

Natural Resources Committee Meeting

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Natural Resources Committee Minutes

Monday, April 05, 2021 at 3:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Howard called the meeting to order at 3:56 PM

PRESENT

Committee Chair Alice Howard Committee Vice-Chair Gerald Dawson Council Member Joseph F. Passiment Council Member Stu Rodman Council Member York Glover Council Member Mark Lawson Council Member Lawrence McElynn Council Member Logan Cunningham

ABSENT

Council Member Brian Flewelling Council Member Chris Hervochon Council Member D. Paul Sommerville

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: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Passiment to approve the agenda.

The Vote -The motion was approved without objection.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Cunningham to approve the minutes from March 1, 2021.

The Vote -The motion was approved without objection.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jocelyn Staigar, Beaufort County Realtors Association, and Hilton Head Association provided a citizen's comment about not having the proposed Coastal Resilience Overlay Zone Ordinance and Fill Ordinance on the agenda.

ATTAINABLE HOUSING UPDATE

Discussion: Eric Greenway provided an update on the regional housing trust fund to deal with the affordable housing issue in Beaufort County.

Status: For Informational Purposes Only

To see the full discussion, click the link below

https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/117070

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BEAUFORT COUNTY, THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, AND HISTORIC MITCHELVILLE FREEDOM PARK FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE BEACH CITY ROAD PARCELS

Discussion: Stefanie Nagid stated the Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park Landscape and Interpretive Master Plan illustrates the need to use the approximate 5-acres of parcels along Beach City Road and adjacent to the Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park property. The Beach City Road parcels is jointly owned by Beaufort County and the Town of Hilton Head Island. The Town also owns the Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park property; however, the Town and the Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park Executive Director are under a management agreement for use and maintenance of the property. The use of the jointly owned Beach City Road parcels will require a separate agreement between the County, Town, and Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park Executive Director.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Rodman approve the adoption of a resolution to authorize the interim county administrator to execute a lease agreement between Beaufort County, the Town of Hilton Head Island, and the Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park for the property known as the Beach City Road parcels.

The Vote -The motion was approved without objection.

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A JOINT OWNERSHIP AND OPERATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN BEAUFORT COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS FORD SHELL RING PRESERVE

Discussion: Stefanie M. Nagid stated at the time of the Property acquisition in 2003, an Inter-governmental Agreement was signed between the County and the Town of Hilton Head Island that states the intended use of the property is for a passive park. In November 2019, County Council approved Rural and Critical Lands Preservation bond funding to be used towards the planning and construction of a passive park on the Property. The Town of Hilton Head Council approved the Property conceptual plan and the recommendation to enter into a JOA with the County for maintenance of the Property upon completion of passive park improvements.

Motion: <u>It was moved</u> <u>by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Cunningham to</u> approve <u>a recommendation to move forward to County Council for the adoption of a resolution to authorize the interim</u> <u>county administrator to execute joint ownership and operating agreement between Beaufort County and the</u> <u>Town of Hilton Head Island for the property known as Ford Shell Ring Preserve.</u>

The Vote -The motion was approved without objection.

CONTRACT TO AWARD ITB031021 FOR PURCHASE OF TIMBER TO S. A. ALLEN TIMBER COMPANY

Discussion: Stefanie Nagid stated on March 10, 2021, Beaufort County received one bid proposal from S. A. Allen Timber for the purchase of timber on six County-owned properties. The County's certified forester contractor and agent, Morrison Forestry, reviewed the purchase prices for each of the timber products and recommends approval of the submitted bid. Anticipated revenue from the timber harvest purchase is \$297,144. This figure could fluctuate depending upon the actual tonnage harvested.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, Seconded by Council Member Glover to recommend approval and forward to County Council on April 12, 2021, the contract award to S. A. Allen Timber for the purchase of timber on the identified County-owned properties as stated in ITB031021, the bid proposal, and the Morrison Forestry Memorandum.

The Vote -The motion was approved without objection.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

REAPPOINTMENT FOR ART BAER TO RURAL AND CRITICAL LANDS PRESERVATION BOARD

Motion: It was moved by Committee Vice-Chair Dawson, seconded by Council Member Glover to reappoint Art Baer to Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Board and move forward to County Council for approval.

The Vote -The motion was approved without objection.

REAPPOINTMENT FOR WALTER MACK TO RURAL AND CRITICAL LANDS PRESERVATION BOARD

Motion: <u>It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Dawson to reappoint</u> Walter Mack to Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Board and move forward to County Council for approval.

The Vote -The motion was approved without objection.

APPOINTMENT FOR JAMES BENNETT TO RURAL AND CRITICAL LANDS PRESERVATION BOARD

Motion: <u>It was moved by Committee Vice-Chair Dawson, seconded by Council Member Glover to appoint</u> James Bennett to Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Board and move forward to County Council for approval.

The Vote -The motion was approved without objection.

REAPPOINTMENT FOR NATALIE HEFTER TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Cunningham to reappoint Natalie Hefter to Historic Preservation Review Board and move forward to County Council for approval.

The Vote -The motion was approved without objection.

REAPPOINTMENT FOR KATRINA EPPS TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Cunningham to reappoint Katrina Epps to Historic Preservation Review Board and move forward to County Council for approval.

The Vote -The motion was approved without objection.

APPOINTMENT OF GAIL MURRAY (DISTRICT 1) OR DANIEL RIEDEL (DISTRICT 4) FILL THE NORTHERN BEAUFORT COUNTY OPENING ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Motion: It was moved by Committee Vice-Chair Dawson, seconded by Council Member Cunningham to postpone item until the next Natural Resources Committee Meeting.

The Vote -The motion was approved without objection.

APPOINTMENT OF GIRARD HOFFMAN TO SOUTHERN BEAUFORT COUNTY CORRIDOR BEAUTIFICATION BOARD

Motion: It was moved by Committee Vice-Chair Dawson, seconded by Council Member Cunningham to postpone item until the next Natural Resources Committee Meeting.

The Vote -The motion was approved without objection.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 PM