



Special Called Meeting of County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, August 21, 2023
4:00 PM

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Passiment called the meeting to order at 4:46 PM.

PRESENT

Chairman Joseph F. Passiment
Vice-Chairman Lawrence McElynn
Council Member David P. Bartholomew
Council Member Paula Brown
Council Member Logan Cunningham
Council Member Gerald Dawson
Council Member York Glover (arrived late)
Council Member Alice Howard
Council Member Mark Lawson
Council Member Anna Maria Tabernik

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Chairman Passiment led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. FOIA

Chairman Passiment noted that public notification of this meeting had 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 Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Bartholomew, to approve the agenda.

The Vote: The motion was approved without objection.

5. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

No citizen comments.

6. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR A MODIFIED MILLAGE RATE FOR THE LEVY OF TAX FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024, AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR SAID PURPOSES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve the second reading of an ordinance amendment to provide for a modified millage rate for the levy of tax for school purposes for Beaufort County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, and to make appropriations for said purposes.

Discussion: Council Member Tabernik noted that Tonya Crosby, CFO of the Beaufort County School District, was present in the audience.

Council Member Cunningham asked whether and Chairman Passiment confirmed that the millage rate would be lower.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE SECTION 30-4-70(A)(1) DISCUSSION OF EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON REGULATED BY COUNTY COUNCIL (JOHN ROBINSON)

PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE SECTION 30-4-70(A)(2) TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE ON MATTERS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE (RETENTION OF OUTSIDE LAW FIRM TO CONDUCT REVIEWS AND AUDITS AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY COUNCIL)

PURSUANT TO S. C. CODE SECTION 30-4-70(A)(2) TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE ON MATTERS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE (ERIC GREENWAY'S REQUEST FOR A PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO S. C. CODE SECTION 4-9-620)

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Brown, to enter into executive session.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

The executive session started at 4:49 PM and ended at 5:45 PM.

10. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Passiment commented that no items arose from the Executive Session but noted that Eric Greenway had asked for additional time for his public hearing.

11. ADJOURNMENT


Adjourned at or around 5:47 PM

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY



BY: _____
Joseph F. Passiment, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sarah W. Brock", with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council

Ratified: October 9, 2023