

# Caucus Beaufort County, SC

This meeting was held both in person at the County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort and also virtually through Zoom.

# Monday, March 14, 2022 5:00 PM

MINUTES

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Passiment called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

#### PRESENT

Chairman Joseph F. Passiment Vice-Chairman D. Paul Sommerville Council Member Logan Cunningham Council Member Gerald Dawson Council Member Brian Flewelling Council Member York Glover (arrived late) Council Member York Glover (arrived late) Council Member Stu Rodman Council Member Alice Howard Council Member Hervochon Council Member Mark Lawson Council Member Lawrence McElynn

# 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Passiment led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 3. FOIA

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

#### 4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Rodman, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham to approve the agenda.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

#### 5. AGENDA REVIEW

Chairman Passiment noted that the Council's agenda contained a duplicate item, and item 13 will be removed from the agenda.

#### 6. COUNCIL MEMBER DISCUSSION

Council Member Flewelling asked for a staff update on funding directed by County Council to the Tabernacle Baptist Choir for a Harriet Tubman Memorial. County Administrator Greenway discussed the next steps in the plan to fund the monument.

Council Member McElynn stated he will provide context for agenda items 24 and 27 with the committee reports.

## 7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

# PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE SEC. 30-4-70(A)(2): RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE WHERE THE LEGAL ADVICE RELATES TO MATTERS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE (BCSC Fiscal Autonomy)

Council Member Flewelling asked why discussion of this item requires executive privilege. County Attorney Keaveny replied that the discussion will be about statutes, A.G. opinions, and Council's options. Council Member Flewelling voiced his objection to the executive session.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Rodman, Seconded by Council Member Howard, to go into executive session at 5:09 PM.

**The Vote** - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Cunningham, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn. Voting Nay: Council Member Flewelling. The motion passed 9:1.

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment at 5:54 PM.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY:

Joseph F. Passiment, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council Ratified: April 25, 2022