



Special Called Meeting of County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, November 18, 2024
5:00 PM

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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 Anna Maria Tabernik
Council Member Thomas Reitz

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Passiment led the Pledge of Allegiance

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 Freedom of Information Act.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, Seconded by Council Member Tabernik to approve the agenda.

The Vote – Motion was approved without objection.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS PERIOD

There were no citizen comments.

6. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE STATE A-TAX FUNDS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE A-TAX COMMITTEE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, Seconded by Council Member Bartholomew to approve second reading of an ordinance appropriating funds from the state a-tax funds as recommended by the state a-tax committee in compliance with the requirements of South Carolina Code ff Laws.

The Vote – Motion was approved without objection.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: It was move by Council Member Brown, Seconded by Council Member Tabernik to go into executive session for the following reasons:

Pursuant to S.C. Code Section 30-4-70(a)(2) receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to pending litigation (Redfish Holdings Llc V Beaufort County)

Pursuant to S. C. Code Section 30-4-70(a)(1): to engage in discussions incident to employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee or a person regulated by a public body (county attorney)

Pursuant To S.C. Code Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2): receipt of legal advice where the advice relates to pending claims or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege (Okatie River Park/Pepper Hall, LLC)

The Vote – Motion was approved without objection.

8. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Lawson, Seconded by Council Member Bartholomew to authorize the Deputy County Attorney and our outside counsel in the case of Redfish Holdings versus Beaufort to negotiate a settlement in the amount and for the terms as discussed in executive session and if successful, the county administrator to execute a settlement agreement in the amount in terms as discussed in executive session.

The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice-Chairman McElynn, Council Member Bartholomew, Council Member Brown, Council Member Cunningham, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, and Council Member Tabernik. Motion passed.

Motion: It was move by Vice-Chairman McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham that county council accept the county administrator's recommendation to waive attorney-client privilege only for the final report generated by outside counsel to promote transparency regarding the circumstances surrounding the purchase of 20 Barrel Landing Road South.

The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice-Chairman McElynn, Council Member Bartholomew, Council Member Brown, Council Member Cunningham, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, and Council Member Tabernik. The motion passed.

Motion: It was move by Vice-Chairman McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Howard to authorize the county attorney to execute a negotiated settlement as discussed in executive session for Okatie River Park/ Pepper Hall.

The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice-Chairman McElynn, Council Member Bartholomew, Council Member Brown, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, and Council Member Tabernik. **Voting Nay:** Council Member Cunningham.
The motion passed 10:1.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:19PM.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY



BY: _____

Alice G. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:



Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council

Ratified: February 10, 2025