



County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

This meeting was held at Burton Wells Recreation Center, 1 Middleton Recreation Dr.,
Beaufort, SC 29906

Monday, May 23, 2022
6:00 PM

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Rodman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Chairman Joseph F. Passiment
Council Member Lawrence McElynn

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Council Member Rodman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. FOIA

Council Member Rodman stated that this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item number 20 moved to item number 18

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham, to approve the agenda with item number 20 being moved to item number 18.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, Seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve the minutes from April 11, 2022.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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7. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING CARLA ANDERSON SMITH

Council Member Howard presented the Proclamation Recognizing Carla Anderson Smith.

8. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Riley Clark

Mike Gorrell

Mack Wiggins

Bernadette Hampton

Roy Green

Lauren Borasky

John Abney

9. LIASION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Council Member Howard: Stormwater Board

Council Member Rodman: Public Facilities consent agenda items

10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham to approve the consent agenda.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

11. PUBLIC HEARING OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND FUND THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 2.1 ACRES OWNED BY THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY (*FISCAL IMPACT: Purchase price is \$1,215,000 plus closing costs for all 5 properties*)

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County Administrator Greenway provided background information on item number 11 and highlighted the Community Meeting to be held on June 2nd at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Council Member Rodman opened the floor for public comment.

Robert Swartz

Brian Stephens

Matthew Hanks

Council Member Rodman closed the public comment.

12. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE (CDC): SECTIONS IN DIVISION 3.2 (TRANSECT ZONES) AND SECTIONS IN DIVISION 3.3 (CONVENTIONAL ZONES) TO CORRECT AND CLARIFY PARKING SPACE REQUIREMENT CONFLICTS BETWEEN ZONING DISTRICTS AND THE PARKING SPACE REQUIREMENTS TABLE IN SECTION 5.5.40.B.

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Motion: It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, Seconded by Council Member Hervochoch to approve the public hearing and second reading of an ordinance for a text amendment to the community development code (CDC): sections in division 3.2 (transect zones) to correct and clarify parking space requirement conflicts between zoning districts and the parking space requirements table in section 5.5.40 B.

Council Member Rodman opened the floor for public comment.

Council Member Howard read a letter from the Coastal Conservation League regarding items number 12, 13, 14, and 15. This letter has been included in the agenda as an "add-on" under number 14.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

13. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE (CDC): APPENDIX A.13.50.D (GUEST HOUSES) TO CLARIFY THE STANDARDS FOR MINIMUM LOT SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR GUEST HOUSES LOCATED IN THE MAY RIVER COMMUNITY PRESERVATION DISTRICT

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, Seconded by Council Member Hervochoch to approve the public hearing and second reading of an ordinance for a text amendment to the community development code (CDC): appendix A.13.50.D (guest houses) to clarify the standards for minimum lot size requirements for guest houses located in the May River Community Preservation District.

Council Member Rodman opened the floor for public comment.

No one came forward.

Council Member Rodman closed the public comment.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

14. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE (CDC): SECTION 6.1.40.G (BASE SITE AREA CALCULATIONS) TO CLARIFY THAT BOTH JURISDICTIONAL AND NON-JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS MUST BE SUBTRACTED FROM THE GROSS SITE AREA TO DETERMINE BASE SITE AREA FOR DEVELOPMENT

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, Seconded by Council Member Hervochoch to approve the public hearing and second reading of an ordinance for a text amendment to the community development code (CDC): Section 6.1.40.G (base site area calculations) to clarify that both jurisdictional and non-jurisdictional wetlands must be subtracted from the gross site area to determine base site area for development.

Council Member Rodman opened the floor for public comment.

No one came forward.

Council Member Rodman closed the public comment.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

15. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE (CDC): SECTION 5.11.100.F.1 (TREE REMOVAL ON DEVELOPED PROPERTIES) TO CLOSE A LOOPHOLE WHICH ALLOWS SPECIMEN AND MITIGATION TREES TO BE REMOVED POST-CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, Seconded by Council Member Hervocho, to approve the public hearing and second reading of an ordinance for a text amendment to the community development code (CDC): section 5.11.100.F.1 (tree removal on developed properties) to close a loophole which allows specimen and mitigation trees to be removed post-construction of single-family homes.

Council Member Rodman opened the floor for public comment.

No one came forward.

Council Member Rodman closed the public comment.

Planning and Zoning Department Director Robert Merchant and Council discussed the text amendment for the removal of specimen and mitigation trees.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

16. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT, SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

Deputy County Administrator Whitney Richland discussed the budget recommendation.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Lawson, Seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve the first reading of an ordinance to make appropriations for county government, special purpose districts for Beaufort County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

17. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAX FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023, AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR SAID PURPOSES

Tonya Crosby, Chief Financial Officer of Beaufort County School District, provided Council with a summary of the School District's budget.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Dawson, to approve the 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, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, to make appropriations for said purposes.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

18. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A 2022 TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX REFERENDUM

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Council and County Administrator Greenway discussed the possible postponement of the first reading of the transportation sales tax ordinance.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Hervochoon, Seconded by Council Member Howard, to postpone the first reading of an Ordinance for a 2022 Transportation Sales Tax Referendum to the next County Council meeting on June 13, 2022.

The Vote – Voting Yea: Council Member Hervochoon. Voting Nay: Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Cunningham, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, and Council Member Rodman. The motion failed 1:8.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, Seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve the first reading of an Ordinance for a 2022 Transportation Sales Tax Referendum.

The Vote – Voting Yea: Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Cunningham, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member Rodman. Voting Nay: Council Member Hervochoon. The motion passed 8:1.

19. THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOCATE 2018 ONE CENT SALES TAX ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO THE SIDEWALKS AND MULTI-USE PATHWAYS PROGRAM (\$15,449,734.75)

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, Seconded by Council Member Dawson, to approve the third reading of an ordinance to allocate 2018 one-cent sales tax additional revenue to the sidewalks and multi-use pathways program.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

20. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT ALL ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FUTURE PROGRAM AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham, to extend past 8:00 PM.

The Vote – Voting Yea: Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Cunningham, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, and Council Member Rodman. Voting Nay: Council Member Flewelling and Council Member Hervochoon. The motion passed 7:2.

ITEM WAS MOVED TO NUMBER 18

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Assistant County Administrator Jared Fralix, Dean Moss, and Council discussed the Transportation Advisory Committee’s recommendation.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, seconded by Council Member Glover, to approve a resolution to adopt all additional recommendations regarding the implementation of the future program as recommended by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

21. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL RIGHT OF WAY NEEDED FOR THE SIGNALIZATION OF BLUFFTON PARKWAY AT RIVER RIDGE DRIVE AND FLAT CREEK DRIVE

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, Seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve a resolution authorizing the county administrator to execute any and all necessary documents for the acquisition of additional right of way needed for the signalization of Bluffton Parkway at River Ridge Drive and Flat Creek Drive.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

22. CITIZEN COMMENTS

23. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:33 PM

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY: _____

Joseph F. Passiment, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council

Ratified: August 8, 2022