

AUTHORIZING THE EXERCISE OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO ACQUIRE TITLE TO OR INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE GREENHILL COMMUNITY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of James Island ("Town") intends to improve stormwater drainage in and around the Greenhill community in the town through the Greenhill Community Drainage Improvement project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the plans for the drainage improvements are shown on the technical drawings entitled "Greenhill Community Drainage Improvements" by Stantec with a Project No. of 171001991, and any amendments; ("Plans"); and

WHEREAS, the Plans depict, *inter alia*, the existing drainage, the proposed drainage improvements, and the privately-owned portions or properties that the Town seeks to acquire an easement interest in to complete the Project; and

WHEREAS, said Plans are subject to refinement and revision as additional design efforts and investigations are undertaken regarding the project's components, including but not limited to drainage structures; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of an easement interest on the privately-owned properties will be accomplished in accordance with the eminent domain laws of the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Town to acquire an easement interest in the privately-owned properties in order to complete the Project; and

WHEREAS, public purposes, health, welfare, and safety, will be served by acquiring the properties and completing the Project; and

WHEREAS, the properties acquired will be for a public use, including but not limited to, the improvement of stormwater drainage in the Town of James Island, more specifically, in the Greenhill community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JAMES ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL THAT as a result of the findings set forth above, the James Island Town Council hereby authorizes and directs the following:

Town of James Island Council hereby authorizes the exercise of eminent domain to acquire an easement interest in the privately-owned properties described below, and as shown on the above-described Plans, as the same may be refined or revised from time to time, for the Project. Council expressly authorizes the acquisition of the parcels identified below, in whole or in part, as the needs of the Project so require: TMS#s 428-07-00-162 (Tract 15), 428-07-00-016 (Tract 14), 428-07-00-008 (Tract 19), 28-07-00-026 (Tract 29), 428-07-00-149 (Tract 30), 428-08-00-008 (Tract 32), and 428-08-00-007 (Tract 33).

Adopted this 9th day of December 2019

ATTEST


Bill Woolsey, Mayor


Frances Simmons, Town Clerk

