



## **Public Facilities and Safety Committee Beaufort County, SC**

Council Chambers, Administration Building Beaufort County Government Robert Smalls  
Complex 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort

**Tuesday, May 28, 2024  
3:00 PM**

### **MINUTES**

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

**LOGAN CUNNINGHAM, CHAIRMAN**

**THOMAS REITZ**

**ANNA MARIA TABERNIK**

**DAVID P. BARTHOLOMEW, VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**PAULA BROWN**

**JOSEPH F. PASSIMENT, EX-OFFICIO**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chairman Cunningham called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

**PRESENT**

Committee Chairman Logan Cunningham

Committee Vice-Chairman David P. Bartholomew (arrived late at 3:42)

Council Member Paula Brown

Council Member Anna Maria Tabernik

Council Member Gerald Dawson

Council Member York Glover

Council Member Alice Howard

Council Member Thomas Reitz

Council Member Mark Lawson (arrived late at 3:31)

Chairman Joseph Passiment (arrived late at 4:14)

**ABSENT**

Vice-Chairman Lawrence McElynn

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Committee Chairman Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PUBLISHED, POSTED, AND DISTRIBUTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Committee Chairman Cunningham noted that the public notification of the meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member Brown to approve the agenda.

**The Vote:** The motion was approved without objection.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- April 22, 2024

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member Brown, to approve the minutes from April 22, 2024.

**The Vote:** The motion was approved without objection.

6. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD- 15 MINUTES TOTAL

*Anyone who wishes to speak during the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting will limit their comments and speak no longer than three (3) minutes. Speakers will address Council in a respectful manner appropriate to the decorum of the meeting, refraining from the use of profane, abusive, or obscene language. In accordance with Beaufort County's Rules and Procedures, giving of a speaker's time to another is not allowed.*

Citizen comment was taken.

Mike Hagen- Sales Tax Referendum

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7. ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT- Jared Fralix

Jared Fralix- Employee Updates

Tallulah McGee- Update on Animal Shelter

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## AGENDA ITEMS

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8. UPDATE PRESENTATION ON WIMBEE CREEK FISHING PIER - Bill Barna, McSweeney Engineers

McSweeney Engineers conducted inspections of the Wimbee Creek Fishing Pier in 2018 and 2019. As part of the new inspection reports, McSweeney provided a condition evaluation and repair recommendations for the pier. As requested by the County in 2020, they analyzed six (6) repair and demolition alternatives

and probate costs. Repairs have not been performed, but based on recommendations in the 2019 report, spans 7 & 8 were closed.

The recommendation is to update demolition plans and specifications. Demolish pier. Explore options for site improvements.

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<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/306391?ts=1048>

9. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY'S ACTIVE PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES - *Dale Butts, Assistant County Administrator*

Eric Brown, Parks and Recreation Director, introduced Wood & Partners, who presented a preliminary draft of their findings, comprising the Parks & Recreation Master Plan, to the Committee last year. This presentation is the final product.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Brown, to Recommend Approval to Council of a Resolution Adopting a Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Beaufort County's Active Parks and Recreation Facilities.

**The Vote:** The motion was approved without objection.

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10. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO CONVEY UTILITY EASEMENT # 904091 ENCUMBERING PROPERTY OWNED BY BEAUFORT COUNTY - *Jared Fralix, P.E., Assistant County Administrator, Infrastructure*

Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. is requesting a 10' utility easement on County Parcel R100 031 000 00098 0000 to facilitate improvements/upgrades to main lines in the Shell Point Area.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Committee Vice- Chair Bartholomew, to Recommend Approval to Council of an Ordinance Authorizing the Interim County Administrator to Execute the Necessary Documents to Convey Utility Easement #904091 Encumbering Property Owned by Beaufort County.

**The Vote:** The motion was approved without objection.

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11. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF DRAINAGE EASEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH DRAINAGE SYSTEMS LOCATED IN THE SHELL POINT AREA ON PARCELS R100 033 00A 0350 0000 & R100 033 00A 0116 0000 (**FISCAL IMPACT: Work to be included in Stormwater Maintenance account # 5025-90-9020-51170**) - *Jared Fralix, P.E., Assistant County Administrator, Infrastructure*

Resolution 2022/63 outlines an updated process for drainage easement requests. Beaufort County legal department has recently determined that drainage easement conveyance and acceptance should be approved through a County Council Ordinance.

Beaufort County Stormwater Department is working on drainage issues in the Shell Point area. Parcels R100 033 00A 0350 0000 and R100 033 00A 0116 0000 will help convey drainage to reduce water backup on the parcels and surrounding properties.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Bartholomew, to Recommend Approval to Council of an Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance of Drainage Easements Associated with Drainage Systems Located in the Shell Point Area on Parcels R100 033 00A 0350 0000 & R100 033 00A 0116 0000.

**The Vote:** The motion was approved without objection.

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12. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PORTION OF PARCELS R123-018-000-0483-0000 AND R200-018-000-0257-0000 OF REAL PROPERTY FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY TO THE CITY OF BEAUFORT ASSOCIATED WITH US 21 AIRPORT AREA AND FRONTAGE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - *Jared Fralix, P.E., Assistant County Administrator, Infrastructure*

Included in the November 2018 Transportation Sales and Use Tax Referendum approved by voters was a list of projects to include the Lady's Island Corridor Study designed to improve safety and capacity. Moving forward with improvements on US21 around the airport, Beaufort County and the City of Beaufort entered into an IGA on March 19, 2020, and 1st Amendment dated September 16, 2021, which states that upon completion of the project, the County will not retain any interest in the roadway improvements and the City will maintain the facility as a city street.

The County is nearing completion of the US21 Airport area and Frontage Road project, which is referred to as the "Lost Island Connectivity Project," and is initiating the conveyance of the right of way obtained by the County to the City as agreed in the referenced IGA.

**Motion:** It was moved by Committee Vice-Chair Bartholomew, Seconded by Council Member Glover, to Recommend Approval to Council of an Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance of a Portion of Parcels R123-018-000-0483-0000 and R200-018-000-0257-0000 of Real Property from Beaufort County to the City of Beaufort Associated with US 21 Airport Area and Frontage Road Improvements.

**The Vote:** The motion was approved without objection.

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13. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTIES ENCUMBERING THE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY FOR PRIVATE SECTION OF SCHEPER LANE - *Jared Fralix, P.E., Assistant County Administrator, Infrastructure*

Property owners on a private section of Scheper Lane petitioned the County to include the road in its inventory, and the County Council approved this acceptance on March 11, 2024. The owners wish to convey their interest in road right of way to Beaufort County on the portion of the road that the County

accepted into the County Road inventory. Staff recommends approval of an Ordinance authorizing the Interim County Administrator to execute all necessary documents to accept properties encumbering the road right of way for the private section of Scheper Lane.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Glover, to Recommend Approval to Council of an Ordinance Authorizing the Interim County Administrator to Execute Any and All Necessary Documents for the Acceptance of Properties Encumbering the Road Right of Way for Private Section of Scheper Lane.

**The Vote:** The motion was approved without objection.

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14. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO COASTAL AIR TECHNOLOGIES FOR IFB #050724 BEAUFORT COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS OFFICE HVAC REPLACEMENT (**FISCAL IMPACT: \$205,590.00. Funding comes from the Capital Improvements fund, Account #1040-80-1310-54420. Current account balance is \$2,005,987.74 as of May 14, 2024**) - Eric Larson, PE, Director, Capital Projects

Beaufort County requested bids for the Beaufort County Disabilities and Special Needs Office HVAC replacement on May 7, 2024. One bidder submitted a bid, which was received from Coastal Air Technologies at a cost of \$186,900.00. Staff reviewed the detailed bid submittal and found the bid to be responsive and the prices to be fair and reasonable.

The Disabilities and Special Needs Office HVAC Replacement project includes replacing the existing geothermal HVAC system, which is beyond its useful service life and has been prone to backdowns in recent years. The new system will use more modern equipment. The total funds requested are the fixed bid amount of \$186,900 plus a 10% contingency (\$18,690) for unforeseen conditions. Therefore, the total amount requested is \$205,590.00.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member Glover, to Recommend Approval to Council to Award a Contract to Coastal Air Technologies for IFB #050724 Beaufort County Disabilities and Special Needs Office HVAC Replacement.

**The Vote:** The motion was approved without objection.

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15. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED 2024 TRANSPORTATION SALES AND USE TAX ORDINANCE AND REFERENDUM.

Jared Fralix, Assistant County Administrator, Infrastructure, introduced the discussion of possible amendments to the proposed 2024 Transportation and Sales Tax Ordinance and Referendum.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Dawson, to schedule a special called meeting for Public Facilities and Safety to discuss the proposed 2024 Transportation Sales and Use Tax Ordinance and Referendum.

The motion was rescinded.

Due to time constraints, the item will be fully heard and discussed at a special meeting of the Public Facilities and Safety Committee, the date of which has not yet been determined.

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### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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16. PURSUANT TO S. C. CODE §30-4-70(a)(2): RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE WHERE THE LEGAL ADVICE RELATES TO MATTERS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE (FY25 BUDGET ORDINANCE)

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, Seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Bartholomew, to go into Executive Session.

**The Vote:** The motion was approved without objection

4:49 pm – 5:04 pm

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### END OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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17. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no matters arising out of the Executive Session

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm

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Ratified: June 24, 2024