



Natural Resources Committee Meeting

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Natural Resources Committee Minutes

Monday, December 07, 2020 at 3:30 PM

[This meeting is being held virtually in accordance with Beaufort County Resolution 2020-05]

PRESENT

Committee Vice-Chair Gerald Dawson
Committee Chair Alice Howard
Council Member Joseph F. Passiment
Council Member D. Paul Sommerville
Council Member Stu Rodman
Council Member York Glover
Council Member Chris Hervocho
Council Member Mark Lawson
Council Member Lawrence McElynn

ABSENT

Council Member Michael Covert
Council Member Brian Flewelling

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Howard called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Howard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

FOIA

Chairman Howard noted that public notification of this meeting had been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Glover to switch 5 and 6 presentations around on the agenda. The motion was approved without objection.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Glover to approve amended agenda. The motion was approved without objection

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Presentation on Fort Frederick Heritage Preserve Passive Park Project

Andrea Atherton stated Phase I planning and construction of a passive park at Fort Frederick HP included all design and permitting of landside and waterside elements, and construction of all landside elements. Phase II of the passive park project is future, currently un-funded, construction of waterside elements. Originally, Phase II was to include a boat landing, however it has been determined by all parties involved (County, SC DNR and Town of Port Royal) that a boat landing is not needed. Therefore, future waterside work will include a pier, fishing/crabbing dock, and floating dock with kayak launch. Phase I work is anticipated to be completed December 31, 2020.

* * Read presentation pages 6 - 16 * *

Stephanie Nagid stated the county is having an discussion with the Town of Port Royal for land scaping the park.

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Presentation of Whitehall Park Conceptual Plan

Stephanie Nagid stated Whitehall Park is currently in the conceptual plan and permitting phase. Although the coronavirus pandemic caused some delays and altered the method of public input, the planning Team was able to obtain two (2) public input surveys of over 300 individual responses for each survey event and have finalized the conceptual plan. The plan presented is going to be presented to the City of Beaufort Council on December 15, 2020 and submitted through the City of Beaufort's conceptual plan approval process.

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An Ordinance Regarding Fill Standards Amending Division 5.13 of the Community Development Code to Limit Fill in Low-Lying Areas.

Robert Merchant stated it is a recommended action from the Lady's Island Plan. The Lady's Island Plan Implementation Committee approved the item at their October 8, 2020 meeting. The Northern Beaufort County Plan Implementation Committee approved the item at their November 20, 2020 meeting.

* * Presentation Fill Ordinance * *

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Coastal Resilience Overlay District Ordinance Amending Section 3.4.90 of the Community Development Code to Require Real Estate Disclosure When Property is Transferred in Low-Lying Areas

Robert Merchant stated the Coastal Resilience Overlay Zone is proposed to provide for the general health, safety and welfare by requiring notification at all real estate closings of the vulnerability of low-lying property (10 feet or lower in elevation) to sea level rise and coastal flooding. This provision is specifically designed to assist individuals in making decisions that involve investments that will last at least 30 years in light of projected coastal flooding conditions in that time frame.

* * Read Coastal Resilience Overlay Presentation * *

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Rodman to go into Executive Session. The motion was approved without objection.

S.C. Code Section 30-4-70(2): Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements and Proposed Sale or Purchase of Property Rural and Critical Lands Program - Project 2020c Oyster Cove Campground

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Motion Arising out of Executive Session: It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member McElynn to uphold the recommendation coming from the Rural and Critical Lands program to not go forward with the Proposed Contractual Arrangements and Proposed Sale or Purchase of Property Rural and Critical Lands Program - Project 2020D Buck Walter Parkway and Proposed Contractual Arrangements and Proposed Sale or Purchase of Property Rural and Critical Lands Program - Project 2020c Oyster Cove Campground. The motion was approved without objection.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Consideration of the Appointment of Jimmie Lawrence Jr to The Planning Commission

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Passiment to move to County Council for consideration of the appointment of Jimmie Lawrence Jr to the Planning Commission. The motion was approved without objection.

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Jessie White from Coastal Conservation League provided a comment about supporting the ordinance regarding fill standards amending Division 5.13 of the Community Development code of the Community Development Code to limit fill in low-lying areas.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned