



**County Council of
Beaufort County
Natural Resources
Committee Meeting**

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Natural Resources Committee Minutes

Monday, October 05, 2020 at 3:30 PM

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

PRESENT

Chairman Howard
Vice Chairman Dawson
Council Member Covert
Council Member Glover
Council Member Sommerville
Council Member Passiment
Council Member McElynn
Council Member Flewelling
Council Member Hervochon
Council Member Lawson
Council Member Rodman

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Howard called the meeting to order at 3:29 p.m.

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 to Amend Agenda: It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, seconded by Council Member Glover to delete CONTRACT FOR RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM CONSULTING SERVICES (RFP# 052820) to move to executive session. It was approved without objection.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, seconded by Council Member Glover to approve agenda with amendment. It was approved without objection.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, seconded by Council Member Sommerville approval of AUGUST 27, 2020 (IMPACT FEE WORK SESSION; AUGUST 31, 2020; SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 (SPECIAL CALLED MEETING)). The motion approved without objection

ACTION ITEMS

Request from The Friends of Fort Fremont and the Passive Parks Manager to amend the National Historic Places nomination form to include Battery Fornance on the National Register of Historic Places.

Stephanie Nagid stated Fort Fremont Battery Jessup was nominated to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1988, determined eligible by the DOI in 1989, and then finally listed in 2010. Fort Fremont Battery Fornance was not included in that original nomination due to a modern house occupying space on top of Battery Fornance. In the time since, the house has been demolished and the County purchased the property. The Friends of Fort Fremont and the Passive Parks Manager would like to amend the original nomination form to include Battery Fornance on the National Register of Historic Places.

McElynn asked if this gives obligation to the county.

Stephanie Nagid stated nothing more then what we already do.

Motion: It was moved to by Council Member Sommerville, Seconded by Council Member Glover to approve the amendment to include Battery Fornance to the Fort Fremont Battery National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form, and move forward to County Council on October 13, 2020 for final approval. The motion approved without objection.

Resolution amending R2019-49 for Public Access and Passive Recreation Projects - Phase II.

Eric Greenway stated the co-owners of the Mobley property no longer desire to amend the current Joint Ownership Agreement and do not desire to move forward with construction of a passive park at this time. The Graves Development Agreement (DA) is moving at an accelerated pace and funding for the planning and development of the Okatie River Park, as per the DA, will need to begin this fiscal year. The allocated \$1,000,000 to the Mobley property for planning and construction of a passive park. This amendment would instead allocate those funds to the Okatie River Park for planning and construction of a passive park.

Motion: It was moved by to approve the Resolution to amend R2019/49 to reallocate the \$1,000,000 Mobley property funding to the Okatie River Park for the planning and construction of a passive park and to move forward to County Council on October 13, 2020 for adoption to move to county council for approval. It was approved without objection.

Contract for Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program Consulting Services (RFP# 052820)

* Removed per agenda amendment *

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Beaufort County Comprehensive Plan Update & Greenprint Update (Glenn Walters, Design Workshop Consultant)

Robert Merchant stated In October 2019, Beaufort County Council awarded a contract to Design Workshop to reformulate the County's Comprehensive Plan. Work on the plan began in January 2020. The contract was amended in April 2020 for Design Workshop to update the Greenprint Plan, a plan that provides a framework for the Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Program.

Glenn Walters gave an update on the Beaufort County Comprehensive Plan and Green Print Plan.

Council Member Hervochon asked if job development and access to jobs will be factored into the study.

Glenn Walters stated it will be put into the plan.

Chairman Howard asked about the in person workshops.

Robert Merchant stated we are still gathering information together but would have one workshop on St. Helena Island, one workshop South of the Broad and another workshop in the Northern part of county.

Council Member Rodman asked what could we do to extend the scheduled date to make sure this is done correctly?

Robert Merchant stated that state legislature passed a bill giving an additional year to gather public input. There is no hard set deadline however the consultant would like to honor the timeline that was presented.

Status: Informational Purposes Only

CITIZEN COMMENTS

(Every member of the public who is recognized to speak shall limit comments to three minutes- Citizens may email sbrock@bcgov.net, or comment on our Facebook Live stream to participate in Citizen Comment)

Jessie White , submitted a comments about Contract for Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Program Consulting Services.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 4:09 pm

Ratified by Committee: