



**County Council of
Beaufort County**
County Council Meeting

Chairman

Joseph F. Passiment, JR.

Vice Chairman

D. Paul Sommerville

Council Members

Logan Cunningham

Gerald Dawson

Brian E. Flewelling

York Glover, SR.

Chris Hervocho

Alice G. Howard

Mark Lawson

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Stu Rodman

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County Council Meeting Minutes

County Council of Beaufort County

Monday, February 08, 2021 at 6:00 PM

This meeting was held in a hybrid setting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Passiment called the meeting to order at 6:00 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

Council Member Alice Howard led Council in 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 had been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the SC FOIA Act.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham to move item number 11 to item number 10 and make item number 10 item number 11 and to remove item number 9 from the agenda. Motion approved without objection.

Main Motion: It was moved by Council Member McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Howard to approve the agenda as amended. Motion approved without objection.

5. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

To see Interim County Administrator, Eric Greenway's report please click the link below.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/112644>

6. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments

7. LIAISON AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Alice Howard stated the following items were coming forward from the Natural Resources Committee for consideration for approval on the consent agenda:

- First reading of an ordinance regarding the amendment to article 7, section 7.3.30.e (appeals)
- Resolution to commission public works enforcement officers to enforce Beaufort county ordinance for Beaufort County
- A resolution authorizing the Interim County Administrator to execute the necessary documents and provide funding for the purchase of a conservation easement on real property known as tms# r300 011 000 0049 0000 and also known as Henry Farms North

Council Member Rodman stated the following items were coming forward from the Public Facilities Committee for consideration for approval on the consent agenda:

- First Reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of utility easement #901094 encumbering property owned by Beaufort County
- First Reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of utility easement #901093 encumbering property owned by Beaufort County.
- Third Reading of an ordinance authorizing the conveyance of r510 008 000 0370 0000 and r510 008 000 0160 0000 to the town of Hilton Head as part of the "summit drive realignment project"

Council Member Howard further stated the Library department still has quite a few vacancies but the good news to report is the library numbers keep rising as they have circulated 45,400 books and other documents since July and the library reported a door count of 13,930. Kudos to the library staff!

Council Member McElynn stated the Community Services committee heard an excellent presentation from the Animal Services division and that he believes this presentation is available on the website. The Community Services committee also received a report from the 14th Circuit Public Defenders office and the committee discussed Beaufort County's Community Development List and it will come before Council on March 1st.

Interim Administrator Greenway spoke in regards to Item Number 3 on the consent agenda and introduced the following individuals as the new Public Works Enforcement Officers:

- Danny Polk, Beaufort County Public Works Enforcement Officer;
- Amber Woods, Beaufort County Public Works Enforcement Officer;
- Jacob Bratz, Beaufort County Public Works Enforcement Officer;
- Katie Herrera, Beaufort County Public Works Enforcement Officer;
- Tanner Powell, Beaufort County Public Works Enforcement Officer;
- Bobby Anderson, Beaufort County Public Works Enforcement Officer.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Council Member McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Dawson to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved without objection.

9. SECTION 30-4-70. (A) (2) DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Removed from agenda.

10. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BEAUFORT COUNTY (new number 10)

Motion: It was moved by Council Member McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Dawson to approve an ordinance extending the state of emergency in Beaufort County.

Discussion: Council Member Flewelling feels a State of emergency implies that there is a sense of urgency involved but this is not an emergency and will vote against it.

Council Member Cunningham read a prepared statement regarding the extension of the emergency ordinance.

To see the full discussion please click the link below.

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The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Glover, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, and Council Member Dawson. Voting Nay: Council Member Hervochoch, Council Member Flewelling, and Council Member Cunningham. Motion Passes 8:3

11. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REGARDING WEARING FACE COVERINGS (new number 11)

Motion: made by Council Member McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Dawson.

Discussion: Council Member McElynn read a prepared statement regarding the extension of the Mask Ordinance.

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The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Glover, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, and Council Member Dawson. Voting Nay: Council Member Hervochoch, Council Member Flewelling, and Council Member Cunningham. Motion Passed 8:3.

12. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR REFUNDING BONDS

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Rodman, Seconded by Vice-Chairman Sommerville to approve second reading of an ordinance refunding bonds.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for a public hearing.

No one came forward.

The public hearing was closed.

The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Glover, Council Member Hervochoch, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Flewelling, and Council Member Cunningham. Motion Passed 11:0.

13. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR 2021 AWARDS FOR STATE ACCOMMODATION TAX

Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman Sommerville, Seconded by Council Member Howard to approve second reading of an ordinance for 2021 awards for state accommodation tax.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for a public hearing.
No one came forward.
The public hearing was closed.

Discussion: Council Member Glover made comments regarding the lack of funding for Penn Center.

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to amend the item to include \$25,000 for Penn Center.

Council Member McElynn requested that Council get some expedition handling of Penn Center's submission so that Council can make a fully informed decision regarding this matter before third reading.

Motion to Amend withdrawn.

The Vote on Main Motion - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Glover, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Flewelling, and Council Member Cunningham. Motion Passed 11:0.

14. PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF PORT ROYAL FOR MAINTENANCE OF FORT FREDERICK HERITAGE PRESERVE

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Dawson to approve public hearing and third reading of an ordinance to enter into a lease agreement with the Town of Port Royal for maintenance of Fort Frederick Heritage Preserve.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for a public hearing.

Kevin Philips, Town of Port Royal Council Member, stated his appreciation for their combined efforts and encouraged everyone to go see the park.

The public hearing was closed.

The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Glover, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Flewelling, and Council Member Cunningham. Motion Passed 11:0.

15. PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN EASEMENT ACROSS COUNTY PROPERTY AT THE DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS WHITEHALL

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve public hearing and third reading of an ordinance granting an easement across county property at the development known as Whitehall.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for a public hearing.
No one came forward.
The public hearing was closed.

The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Glover, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Flewelling, and Council Member Cunningham.

Motion Passed 11:0

16-24. CONSENT AGENDA/BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman Sommerville, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham to approve the consent agenda and all boards and commissions appointments and reappointments.

The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice-Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Glover, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Flewelling, and Council Member Cunningham.
Motion Passed 11:0.

25. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kate Schaefer, Beaufort County Open Land Trust, thanked Council for their work in protecting land and mentioned Henry Farms North.

26. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00PM

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

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

ATTEST:

Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council

Ratified: