



Public Facilities Committee Meeting

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Public Facilities Committee Minutes

Monday, November 16, 2020 at 4:00 PM

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

PRESENT

Committee Chairman Brian Flewelling
Committee Vice-Chair York Glover
Council Member Joseph F. Passiment
Council Member D. Paul Sommerville
Council Member Michael Covert
Council Member Gerald Dawson
Council Member Stu Rodman
Council Member Chris Hervocho
Council Member Mark Lawson
Council Member Lawrence McElynn

ABSENT

Council Member Alice Howard

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Flewelling called the meeting to order at 4 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Flewelling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

FOIA

Chairman Flewelling noted public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with The South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Vice Chair Glover, seconded by Council Member Rodman approval of agenda. The motion was approved without objection.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Vice Chair Glover the approval of minutes from October 19, 2020. The motion approved without objection.

ACTION ITEMS

An ordinance authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Easement to BJWSA Encumbering Property owned by Beaufort County at 88 Shanklin Road, South Carolina

Jared Fralix stated Beaufort County has been constructing a new EMS Building located on Shanklin Road and (BJWSA) Beaufort Jasper Water Sewer Authority has requested that Beaufort County grant it a Utility Easement for the

nonexclusive right to enter the County Parcel for the purpose of erecting, operating and maintaining water and sanitary sewer infrastructure across portions of the County's property.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Passiment to move to County Council for approval of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an easement to BJWSA. The Motion was approved without objection.

Update/changes of Convenience Center Operations and Decal System

Cindy Carter stated the Implementation of operational changes to the Beaufort County Convenience Centers as reflected in the Goldsmith report of November 2019. New hours and days of operation began October 1, 2020. Decal applications available October 19, 2020.

Council Member Dawson stated the Big Estate and Sheldon residents have a issue with the convenience center operating hours since those are open for only 3 days a week alternating days. However, the compliants are coming from having only 2 visits.

Council Member Covert stated he shares the same concerns of the 2 visits, would like to eliminate the wording from 2 days per week restiction.

Council Member Sommerville stated the main purpose was not the household garbage but was to eliminate the commerical garbage.

David Wilhelm stated over 60% of taxpayers in Beaufort County has curbside collection and disagrees that there is a need for more collection days.

Chairman Flewelling ask that staff evaluate the impact of change and the potential emergency change to the ordinance.

Council Member Sommerville stated he has talked to taxpayers and they beleive 3 days per week would work good.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Covert, seconded by Council Member Rodman to eliminate the wording from the wording in the ordinance 2 days per week eliminated.

Amended Motion: It was moved by Council Member Sommerville, seconded by Council Member Rodman to forward to county council the recommedation of change wording from 2 days to 3 days per week. The motion was approved without objection.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Priority Funding Request

Council Member Rodman stated regarding a potential funding by the state of South Carolina. To see if items can be sent to Senator Davis for funding are:

- the academic building for USCB
- TCL regional training center
- terminal addition at the Hilton Head Airport

Would like to do in 2 steps that would be conferred with each other and then sent to Senator Davis for approval.

Chairman Flewelling stated there are several others that need to be added: Mitchelville, Penn Center and the Broad River Fishing Pier to see if we can get a grant.

Council Member McElynn stated would like to add The National Historic Park since they did not get any funding from A-tax. They have applied for the December A-tax however they are not receiving enough. Can they get a grant for scholarships for HVAC and Plumbing training class for people who qualify.

Council Member Rodman stated it is non-recurring.

Council Member Passiment stated he would like to get a list of items so that he can present to Senator Davis.

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New Arthur Horne Office Building Update

Andrea Atherton stated due to the COVID 19 pandemic, elevator manufacturing facilities have been severely impacted in their production schedules. Schindler Elevator notified Akins Construction (General Contractor) of a 4 to 6 month delay in fabrication. This would result in a project completion in July or August 2021 in lieu of March 2021. Akins Construction, Beaufort Design Build, and County staff are working with Schindler Elevator to minimize the delay and commit to a manufacturing date.

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Broad River Fishing Pier Long-range planning for repair and replacement

Andrea Atherton since 2015 Beaufort County has spent over \$677,000 to preserve and maintain the 1,820' long fishing pier in a condition safe for public use. The recommendation from this year's inspection is that a cost/benefit analysis of continued rehabilitation vs. replacement be conducted. McSweeney Engineers was hired to provide an initial look at alternatives, costs and service life.

**** Read Broad River Fishing Pier Presentation Pgs. 25 - Pgs. 48 ****

Chairman Flewelling stated he agrees with Hybrid F

Council Member Glover stated he agrees with long term value.

Motion: It was moved by Committee Vice-Chair Glover, seconded by Council Member Hervochon to have staff pursue alternative F Hybrid for the Broad River Fishing Pier. The motion was approved without objection.

Daufuskie Island Ferry Embarkation Discussion

Dave Wilhelm stated on August 1, 2016, Beaufort County entered into a contract with Daufuskie Island Ferry Services to provide daily passenger ferry services for Daufuskie Island residents, long-term renters, property owners, and County employees. At the time of the agreement the embarkation point was Palmetto Bay Marina. Due to hurricane impacts in the fall of 2016 the embarkation point was moved to Bluffton Oyster Factory Park initially (October 2016 – January 2017), and then to Buckingham Landing. The ferry has been using the Buckingham Landing location since January 2017.

***Read Daufuskie Island Ferry Services Options pg 49 - pg 50.**

Leann, the Chairman of the Daufuskie Island Ferry Service gave a comment about the Daufuskie Island Ferry Service.

Ms. Robinson, gave a comment about the Daufuskie Island Ferry Service.

Steve Hill wrote in a comment about the Daufuskie Island Ferry Service

Amanda Dubos wrote in a comment about the Daufuskie Island Ferry Service.

Mike McDonald wrote in a comment about the Daufuskie Island Ferry Service.

Ronald Broom wrote in a comment about the Daufuskie Island Ferry Service.

Fran and Bill Bolen wrote in a comment about the Daufuskie Island Ferry Service.

Council Member Covert asked what is the status of the 2 buildings of Buckingham Landing.

Jared Fralix stated there is no plans for the buildings. There will be an evaluation done of the facility.

Dave Wilhem stated SS Haider will just be a temporary facility. The long term solution is years away because we have to think of the environmental assesment.

Council Member Covert stated there should be a consideration of Option 4.

Council Member Hvronchon stated the Administaration and Dave Wilhelm have been looking for over a year for a prospective vendor.

Dave Wilhelm stated would like to use option 4.

Chairman Flewelling stated there needs to be a resolution.

Council Member Hvronchon stated what is plan B.

Chairman Flewelling stated I would go with option 2 even though its not optimal for residents it gets the county away from a potential lawsuit.

Dave Wilhelm stated option 2 and 4 can be done concurrently.

Council Member Hvronchon stated agrees with option 2 and 4.

Council Member Lawson stated agrees with option 1 and 4. Option 1 because option 2 will require more money.

Dave Wilhelm stated there is some grant money that can be used for permenate that can be used for temporary.

Council Member Sommerville does not agree with option 2. Does not wont to have individuals in temporary holding.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Covert, seconded by Council Member Rodman to issue a new RFP for ferry services option 4. The motion is approved without objection.

Hilton Head Island Airport (HXD) – Terminal Expansion

Jon Rembold provided a HXD Terminal Update.

*Read PowerPoint Slide Presentation **

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Bluffton Parkway 5B Update

Jared Fralix stated on September 21, 2020, the Public Facilities Committee discussed the immediate need to move forward with Bluffton Parkway 5B, specifically, the intersection of Buckwalter Parkway and Bluffton Parkway. The committee made a motion for staff to proceed with the project using impact fees.

Council Member Covert stated this item should be 2 items that discussed the North and South Connectors of the Parkway.

Jared Fralix stated the envirnmental assesment will have difficulty being seperated because of the part of the engineering design. It could have issues in the future with not allowing the county to have the oppportunity for federal funding.

Council Member Covert stated the community needs to know that there are two issues pertaining to this one agenda item. The intersection needs to be seperated from this and made into its own agenda item.

Jared Fralix stated this can be done on future agendas.

Chairman Flewelling stated there is going to be removal of the 5B from future agendas

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Update on Buckwalter Parkway

Chairman Flewelling stated this was discussed with Bluffton Parkway 5B update.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Consideration of the reappointment of William Graner and Kim Corley to the Solid Waste and Recycling Board

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Covert, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Glover to move forward to county council for reappointment Of William Graner and Kim Corley to the Solid Waste and Recycling Board. The motion was approved without objection.

Consideration of the Reappointment of John Glover to the Beaufort County Transportation Committee

Motion: It was moved by Committee Vice-Chair Glover, seconded by Council Member Covert to move forward to county council for reappointment of John Glover to the Beaufort County Transportation Committee. The motion approved without objection.

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(Every member of the public who is recognized to speak shall limit comments to three minutes with this portion going no longer than 15 minutes)

Darrow Aldridge provided a comment about decals

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm

Ratified by:

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY: _____

Brian Flewelling, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council

Ratified: