They would send a letter in for that. He mentioned that they did receive some funding from the State through the State gas tax. Statewide they had spent about \$6.5 million annually since 1987 and the number of transit systems had increased from 27 to 48. He stated that they received approximately \$300,000-\$320,000 per year from the State.

**R. J. Corman /Tiger Project Presentation:** Ms. Courtney Frappaolo stated that in 2017 the County received a transportation grant for transportation investments that would generate economic recovery for TIGER. She introduced Mr. David Pegram, their consultant, who worked with them and managed the project, to present an update on the project.

Mr. Pegram explained that he worked with Mott MacDonald and he mainly provided construction oversight for the project. He presented several slides that he stated would show them a brief overview of the project's scope. The first slide showed the different areas they were involved in, total number of ties (58,000) to replace, nine miles of rail, nine bridges to replace as well as various crossing rehabs and signal system upgrades to be finished. The total budget was \$17.38 million. The next slide showed the project timeline beginning in July 2017 with an expected completion date of February 2021. The next slide showed work that had been completed to date noting they were about 50% complete. He then presented a slide that showed their work plan for 2020 with a list of what needed to be completed. He noted the major part would be the rebuild of the 220' Crabtree Swamp Bridge. The list also included 120 bridge spans rehabilitated, 3 switch upgrades, 3 road crossing signal upgrades, 13 crossing surfaces to rehabilitate, two miles of rail to upgrade, 14,300 ties to replace, 46 miles of resurfacing and 400 joint bars to be replaced.

Project completion was expected to be in February 2021 with the grant closeout in March 2021. He also noted that by 2020 they expected a 3000 car volume per year.

Mr. DiSabato asked if the work would be extended to Myrtle Beach or would it stop at the Atlantic Center. Mr. Pegram explained there was the issue of the bridge and how expensive it would be to continue.

**Airport General Update:** Ms. Judi Olmstead stated she had two items for their update. The first item was the completion of construction of a new 18,000 sq. ft. hangar that was open for business the previous week. It was their first new hangar in over ten years and it had taken approximately six months to build. The cost was just over \$5 million and had been funded over a two-year budgeting cycle with airport general funds. Included in the project was the realignment of the existing taxi lane in order to provide direct access to the ramp. Currently they had one tenant that was a Gulfstream IV.

The second item she wanted to discuss was that MYR received two prestigious awards last week at a national airline district marketing meeting called ROUTES. It was the second time in three years that the airport had won the award. It was in recognition marketing strategies and marketing and route development. MYR was named the winner in two categories. The categories were for overall airport category and the under four million passenger category. She also added that a press release had been sent out the previous week.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None