



SPECIAL JOINT SESSION OF COUNCILS  
Wednesday, October 27, 2010  
6:00 P.M.  
Beaufort County Council  
and  
Hilton Head Island Town Council



Visual and Performing Arts Center  
Hilton Head Island High School  
70 Wilborn Road  
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. FOIA Compliance – Public information of this joint session of Councils has been published, posted and mailed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and Beaufort County and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.
4. Opening Remarks – Mayor Peeples and Chairman Newton
  - a. Presiding Official
  - b. Procedures
5. Master Plan Presentation – Talbert & Bright
6. New Business
  - a. Resolution – A joint resolution of the Beaufort County Council and the Hilton Head Island Town Council to adopt the 2010 Hilton Head Island Airport Master Plan and direct staff to begin to implement the plan.
  - b. Resolution – A resolution of the Town Council for the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina directing the Town Manager to begin the process of amending LMO Section 16-4-1307 to provide for a runway length of 5,000 linear feet.
  - c. Resolution – A resolution of Beaufort County Council to provide for a runway length of 5,000 linear feet at the Hilton Head Island Airport.
7. Public Comments
8. Discussion
9. Adjournment

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA ADOPTING THE 2010 HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE AND DIRECTING STAFF TO BEGIN TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Beaufort County Council and the Town Council for the Town of Hilton Head Island agreed in 2009 to jointly participate in the update of the Hilton Head Island Airport Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, a team consisting of County and Town representatives selected the consulting firm of Talbert & Bright (Consultants) to undertake the Master Plan update in the summer of 2009; and

WHEREAS, at a presentation on March 19, 2010, to both County Council and Town Council, the Consultants presented their recommendations on selection of a Critical Aircraft, and identified a class of private planes requiring a runway of 5,400 feet; and

WHEREAS, at a presentation on May 19, 2010, again to both the County Council and the Town Council, the Consultants presented their Alternatives Analysis and, based on a variety of factors, recommended Alternative 2; and

WHEREAS, Alternative 2 provides for a runway of 5,400 feet in a “constrained configuration” that does not physically impact on, or require the removal or relocation of, the St. James Baptist Church, nor of any private homes, and might be accomplished in two phases, the first phase requiring no land acquisition or relocation of roads by building a 5,000 foot runway on existing airport property; and,

WHEREAS, at a presentation on July 12, 2010 to both the County Council and the Town Council, the Consultants presented additional information regarding Alternative 2; and

WHEREAS, the County Council and Town Council passed a joint resolution on July 12, 2010 to endorse Alternative 2 with the understanding that the consultants would consider three different options for runway length alternatives [4600’, 5000’ and 5400’]; and

WHEREAS, the consultant has completed the 2010 Hilton Head Airport Master Plan Update in accordance with the appropriate FAA Advisory Circulars and consistent with the guidance previously provided by both Town Council and County Council and has delivered the final draft for consideration and adoption; and

WHEREAS, following review of the master plan update the County Council and the Town Council wish to adopt the master plan update, including the recommendation to pursue Alternative 2 in two phases, and to direct their respective staffs to take the following actions upon adoption: 1) Process the necessary amendments to all respective ordinances or resolutions that may be in conflict with this Plan; 2) Forward the adopted Plan and a signed

copy of this Resolution to the Federal Aviation Administration; and 3) Begin to implement the recommendations that constitute Alternative Two/Phase One.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT JOINTLY RESOLVED BY THE BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTAL BODIES DO HEREBY ADOPT THE 2010 HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE, INCLUDING THE RECOMMENDATION TO PURSUE ALTERNATIVE 2 IN TWO PHASES, AND DIRECT STAFFS TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS: 1) PROCESS THE NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO ALL RESPECTIVE ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS THAT MAY BE IN CONFLICT WITH THIS PLAN; 2) FORWARD THE ADOPTED PLAN AND A SIGNED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION; AND 3) BEGIN TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT CONSTITUTE ALTERNATIVE TWO/PHASE ONE.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY AND THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND THIS 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2010**

Beaufort County,  
South Carolina

Town of Hilton Head Island,  
South Carolina

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wm. Weston J. Newton, Chairman

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas D. Peebles, Mayor

Attest:

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Suzanne M. Rainey, Clerk to Council

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Betsy R. Mosteller, CMC, Town Clerk

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF AMENDING LMO SECTION 16-4-1307 TO PROVIDE FOR A RUNWAY LENGTH OF 5,000 LINEAR FEET**

WHEREAS, the Town Council for the Town of Hilton Head Island agreed in 2009 to participate with Beaufort County Council in the update of the Hilton Head Island Airport Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, a team consisting of County and Town representatives selected the consulting firm of Talbert & Bright (Consultants) to undertake the Master Plan update in the summer of 2009; and

WHEREAS, at a presentation on March 19, 2010, to both County Council and Town Council, the Consultants presented their recommendations on selection of a Critical Aircraft, and identified a class of private planes requiring a runway of 5,400 feet; and

WHEREAS, at a presentation on May 19, 2010, again to both the County Council and the Town Council, the Consultants presented their Alternatives Analysis and, based on a variety of factors, recommended Alternative 2; and

WHEREAS, Alternative 2 provides for a runway of 5,400 feet in a “constrained configuration” that does not physically impact on, or require the removal or relocation of, the St. James Baptist Church, nor of any private homes, and might be accomplished in two phases, the first phase requiring no land acquisition or relocation of roads by building a 5,000 foot runway on existing airport property; and,

WHEREAS, following review of the 2010 Hilton Head Island Airport Master Plan Update, the Town Council joined the County Council in adopting the Plan via a joint resolution on October 27, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the members of Town Council recognize that Ordinance 2007-27, which imposed a runway limitation of 4,300 feet, creates an obstacle to moving forward with the Master Plan and implementing its recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Town Council members desire to direct the Town Manager to process an amendment to the LMO that will amend the current runway restriction of 4,300 feet so as to allow for a runway length of up to 5,000 linear feet.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA THAT THE TOWN MANAGER IS HEREBY DIRECTED TO PROCESS AN AMENDMENT TO LMO SECTION 16-4-1307 TO ALLOW FOR A RUNWAY LENGTH OF UP TO 5,000 LINEAR FEET.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2010**

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**Thomas D. Peeples, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Betsy R. Mosterller, Town Clerk**

**Approved as to Form:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Gregory M. Alford, Town Attorney**

**Introduced by Council Member:** \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FOR A  
RUNWAY LENGTH OF 5,000 LINEAR FEET AT THE HILTON HEAD ISLAND  
AIRPORT**

WHEREAS, in July 1975, County Council voted to approve a runway length of 4,300 feet for the runway at the Hilton Head Island Airport; and

WHEREAS, in October 2004, County Council voted to reaffirm its 1975 motion to restrict the Hilton Head Island Airport runway to 4,300 feet; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County agreed in 2009 to participate with the Town Council for the Town of Hilton Head Island in the update of the Hilton Head Island Airport Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, a team consisting of County and Town representatives selected the consulting firm of Talbert & Bright (Consultants) to undertake the Master Plan update in the summer of 2009; and

WHEREAS, at a presentation on March 19, 2010, to both County Council and Town Council, the Consultants presented their recommendations on selection of a Critical Aircraft, and identified a class of private planes requiring a runway of 5,400 feet; and

WHEREAS, at a presentation on May 19, 2010, again to both the County Council and the Town Council, the Consultants presented their Alternatives Analysis and, based on a variety of factors, recommended Alternative 2; and

WHEREAS, Alternative 2 provides for a runway of 5,400 feet in a "constrained configuration" that does not physically impact on, or require the removal or relocation of, the St. James Baptist Church, nor of any private homes, and might be accomplished in two phases, the first phase requiring no land acquisition or relocation of roads by building a 5,000 foot runway on existing airport property; and

WHEREAS, following review of the 2010 Hilton Head Island Airport Master Plan Update, the Town Council joined the County Council in adopting the Plan via a joint resolution on October 27, 2010; and

WHEREAS, County Council recognizes that the Town of Hilton Head Island Land Management Ordinance #2007-07, which imposed a runway limitation of 4,300 feet, creates an obstacle to moving forward with the Master Plan and implementing its recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council for the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina desires to direct the Town Manager to amend LMO Section 16-4-1307 to lengthen the current runway restriction of 4,300 feet so as to allow for a runway length of up to 5,000 linear feet.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of a joint resolution with the Town of Hilton Head, the County hereby resolves that the Hilton Head Island Airport runway be extended to a total length of 5,000 linear feet in compliance with the adopted Master Plan and directs staff to begin to implement the recommendations that constitute alternative two/phase one.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2010.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wm. Weston J. Newton, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Suzanne M. Rainey, Clerk to Council