



## County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, July 15, 2024  
4:00 PM

### MINUTES

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Passiment called the meeting to order at 4:00PM

#### PRESENT

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

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Chairman Passiment led the pledge of allegiance and Council Member Howard gave the Invocation.

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

Chairman Passiment stated that public notice of this meeting had been published, posted and distributed in compliance with the SC Freedom of Information Act.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion to Amend:** It was moved by Vice-Chairman McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Brown to amend the agenda to move item #13, a proclamation recognizing Beaufort County Coroner David Ott, SC Coroner of the Year, up on the agenda after approval of the minutes.

**The Vote** - Motion was approved without objection.

**Main Motion:** It was moved by Vice-Chairman McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Brown to approve the agenda as amended.

**The Vote** - Motion was approved without objection.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Vice-Chairman McElynn to approve the minutes of May 13, 2024; Special Called County Council Meeting's of May 14, 2024; May 15, 2024; and May 16, 2024.

**The Vote** - Motion was approved without objection.

**6. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING BEAUFORT COUNTY CORONER DAVID OTT, SC CORONER OF THE YEAR**

Council Member Alice Howard presented Coroner Ott with a proclamation honoring him for receiving SC Coroner of the Year.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** It was moved by Vice-Chairman McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Glover to go into executive session to discuss the items below.

*Pursuant to s.c. code section 30-4-70(a)(2): discussion of matters covered by the attorney-client privilege (inquiries and investigations Pursuant To S.C. Code Section 4-9-660 - Hsb)*

*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.*

*Pursuant To S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70(A)(2): receipt of legal advice where the advice to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege. (personnel issue)*

*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 (DIFS contract)*

*Pursuant To S.C. Code Section 30-04-70(A)(2) discussions of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements (MOA proposed by Town of Hilton Head Island)*

**The Vote** - Motion was approved without objection.

**8. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no matters arising out of executive session.

**9. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

To see the full County Administrator report please click on the link below.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/310165>

**10. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD**

Citizen Comments were taken.

**11. LIASION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**12. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Council Member Dawson, Seconded by Council Member Howard to approve the following consent agenda items: Third Reading of an ordinance authorizing the County Administrator to execute the necessary documents to convey utility easement # 904091 with Dominion Energy encumbering property owned by Beaufort County (688 Parris Island Gateway); Third reading 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; Third Reading 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; Third Reading of an ordinance authorizing the 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; Second reading of an ordinance to amend Beaufort County's Traffic Impact Analysis (Tia) Policy; Second reading of an ordinance providing for the appropriation of funds for fiscal year 2024-2025 generated by the local a-tax committee; and Second reading reading of an ordinance providing for the appropriation of funds for fiscal year 2024-2025 generated by the local hospitality tax.

**The Vote** - Motion was approved without objection.

**13. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT AN INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING GRANT FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY (RIA) FOR THE ALLJOY COMMUNITY**

Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Glover to approve a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to accept an infrastructure planning grant from the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) for the Alljoy Community.

**The Vote** - Motion was approved without objection.

**14. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO PURSUE CONDEMNATION ON PARCEL R200 011 000 0007 0000 ASSOCIATED WITH SHEPPARD ROAD, CAUSEY WAY AND DOCK BUILDERS DRIVE ON LADY'S ISLAND**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, Seconded by Council Member Tabernik to approve a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to pursue condemnation on parcel r200 011 000 0007 0000 associated with Sheppard Road, Causey Way And Dock Builders Drive on Lady's Island.

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**The Vote - Voting Yea:** Chairman Passiment, Vice-Chairman McElynn, Council Member Cunningham, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, and Council Member Tabernik. **Voting Nay:** Council Member Brown, Council Member Dawson, and Council Member Reitz. **Voting Abstaining:** Council Member Bartholomew. The motion passed 6:3 with 1 abstention.

**15. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT FAA BIL AIRPORT TERMINAL PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000,000 FOR HXD TERMINAL IMPROVEMENTS - CONTINGENT UPON FINAL FAA OFFER**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Reitz, Seconded by Vice-Chairman McElynn to approve a resolution to accept Faa Bil Airport Terminal Program Grant in the amount of \$5,000,000 for HXD Terminal Improvements - contingent upon final FAA offer

**The Vote** - Motion was approved without objection.

**16. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT FAA GRANT FUNDING FOR THE HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT (HXD) TAXIWAY F REHABILITATION PROJECT- CONTINGENT UPON FINAL FAA OFFER**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Reitz, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham to approve a resolution to accept FAA Grant funding for the Hilton Head Island Airport (HXD) taxiway F rehabilitation project- contingent upon final FAA offer.

**The Vote** - Motion was approved without objection.

**17. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT FAA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$137,209 FOR HXD AIRFIELD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – DESIGN AND BIDDING CONTINGENT UPON FINAL FAA**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Reitz, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham to approve a resolution to accept FAA grant in the amount of \$137,209 for HXD airfield drainage improvements – design and bidding contingent upon final FAA offer.

**The Vote** - Motion was approved without objection.

**18. APPROVAL OF UPDATED MEETING CALENDAR**

**Motion** made by Council Member Cunningham, Seconded by Council Member Dawson to approve an updated committee and council meeting calendar.

**The Vote** - Motion was approved without objection.

**19. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD**

Citizen comment was taken.

**20. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** It was moved by Vice-Chairman McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham to go back into executive session to discuss the items below.

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**The Vote** - Motion was approved without objection.

**21. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Passiment announced the retirement of Thomas Keaveny and gave an update on the Daufuskie Island Ferry Plan.

**22. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:41PM.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY



BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph F. Passiment, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:



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Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council  
Ratified: September 9, 2024