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Council Response to Beaufort County Proposal on County Dock Property Disposition

The Beaufort County Council's Public Utilities Committee met on August 28th, 2017 and discussed the proposed sale/lease of some of the property at the County dock, specifically the Marshside Mama's building and adjoining store. They had received only one response to the RFP (Request for Proposal), and that response was for a lease arrangement.

Chairman Chuck Hunter spoke on behalf of the Daufuskie Island Council, and stressed the importance of keeping this property available for the Island residents, and especially for community activities and events. Committee Chair Stu Rodman indicated that they had received many comments from Daufuskie residents about this issue, and have been educated about why the sale of this property would be so damaging to our island.

Also attending the meeting were Council Members John Schartner, Sallie Ann Robinson, and Deborah Smith.

The outcome was a vote by the committee to direct the County staff to explore a process that would transfer oversight for this property to the Daufuskie Island Council. The County will be also be developing stipulations for such an arrangement, and these stipulations will be carefully evaluated by our Council.

The Daufuskie Island Council is pleased that the County Council is willing to keep this great local resource with our community. We will be working with county staff, the Daufuskie Island Co-Op, and other stakeholders over the next month to determine whether or not there is an appropriate role for our Council to play in this process and, if so, how such an arrangement will be structured.

We will, of course, keep everyone apprised of developments, and thank all those who have taken time to communicate their concerns to county officials about this matter.

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