



County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, June 10, 2024
5:00 PM

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Passiment called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Council Member Paula Brown

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Vice-Chair McElynn 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 stated public notice of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to amend: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, Seconded by Vice-Chairman McElynn to correct two typos in item 11 that need to be changed. The Lady's Island Fire District millage, under expenditures, is listed at \$8,261,522 and the number should be \$8,351,522; and in section 14 under roman numeral 14 the roman numeral is written incorrectly and needs to be updated to reflect roman numeral 14.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

Main Motion: made by Council Member Lawson, Seconded by Council Member Bartholomew to approve the motion as amended.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham to approve the Special Called Meeting Minutes from April 29th, and April 30th 2024.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

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7. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Citizen comment was taken.

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8. LIASION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member Howard to approve the following consent agenda items: third 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, third 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, approval to award a contract to Coastal Air Technologies for ifb #050724 Beaufort County Disabilities And Special Needs office hvac replacement, and second 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.

10. THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A 2024 TRANSPORTATION SALES AND USE TAX REFERENDUM

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Tabernik to approve third reading of an ordinance for a 2024 Transportation Sales and Use Tax Referendum.

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, Seconded by Vice-Chairman McElynn to change from 15 years and \$1.625 Million to 10 years and \$950 million.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

2nd Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, Seconded by Council Member Howard to include in the referendum those projects as they were discussed at the special called public facilities committee meeting indicating the projected amount of money of \$950 million.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

3rd Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, Seconded by Council Member Tabernik. to indicate the \$30 million dollar money set aside for the Bluffton Projects will exclude 5B as defined as the Buck Island to Buckwalter Parkway, as the 5B extension that is being eliminated.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

4th Motion to amend: It was moved by Vice-Chairman McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham that the \$30 Million for Hilton Head Island Projects include the Sea Pines Circle improvements.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

Motion to amend: It was moved by Vice-Chairman McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham to reduce the bond amount that could be issued to \$515 Million.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

Main Motion: made by Vice-Chairman McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham to approve the second reading of the ordinance as amended.

The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice-Chairman McElynn, Council Member Bartholomew, Council Member Cunningham, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, and Council Member Tabernik. Voting Nay: Council Member Reitz. **The motion passes 9:1**

11. SECOND 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

Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Bartholomew to approve second 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.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

12. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO CONVEY UTILITY EASEMENT # 904091 ENCUMBERING PROPERTY OWNED BY BEAUFORT COUNTY

Motion: It was moved Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Tabernik to approve first reading of an ordinance authorizing the interim 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).

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

13. FIRST 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

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Glover to approve first 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.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

14. FIRST 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

Motion: It was moved Council Member Bartholomew, Seconded by Council Member Glover to approve first 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 airports area and frontage road improvements.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

15. FIRST READING 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

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Bartholomew to approve first reading 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 a private section of Scheper Lane.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

16. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY'S ACTIVE PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member Bartholomew to approve a resolution adopting the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Beaufort County's Active Parks and Recreation Facilities.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

17. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Citizen comment was taken.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Bartholomew, seconded by Council Member Tabernik to go into executive session to discuss the items below.

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 (FOIA)

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)

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

19. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no matters arising out of executive session.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY



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

ATTEST:



Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council

Ratified: August 26, 2024