



County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

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

Tuesday, May 28, 2024
5:00 PM

AGENDA

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

JOSEPH F. PASSIMENT, CHAIRMAN
DAVID P. BARTHOLOMEW
LOGAN CUNNINGHAM
YORK GLOVER
MARK LAWSON
ANNA MARIA TABERNIK

LAWRENCE MCELYNN, VICE CHAIR
PAULA BROWN
GERALD DAWSON
ALICE HOWARD
THOMAS REITZ

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION- Council Member Anna Maria Tabernik
3. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PUBLISHED, POSTED, AND DISTRIBUTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *Special County Council Meeting on April 24, 2024*
6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
7. YEAR TO DATE PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR GENERAL FUND, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, AND ALL ENTERPRISE FUNDS

CITIZEN COMMENTS

8. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD - 15 MINUTES TOTAL

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. LIASION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ITEMS

10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
11. PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO PURCHASE AND TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF THE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS PROJECT BRAVO
Vote at First Reading by Title Only on April 22, 2024 - 11:0
Vote at Second Reading on May 13, 2024 - 9:0
12. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY ABUTTING THE HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT LOCATED ON SUMMIT DRIVE WITH TMS NO. R510 005 000 271A 0000 (**FISCAL IMPACT: purchase price of \$22,390.56 plus seller and purchaser closing costs. Account balance \$54,455.64, Account # 5402-90-0000-571320; costs to be reimbursed by grant funds (23-025) awarded by the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission**)
Vote at First Reading on May 13, 2024 - 9:0
13. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF MULTIPLE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY TO SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN CONNECTION WITH SC 802 SAMS POINT ROAD RIGHT TURN LANE (**FISCAL IMPACT: these properties have already been purchased through the 2018 Sales Tax Program per an IGA with SCDOT. There is no financial consideration for the transfer of ownership from Beaufort County to SCDOT**)
Vote at First Reading on May 13, 2024- 9:0
14. PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROCUREMENT BY THE APPLICANT OF FEE SIMPLE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON HILTON HEAD ISLAND, KNOWN AS THE MITCHELVILLE TRACT (PIN# R510 005 000 0007 0000), NOT TO EXCEED THE FINAL VALUE AS DETERMINED BY A NEW APPRAISAL AFTER THE COMPLETION OF AN UPDATED PLAT, RESOLUTION OF ALL LEGAL ISSUES/CLAIMS, CONTINGENT UPON FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION, AND SHALL REQUIRE THAT ANY FUNDS RECEIVED FROM GRANTS, PRIVATE, FEDERAL, OR STATE FUNDING BE USED SOLELY TO REIMBURSE THE EXPENDITURE OF THE GREEN SPACE PROGRAM (**FISCAL IMPACT: TBD – Final amount is unknown until staff completes and reviews necessary due diligence in accordance with the Green Space Advisory Committee’s recommendation and Green Space Program guidelines**)
15. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 38 ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLE VI SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAGS SECTION 38-161, PURPOSE; SECTION 38-162 DEFINITIONS; SECTION 38-163 REGULATIONS; AND SECTION 38-164 EXEMPTIONS OF THE BEAUFORT COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES
16. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; TO LEVY TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; TO ADOPT SERVICE AND USER FEES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES COMING INTO THE COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (**FISCAL IMPACT: The ordinance will outline the Revenues to be collected and the estimated expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2025**)

17. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAX FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR SAID PURPOSES.
18. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRODUCT FUNDING REQUEST ***(FISCAL IMPACT: Based on current value of a mil this funding is estimated to be approximately \$8.1M for a three year period. Should the County have the ability to transfer this mil from another fund, temporarily and for a period up to three years, the funding of this request would not increase taxes but will reappropriate existing funds. Additional funding is expected from the SC Department of Commerce to support this initiative)***
19. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO COMMIT FUNDS TO BE PROVIDED FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY TO THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ARTHUR E. BROWN REGIONAL WORKFORCE TRAINING CENTER
20. APPROVAL TO COUNCIL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FRIENDS OF FORT FREMONT TO ALLOW THEM TO PROVIDE VOLUNTEER SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED AT THE FORT FREMONT PRESERVE AND HISTORY CENTER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COUNTY
21. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE NOMINATION OF THE BEAUFORT COUNTY "CAROLINA BRIGHT" ESTUARY SYSTEM INTO THE NATIONAL ESTUARY SYSTEM
22. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH BEAUFORT COUNTY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY LIST
23. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT RT6
24. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS TO HARGRAY AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR USE OF FUNDS WITH HARGRAY FOR BROADBAND SERVICE EXPANSION ON ST. HELENA ISLAND ***(FISCAL IMPACT: \$163,000; funded by ARPA, Account 2330-40-0000-54110; site development)***

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

26. PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE SECTION 30-04-70(A)(2) DISCUSSIONS OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS (LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER CONCEPTUAL PLAN)
27. PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE SECTION 30-4-70(A)(2) TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE ON MATTERS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE (DAUFUSKIE ISLAND FERRY SERVICE).
28. PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE SECTION 30-4-70(A)(1) DISCUSSION OF EMPLOYMENT, APPOINTMENT, COMPENSATION, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINE, OR RELEASE OF AN EMPLOYEE, A STUDENT, OR A PERSON REGULATED BY A PUBLIC BODY OR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSON TO A PUBLIC BODY.

29. PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE SECTION 30-4-70(A)(1): TO ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS INCIDENT TO THE EMPLOYMENT, APPOINTMENT, OR COMPENSATION OF A PERSON REGULATED BY A PUBLIC BODY.
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END OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

30. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
31. ADJOURNMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

Items Originating from the Community Services and Public Safety Committee

1. THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BEAUFORT COUNTY 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADD THE BEAUFORT COUNTY LONG-TERM RESILIENCE STRATEGY AS AN APPENDIX

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Items Originating from the Finance Committee

2. THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS. **(FISCAL IMPACT: The South Carolina Opioid Relief Fund (SCORF) award is \$582,606 for one year. No matching funds.)**

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3. APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF JUSTIN COOKE TO THE SEABROOK POINT SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR A PARTIAL TERM WITH THE EXPIRATION DATE OF FEBRUARY 2027
4. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

Items Originating from the Public Facilities Committee

5. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO TALBERT, BRIGHT, & ELLINGTON FOR PROFESSIONAL AIRPORT PLANNING SERVICES **(FISCAL IMPACT: Projects executed under this agreement will be planned using the FAA's Capital Improvement Project (CIP) process and will be primarily grant-funded. GL#: 5402-90-0000-57130 available balance is \$53,455)**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

TO WATCH COMMITTEE OR COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS OR FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF AGENDAS AND BACKUP PACKAGES, PLEASE VISIT:

<https://beaufortcountysc.gov/council/council-committee-meetings/index.html>