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BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA 29902  
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**CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION AGENDA**  
**April 11, 2023**

**STATEMENT OF MEDIA NOTIFICATION**

"In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, all local media was duly notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting."

**WORKSESSION - City Hall, Planning Conference Room, 1st Floor - 5:00 PM**

**Please note, this meeting will be broadcasted via zoom and live streamed on Facebook. You can view the meeting at the City's page; City Beaufort SC**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A. Stephen D. Murray III, Mayor

**II. EMPLOYEE NEW HIRE RECOGNITION**

A. Police Department - George Pirrone

**III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Discussion of tours embarking and debarking from the Pat Conroy Center , 601 Bladen Street
- B. Strategic Plan draft review
- C. Update Army Corps 3x3 Study Letter of Intent
- D. Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Update

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 4, Section (70) (a) (2) of the South Carolina Code of Law: Discussion regarding the proposed sale or purchase of property

**V. ADJOURN**



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**CITY OF BEAUFORT**  
DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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**TO:** CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** 4/4/2023  
**FROM:** Linda Roper  
**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** Discussion of tours embarking and debarking from the Pat Conroy Center , 601 Bladen Street  
**MEETING DATE:** 4/11/2023  
**DEPARTMENT:** Downtown Operations

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*BACKGROUND INFORMATION:*

This request is from Beaufort Tours to move location of embarkation & debarkation from the Marina Lot to the Pat Conroy Center at 601 Bladen Street

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*PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: Discussion*

**REMARKS:**



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**TO:** CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** 4/4/2023  
**FROM:** Scott Marshall, City Manager  
**AGENDA ITEM**  
**TITLE:** Strategic Plan draft review  
**MEETING**  
**DATE:** 4/11/2023  
**DEPARTMENT:** City Managers Office

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*BACKGROUND INFORMATION:*

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*PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: Discussion*

**REMARKS:**



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## CITY OF BEAUFORT

### DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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**TO:** CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** 4/7/2023  
**FROM:** Reece Bertholf, Deputy City Manager  
**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** Update Army Corps 3x3 Study Letter of Intent  
**MEETING DATE:** 4/11/2023  
**DEPARTMENT:** City Managers Office

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***BACKGROUND INFORMATION:***

The current letter of intent requesting partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers was written based on standing authorizations for study in our area that ultimately made the focus of the request flooding impacts from tropical weather.

The 2022 WRDA bill created the opportunity to initiate a flood risk study that looks not only at impacts from tropical weather but all other drivers of flood risk.

Staff will adjust the letter to reflect the necessary wording.

Our request for study has been elevated for funding by the Army Corps in the FY 23 Work Plan, FY 24 President's Budget, and the Disaster Relief Act of 2019. None of those requests were funded. Currently Army Corps Staff is working on the submittal for FY 24 work Plan and FY 25 Presidents Budget.

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***PLACED ON AGENDA FOR:***

***REMARKS:***

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Type	Upload Date
Letter of Intent	Backup Material	4/7/2023

Scott M. Marshall  
CITY MANAGER  
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COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Stephen D. Murray III, Mayor  
Mike McFee, Mayor Pro Tem  
Neil Lipsitz  
Mitch Mitchell  
Josh Scallate

Lt. Col. Andrew Johannes  
Commander, Charleston District  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
69A Hagood Ave.  
Charleston, SC 29906

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"....lead to a Beaufort Peninsula Coastal Flood Risk Management Study. The City would like to invoke WRDA 22 Section 8106 for a comprehensive flood risk study, accounting for multiple flood risk drivers. The study could potentially consist of, but may not be limited to the following neighborhoods....."

Dear Lt. Col. Johannes,

The City of Beaufort would like to partner with the Army Corps of Engineers to begin the processes that would ultimately lead to a Beaufort Peninsula Coastal Flood Risk Management Study, potentially consisting of the following neighborhoods; The Point, Downtown, Old Commons, Northwest Quadrant, Mossy Oaks and Pigeon Point. The aforementioned areas are confined by three linked, but distinct, coastal waterways; the Beaufort River, Battery Creek, and Albergotie Creek. All the areas share low lying and bluffed topography creating varying degrees of concern throughout.

Although French settlers came to the Beaufort area as early as 1562, the permanent settlement of Beaufort was established in 1711, making the second oldest city in South Carolina and one of the oldest continuously occupied cities in America. The historic downtown boasts many National Register of Historic Places- listed buildings. Much of the downtown area is included in the Beaufort Historic District and is home to a National Cemetery established by President Lincoln in 1863 to inter both Union and Confederate soldiers. Today, Beaufort is home to over 13,000 residents and sees nearly 2 million visitors annually. Beaufort County is made up of 65 islands and at high tide, the area is as much water as it is land. Almost a quarter of all of the marshland on the entire east coast is found in Beaufort County, making the region of great environmental significance. The City of Beaufort is itself, a conglomerate of multiple islands with earthen causeway and bridge connections.

During storm events, residents and visitors to Beaufort and the neighboring sea islands depend upon limited evacuation routes through the city. In many cases, residents from the barrier islands can evacuate to Beaufort on the way to the mainland but encounter flooded streets and can not get further inland to safety. Residents can also be cut off from police, fire and emergency services due to flooding.

Beaufort has withstood the water for over 300 years but the ever-increasing occurrence, nature and severity of coastal flooding events in our area have left our community increasingly vulnerable to frequent devastating inundation from coastal storm surge. In November of 2019, the city was presented with a Flood Vulnerability Assessment from the S.C. Sea Grant Consortium, Lowcountry Hazards Center at the College of Charleston, and the Carolinas Integrated Sciences and Assessments. This study clearly identified areas of concern and threats to our city. More study leading to an actionable plan to provide long-term solutions to public health, safety and quality of life is necessary.

The City of Beaufort understands a study cannot be initiated unless it is selected for a new start with associated allocation of Federal funds provided through the annual Congressional appropriations process. If selected, we intend to sign a feasibility cost sharing agreement (FCSA). It is our understanding the FCSA targets completion of the feasibility study within three years at a total cost of no more than \$3 million. After signing the FCSA, a Project Management Plan will be developed and agreed upon by the City and Corps of Engineers. The study will be conducted and managed by the Corps of Engineers. The cost-sharing for the study is based on a 50% contribution by the Federal government, with the City's 50% contribution provided in cash, or by a portion or all of the contribution provided through in-kind non-monetary services.

The City of Beaufort is aware that this letter constitutes an expression of intent to initiate a study to address the issues specified above and is not a contractual obligation. It is understood that the City of Beaufort or the Corps of Engineers may discontinue the study at any time after FCSA is signed but will commit to work together as partners during the scoping phase and subsequent decision points throughout the feasibility study that will provide the necessary support to risk-informed decision making.

Please contact Reece Bertholf, the deputy city manager at 843-754-9144 or [RBertholf@cityofbeaufort.org](mailto:RBertholf@cityofbeaufort.org) with any questions regarding this letter or this request. We are very excited for this partnership opportunity with the Army Corps and are hopeful the fruits of this effort will pay off for the citizens of Beaufort for another 300 years.

Sincerely,



Scott M. Marshall  
City Manager  
City of Beaufort, SC



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**CITY OF BEAUFORT**  
DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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**TO:** CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** 4/6/2023  
**FROM:** Alan Eisenman, Finance Director  
**AGENDA ITEM**  
**TITLE:** Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Update  
**MEETING**  
**DATE:** 4/11/2023  
**DEPARTMENT:** Finance

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*BACKGROUND INFORMATION:*

Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2023 Financial update through the City's Transparency Portal. The quarterly report can be found on the City's website by selecting Finance Department, then Financial Transparency and clicking on 3rd Quarter Fiscal Year 2023 Budget in Brief link.

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*PLACED ON AGENDA FOR:* Discussion

*REMARKS:*