



## County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

This meeting was held in person at the County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, and virtually through Zoom.

Monday, January 10, 2022  
5:30 PM

### MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Passiment called the meeting to order at 5:42 pm

**PRESENT**

Chairman Joseph F. Passiment  
Vice-Chairman D. Paul Sommerville  
Council Member York Glover  
Council Member Chris Hervocho  
Council Member Stu Rodman  
Council Member Alice Howard  
Council Member Mark Lawson  
Council Member Lawrence McElynn  
Council Member Gerald Dawson  
Council Member Brian Flewelling  
Council Member Logan Cunningham

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION**

Chairman Passiment led the Pledge of Allegiance and 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 noted that the 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**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Rodman, seconded by Council Member Howard to approve the agenda with the modification of removing item number 5, Approval of Minutes.

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

6. **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

- School Impact Fee Appeal, Pepper Hall denied.
- Dr. Rodriquez, Beaufort County School Superintendent, and Beaufort County Administrator Eric Greenway will be going to the different municipalities in the County to explain and answer any questions regarding the school impact fee.
- Employee Recognition: Angelica Jacobs, Administrative Clerk, Public Information Office; Charles “Dan” Neeson, Airport Maintenance Supervisor, Hilton Head Island Airport; Doris Allen, Administrative Clerk, Facility Management; Mark Davis, Deputy Planning Director
- Dale Butts, Assistant County Administrator, Finance, introduced the new Registrar of Deeds, Patsey Green.

To view the Administrator’s Report, please click the link below.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/152622>

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**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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7. **CITIZEN COMMENTS - (ANYONE who wishes to speak during the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting will limit their comments to no longer than three (3) minutes ( a total of 15 minutes ) and will address Council in a respectful manner appropriate to the decorum of the meeting, refraining from the use of profane, abusive, or obscene language)**

- Joyce Hamm: Spoke on the business licensing requirement for multiple rental properties and Accommodation Taxes.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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8. **LIASION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Council Member Rodman spoke on item number 4 on the consent agenda for Public Facilities; Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Beaufort County Ordinance 2008/17 and Adopting the Buckwalter Access Management Plan.
- Vice-Chairman Sommerville spoke regarding the items from the Executive Committee consent agenda.
- Chairman Passiment regarding the legal residency application change from 4% to 6%.

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**PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ITEMS**

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9. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** It was moved by Vice-Chairman Sommerville, Seconded by Council Member Rodman, to approve the consent agenda.

**Discussion:** No Discussion

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

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## CONSENT AGENDA

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### Items Originating from the Executive Committee

1. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY2022 BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR RECEIPT OF ARPA FUNDS. *FISCAL IMPACT: RECEIPT OF \$37,317,446 TO BE HOUSED IN A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND*
2. APPROVAL FOR THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE RCORP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT
3. APPOINTMENT OF DEAN NADLER TO THE SEABROOK POINT, SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF 2026

### Items Originating from the Public Facilities Committee

4. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BEAUFORT COUNTY ORDINANCE 2008/17 AND ADOPTING THE BUCKWALTER ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN

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## END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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### 10. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE CAUCUS EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion:** It Was Moved by Vice-Chairman Sommerville, Seconded by Council Member Howard to Authorize the County Administrator to Execute the Settlement Agreement Discussed in The Executive Session Pertaining to Bostick Lane.

**Discussion:** No Discussion

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

### 11. ESTABLISHMENT OF HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS LICENSE FEES FOR 2022

**Motion:** It Was Moved by Vice-Chairman Sommerville, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve the Establishment of Hawkers and Peddlers License Fees for 2022.

**Discussion:** No Discussion

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

12. PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO CONVEY A PORTION OF, ACCEPT A DEED FOR, AND CONVEY A PERPETUAL EASEMENT ON A PORTION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY BEAUFORT COUNTY WITH TMS NO. R600 021 000 0673 0000; EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO A DEED OF PERPETUAL EASEMENT ON A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY WITH TMS NO. R600 021 000 0007 0000; AND ACCEPT A DONATION TO THE RURAL AND CRITICAL LANDS PROGRAM.

**Motion:** It Was Moved by Council Member Rodman, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham to Authorize the County Administrator to Execute the Necessary Documents to Convey a Portion of, Accept A Deed For, And Convey a Perpetual Easement on A Portion of Property Owned by Beaufort County with TMS No. R600 021 000 0673 0000; Execute an Amendment to A Deed of Perpetual Easement on A Portion of The Property With TMS. No. R600 021 000 0007 0000; And Accept a Donation to The Rural and Critical Lands Program.

**Discussion:**

- Vice-Chairman Sommerville will not be voting against this item.
- Council Member Glover will support the motion and staff and applauds the efforts put forth by the staff

The Chairman opened the floor for a public hearing: No Public Comment.

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Voting Yea: Council Member Rodman, Council Member Cunningham, Council Member Glover, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, Chairman Passiment

Voting Nay: Council Member Dawson, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Howard, Vice-Chairman Sommerville

**The Vote-** The motion was approved 7:4

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13. PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY ORDINANCE AS ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 26, 2016, TO ADDRESS THE ADOPTION OF THE SOUTHERN LOWCOUNTRY DESIGN MANUAL.

**Motion:** It Was Moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to Approve an Ordinance for A Text Amendment to The Stormwater Management Utility Ordinance as Adopted September 26, 2016, To Address the Adoption of The Southern Lowcountry Design Manual.

**Discussion:** No Discussion

The Chairman opened the floor for a Public Hearing: No Public Comment.

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

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

14. PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE (CDC): SECTION A.3.40 (PERMITTED ACTIVITIES) TO REVISE THE LADY'S ISLAND EXPANDED HOME BUSINESS DISTRICT TO INCLUDE SHORT-TERM RENTALS AS A SPECIAL USE.

**Motion:** It Was Moved by Vice-Chairman Sommerville, Seconded by Council Member Dawson to Approve an Ordinance for A Text Amendment to The Community Development Code (CDC): Section A.3.40 (Permittee Activities) To Revise the Lady's Island Expanded Home Business District to Include Short-Term Rentals as Special Use.

**Discussion:** No Discussion

The Chairman opened the floor for a Public Hearing: No Public Comment.

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

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

15. PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY ORDINANCE AS ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 26, 2016, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT STANDARDS SET FORTH IN THE SOUTHERN LOWCOUNTRY DESIGN MANUAL TO MEET THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORMWATER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.

**Motion:** It Was Moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Dawson to Approve an Ordinance as Adopted September 26, 2016, To Provide for The Adoption of Stormwater Management Standards Set Forth in The Southern Lowcountry Design Manual to Meet the Municipal Separate Stormwater System (MS4) Permit Requirements.

**Discussion:** No Discussion

The Chairman opened the floor for a Public Hearing: No Public Comment.

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

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

16. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE REDISTRICTING THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Rodman, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve an Ordinance redistricting the County Council of Beaufort County.

**Discussion:**

- Vice-Chairman Sommerville asked if the maps displayed represented the current and proposed districts.
- Council Member Flewelling stated that there weren't any meetings held to receive public input South of the Broad and would like to see one in Bluffton and Hilton Head.
- Council Member Rodman stated that this redistricting also applied to the school district.
- Council Member McElynn responded that there were meetings held South of the Broad, and the public was engaged, and it was heavily attended.
- Council Member Flewelling stated that he was referring to meetings held before the first reading.
- Council Member Rodman mentioned that 3A and 3B were presented at the meeting referenced by Council Member McElynn.

The Chairman opened the floor for a Public Hearing:

- Joyce Hamm spoke regarding redistricting and how it was broken down for the districts.
- Chairman Passiment answered, explaining that it was by population. 17,011 in each district, and there will still be 11 Council Members

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

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

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17. PUBLIC HEARING OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS ACADEMY PARK.

**Motion:** It Was Moved by Council Member Rodman, Seconded by Council Member Howard to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the County Administrator to Execute the Necessary Documents for The Purchase of Real Property Known as Academy Park.

**Discussion:** No Discussion

The Chairman opened the floor for a Public Hearing: No Public Comment.

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

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

18. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY 2022 GENERAL FUND BUDGET BCSO DOWLING LOTS

**Motion:** It Was Moved by Vice-Chairman Sommerville, Seconded by Council Member Howard to Approve an Ordinance Amending the FY 2022 General Fund Budget BCSO Dowling Lots.

**Discussion:**

- Council Member Hervochoon spoke regarding his opposition to this item and believes it isn't the best use of tax dollars and references his previous comments.
- Council Member Cunningham will also vote no on this item.

**The Vote:** The motion was approved. 9/2

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19. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY 2022 GENERAL FUND BUDGET (GRAVES ROAD)

**Motion:** It Was Moved by Council Member Rodman, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to Approve an Ordinance Amending the FY 2022 General Fund Budget (Graves Road).

**Discussion:**

- Vice-Chairman Sommerville stated that he would not be voting for this item.
- Council Member Howard asked for a roll call vote.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Voting Yea: Council Member Rodman, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Cunningham, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, Chairman Passiment,

Voting Nay: Council Member Dawson, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, Vice-Chairman Somerville

**The Vote-** The motion was approved 7:4

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20. A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE GRANT AWARD FOR PROJECT MIRA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.

**Motion:** It Was Moved by Council Member Flewelling, Seconded by Council Member Glover to Approve a Resolution to Accept The South Carolina Department of Commerce Grant Award for Project Mira in The Amount Of \$50,000.

**Discussion:** No Discussion

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

21. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE BEAUFORT COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$113,227.

**Motion:** It Was Moved by Council Member Flewelling, Seconded by Council Member Dawson to Approve a Resolution Accepting a Grant Award from The Department of Justice for The Beaufort County Coroner's Office in The Amount Of \$113,227.

**Discussion:** No Discussion

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

22. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE BEAUFORT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,005.

**Motion:** It Was Moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Dawson to Approve a Resolution Accepting a Grant Award from The Department of Justice for The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office in The Amount Of \$70,005.

**Discussion:** No Discussion

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

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### CITIZEN COMMENTS

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23. **CITIZEN COMMENTS - (ANYONE who wishes to speak during the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting will limit their comments to no longer than three (3) minutes (a total of 15 minutes) and will address Council in a respectful manner appropriate to the decorum of the meeting, refraining from the use of profane, abusive, or obscene language)**

- Joyce Hamm spoke regarding taxes and would like to know who will be contacting her to help get some answers.
- Chairman Passiment referred her to the County Attorney.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

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

ATTEST:

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Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council  
Ratified: March 14, 2022