



## County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, March 13, 2023  
5:00 PM

### MINUTES

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### PRESENT

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

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Chairman Passiment led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Council Member Dawson led the Invocation.

#### 3. FOIA

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

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member McElynn, seconded by Council Member Dawson, to approve the agenda.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

#### 5. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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County Administrator Greenway discussed the settlement and dismissal of the Bay Point lawsuit and the County Administration's role in settling the lawsuit. Mr. Greenway also highlighted four employees: Lisa Graham, Robin Craybill, Galen Sturup Comeau, and Anita (Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department).

#### **6. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**

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<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/212769?ts=1328>

Council Member Glover presented the proclamation recognizing Development Disabilities Awareness Month to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

#### **7. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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2. Arnold Brown

#### **8. LIASION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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Chairman McElynn discussed the construction program to replace the Arthur Horne Building and the opening celebration on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Howard commented on Port Royal's draft tree ordinance, the annexation of 12 acres from the County on Parris Island Gateway for multi-family housing, and the library board meeting.

Council Member Dawson commented on the U.S. Department of the Navy's renaming one of its missile-guided carriers after Robert Smalls.

Council Member Tabernik commented on meetings of the Legislative Delegation and the South Carolina Association of Counties.

Chairman Passiment discussed how on March 6-8, he went to Washington, D.C., as part of a seven-county delegation to meet with House and Senate legislators to discuss 2023 economic development priorities. Chairman Passiment also commented on the Town of Port Royal's gratitude for receiving funding for a library in the downtown area.

#### **9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Brown, to approve the consent agenda.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

#### **10. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1230 N OKATIE HIGHWAY, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE COOLER TRACT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSOLIDATING COUNTY SHERIFF FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS TO THIS PROPERTY AND FOR OTHER FIRST RESPONDER FACILITIES AS DESIRED**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member McElynn, to approve the public hearing and second reading of an ordinance authorizing the County Administrator to execute the necessary documents and provide funding for the purchase of real property located at 1230 N Okatie Highway, commonly known as the Cooler Tract, for the purpose of consolidating county sheriff facilities and operations to this property and for other first responder facilities as desired.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for public comment.

No one came forward.

Chairman Passiment closed the public comment.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**11. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BEAUFORT COUNTY ORDINANCE 2022/33 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 BEAUFORT COUNTY BUDGET TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO PAY FOR THE PORT ROYAL LIBRARY, TRANSFER FUNDING FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE BATHROOMS AT BRUCE EDGERLY FIELD AND BURTON WELLS, THE USE OF FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE EMS/ FIRE HOUSE IN BLUFFTON, FUNDING OF THE PLANNING AND DESIGN WORK FOR THE USCB CONVOCATION CENTER FACILITY, FUNDING OF A PATHWAY AT THE DISABILITY AND SPECIAL NEEDS BUILDING, FUNDING OF REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS OF CIP, ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE ISLAND RECREATION CENTER, FUNDING OF A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT, SUSPEND THE CURRENT YEAR TRANSFER FROM THE HOSPITALITY TAX FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND, FUNDING OF DIRT ROAD CONTRACT 54, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member McElynn, to approve the public hearing and second reading of an ordinance to amend Beaufort County Ordinance 2022/33 for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Beaufort County Budget to provide for additional appropriations to pay for the Port Royal Library, transfer funding from the general fund to the capital improvement fund for the bathrooms at Bruce Edgerly Field and Burton Wells, the use of funds to complete the EMS/Fire House in Bluffton, funding of the planning and design work for the USCB Convocation Center Facility, funding of a pathway at the Disability and Special Needs Building, funding of repairs and replacements of CIP, additional funding to the Island Recreation Center, funding of a cost of living adjustment, suspend the current year transfer from the hospitality tax fund to the general fund, funding of Dirt Road Contract 54, and other matters related thereto.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for public comment.

No one came forward.

Chairman Passiment closed the public comment.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**12. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE STATE 2% ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUND AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

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**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member McElynn, seconded by Council Member Brown, to approve the public hearing and second reading of an ordinance appropriating funds from the State 2% Accommodations Tax Fund and other matters related thereto.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for public comment.

No one came forward.

Chairman Passiment closed the public comment.

**Discussion:** Council Member Reitz commented on previous discussions about creating accountability and asked about receipts from entities receiving funds. County Administrator Greenway commented on options for fund distribution, either through direct payment of the invoices or reimbursement.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**13. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX AND LOCAL HOSPITALITY TAX FUND AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member McElynn, seconded by Council Member Dawson, to approve the public hearing and second reading of an ordinance appropriating funds from the Local Accommodations Tax and Local Hospitality Tax Fund and other matters related thereto.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for public comment.

No one came forward.

Chairman Passiment closed the public comment.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**14. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO PURCHASE AND TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 333 & 335 BUCKWALTER PARKWAY**

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**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, seconded by Council Member McElynn, to approve the public hearing and second reading of an ordinance authorizing the County Administrator to execute the necessary documents to purchase and to fund the purchase of real property located at 333 & 335 Buckwalter Parkway.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for public comment.

No one came forward.

Chairman Passiment closed the public comment.

**Discussion:** County Administrator Greenway commented that staff has learned that a development agreement impacting the property does not allow for the proposed affordable housing use.

Council Member Tabernik asked about Bluffton's participation in the Housing Land Trust. County Administrator Greenway commented that he would share more information after meeting with the Town of Bluffton's manager.

Council Member Lawson commented on the need to change the property's zoning through the Town of Bluffton.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**15. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO PURCHASE AND TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1505 SALEM ROAD**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Glover, to approve the public hearing and second reading of an ordinance authorizing the County Administrator to execute the necessary documents to purchase and to fund the purchase of a portion of real property located at 1505 Salem Road.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for public comment.

No one came forward.

Chairman Passiment closed the public comment.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**16. PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BEAUFORT COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 38-194, GREEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP, TERMS, ORGANIZATION TO FURTHER DEFINE THE BEAUFORT COUNTY GREEN SPACE PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP, TERMS, TERM LIMITS, MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, PROCEDURES, AND GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve the public hearing and third reading of an ordinance amending Beaufort County Code of Ordinances Chapter 38, Article VII, Section 38-194, Green Space Advisory Committee Membership, Terms, Organization to Further Define the Beaufort County Green Space Program Advisory Committee Membership, Terms, Term Limits, Minimum Requirements, Procedures, and Geographical Representation.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for public comment.

No one came forward.

Chairman Passiment closed the public comment.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**17. PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE BEAUFORT COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 82: IMPACT FEES, ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL; ARTICLE II, DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE PROCEDURES; ARTICLE III, PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES; ARTICLE IV, ROAD FACILITIES – SOUTHERN BEAUFORT COUNTY SERVICE AREA; ARTICLE V, LIBRARY FACILITIES; ARTICLE VI, FIRE FACILITIES; ARTICLE VII, ROAD FACILITIES – NORTHERN BEAUFORT COUNTY (FISCAL IMPACT: PLEASE SEE AIS)**

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**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Cunningham, to approve the public hearing and third reading of an ordinance for a text amendment to the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 82: Impact Fees, Article I, In General; Article II, Development Impact Fee Procedures; Article III, Parks and Recreation Facilities; Article IV, Road Facilities - Southern Beaufort County Service Area; Article V, Library Facilities; Article VI, Fire Facilities; Article VII, Road Facilities - Northern Beaufort County.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for public comment.

No one came forward.

Chairman Passiment closed the public comment.

**Discussion:** Assistant County Administrator Atkinson provided background on the timeline for the intergovernmental agreements between Beaufort County and the county's municipalities.

Council Member Cunningham raised concerns about the Town of Hilton Head's road impact fee and asked if that fee could move forward without Hilton Head signing the IGA. ACA Atkinson replied that there had been ongoing cooperation between Beaufort County and the Town of Hilton Head and that he has seen no indication that Hilton Head will not sign the IGA.

County Administrator Greenway commented on the Town of Hilton Head's request for funding from the transportation impact fees for signalization and that the request will be approved once the IGA is signed.

Council Member Tabernik commented that school impact fees are not included in the agreements.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**18. PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF PERPETUAL EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC USE AND ACCESS AT THE SANDS BOAT LANDING FROM THE TOWN OF PORT ROYAL**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Brown, to approve the public hearing and third reading of an ordinance authorizing the County Administrator to execute the necessary documents to accept a grant of perpetual easement for public use and access at the Sands Boat Landing from the Town of Port Royal.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for public comment.

No one came forward.

Chairman Passiment closed the public comment.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**19. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO COMMISSION TWO SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member McElynn, to approve a resolution to commission two solid waste and recycling enforcement officers.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**20. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE 2023 PALMETTO PRIDE LITTER ENFORCEMENT GRANT AWARD**

Items 20, 21, and 22 were voted on as a package.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Reitz, seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve a resolution to accept the 2023 Palmetto Pride Litter Enforcement Grant Award.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**21. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE 2023 PALMETTO PRIDE LITTER CREW GRANT AWARD**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Reitz, seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve a resolution to accept the 2023 Palmetto Pride Litter Crew Grant Award.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**22. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE 2023 PALMETTO PRIDE KEEP SC BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE SUPPORT GRANT AWARD**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Reitz, seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve a resolution to accept the 2023 Palmetto Pride Keep SC Beautiful Affiliate Support Grant Award.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**23. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BEAUFORT COUNTY TO WORK WITH THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND TO DEVELOP SUSTAINABLE AND VIABLE LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, RECYCLING, AND ORGANIC WASTE SOLUTIONS**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member McElynn, to approve a resolution authorizing Beaufort County to work with the Town of Hilton Head Island to develop sustainable and viable long-term residential solid waste management, recycling, and organic waste solutions.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**24. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATED WITH NEAR TERM IMPROVEMENTS ON SC HIGHWAY 170**

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**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Brown, to approve a resolution authorizing the acquisition of real property for right of way associated with near-term improvements on SC Highway 170.

**Discussion:** Council Member Cunningham and Assistant County Administrator Fralix discussed how this item is the final right-of-way piece for this project and the SC DOT intergovernmental agreement and funding appropriation that needs to be done before putting the project out for bid.

**The Vote** - The motion was approved without objection.

**25. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No citizen comments.

**26. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned: 5:54 PM

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY:



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Joseph F. Passiment, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:



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Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council

Ratified: April 24, 2023