



County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, April 10, 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 Glover 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 Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Dawson, to approve the agenda.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Tabernik, to approve the minutes of February 27, 2023.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/223622?ts=156>

County Administrator Greenway highlighted two employees: Robin "Rob" Neal and Travis Roberts.

7. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING LIBRARY WEEK

Please watch the video stream available on the County's website to view the full presentation.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/223622?ts=449>

Council Member Howard presented the proclamation recognizing Library Week.

8. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Please watch the video stream available on the County's website to view the full presentation.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/223622?ts=602>

Council Member Glover presented the proclamation recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

9. CITIZEN COMMENTS PERIOD

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1. Janet McCauley
2. Queen Quet
3. Dr. Dionne Hoskins-Brown
4. Arnold Brown
5. Elvio Tropeano
6. Felicia Roth

10. LIASION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Brown commented on an April 21st Earth Day ceremony.

Council Member Howard commented on the April 10th Port Royal Workshop and their tree ordinance.

Council Member Glover commented that on April 11th at the St. Helena Library, he will host Stormwater and discuss a study done for St. Helena Island - allowing the public to ask questions.

11. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

12. TIME-SENSITIVE ITEM ORIGINATING FROM THE APRIL 10TH COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LAND USE COMMITTEE - FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE (CDC): ARTICLE 3, DIVISION 3.4, SECTION 3.4.50- CULTURAL PROTECTION

OVERLAY (CPO); SECTION 3.4.10- PURPOSE; AND DIVISION 3.1, SECTION 3.1.70- LAND USE DEFINITIONS, RECREATION FACILITY: GOLF COURSE, TO UPDATE DEFINITIONS, REGULATIONS, AND STANDARDS IN THE CULTURAL PROTECTION OVERLAY ZONE

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Motion: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Glover, to approve the first reading of an ordinance for text amendments to the Community Development Code (CDC): Article 3, Division 3.4, Section 3.4.50- Cultural Protection Overlay (CPO); Section 3.4.10- Purpose; and Division 3.1, Section 3.1.70- Land Use Definitions, Recreation Facility: Golf Course, to Update Definitions, Regulations, and Standards in the Cultural Protection Overlay Zone.

Discussion: Council Member Cunningham commented on the property owner's rights and his view that the text amendments do not prevent the development of Pine Island. Council Member Cunningham also advocated for a postponement to allow more time to determine the best path forward.

Motion to Postpone to a definite time: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Brown, to postpone action on the item to the June 12, 2023, County Council meeting.

Discussion: Council Member Glover commented that the purpose of the text amendments is to strengthen the language of the comprehensive plan and that he does not support the proposed postponement.

Council Member Howard and Council Member Bartholomew voiced their opposition to the proposed postponement.

Council Member Lawson voiced his opposition to the proposed postponement and commented on the development currently allowed under the CPO and the reasoning behind the text amendments, which would essentially change the zoning of the property.

Vice Chairman McElynn commented that Council needs to take into account the property owner's rights and the wishes of St. Helena residents and conservation groups.

Council Member Cunningham and Council Member Brown rescinded their motion to postpone.

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

13. TIME-SENSITIVE ITEM ORIGINATING FROM THE APRIL 10TH COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LAND USE COMMITTEE - FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AND TO ALLOCATE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA OPIOID RECOVERY FUND (\$299,376.00)

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve items 13 and 14 as a package.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve the first reading of an ordinance to accept and to allocate funds received from the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund (\$299,376.00) and to approve the first reading of an ordinance to accept and to allocate funds received from the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund (\$612,733.00).

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

14. TIME-SENSITIVE ITEM ORIGINATING FROM THE APRIL 10TH COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LAND USE COMMITTEE - FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AND TO ALLOCATE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA OPIOID RECOVERY FUND (\$612,733.00)

Items 13 and 14 were taken as one motion.

15. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT/REZONING REQUEST FOR 1 ACRE (R600 036 000 0369 0000) AT 3 BENTON LANE FROM T3 EDGE TO T2 RURAL CENTER

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<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/223622?ts=3108>

Council and County Administrator Greenway discussed the status of the item, with Mr. Greenway clarifying that the staff's impression of the first reading discussion was that Council wanted to move this item forward and that a community meeting would be held on April 25th.

Council Member Brown highlighted the need for optometrist services in the area and asked Council to approve the second reading.

Council Member Lawson commented on requests by Bluffton residents to slow and control growth, and that he will be voting against upzoning this property.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Bartholomew, to approve the second reading of an ordinance for a zoning map amendment/rezoning request for 1 acre (R600 036 000 0369 0000) at 3 Benton Lane from T3 Edge to T2 Rural Center.

Discussion: Council Member Tabernik echoed Council Member Lawson's comment on slowing growth and voiced her opposition to the motion.

Council Member Brown commented that the medical office would not generate a lot of traffic and asked if Council Members had visited the property.

Council Member Cunningham said he would like to have this item on the table for the community meeting.

The Vote - Voting Yea: Vice-Chairman McElynn, Council Member Bartholomew, Council Member Brown, Council Member Cunningham, Council Member Dawson, and Council Member Reitz. Voting Nay: Chairman Passiment, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, and Council Member Tabernik. Voting Abstaining: Council Member Glover. The motion passed by 6:4, with one abstention.

16. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE (CDC): SECTIONS 3.1.60 (CONSOLIDATED USE TABLE), 3.2.60 (T2 RURAL CENTER (T2RC) STANDARDS), AND 4.1.220 (RESIDENTIAL STORAGE FACILITY) TO CONDITIONALLY ALLOW THE USAGE OF RESIDENTIAL STORAGE FACILITY IN T2 RURAL CENTER

The Chairman opened the public comment.

No one came forward.

The Chairman closed the public comment.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Tabernik, to approve the public hearing and second reading of an ordinance for text amendments to the Community Development Code (CDC): Sections 3.1.60 (Consolidated Use Table), 3.2.60 (T2 Rural Center (T2RC) Standards), and 4.1.220 (Residential Storage Facility) to Conditionally Allow the Usage of Residential Storage Facility in T2 Rural Center.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

17. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT/REZONING REQUEST FOR 2.81 ACRES (R600 008 000 0625 0000) AT THE INTERSECTION OF OKATIE HIGHWAY (170) AND LOWCOUNTRY DRIVE (462) FROM T2 RURAL (T2R) TO C4 COMMUNITY CENTER MIXED-USE (C4CCMU)

The Chairman opened the public comment.

No one came forward.

The Chairman closed the public comment.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve the public hearing and second reading of an ordinance for a Zoning Map Amendment/Rezoning Request for 2.81 Acres (R600 008 000 0625 0000) at the intersection of Okatie Highway (170) and Lowcountry Drive (462) from T2 Rural (T2R) to C4 Community Center Mixed-Use (C4CCMU).

Discussion: Council Member Glover objected to the motion.

The Vote - The motion passed by 10:1.

18. PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP SERIAL NUMBER R300 015 000 076B 0000 AND ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCKER FIELD EXTENSION

The Chairman opened the public comment.

No one came forward.

The Chairman closed the public comment.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve the public hearing and approval of a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute the necessary documents and provide funding for the purchase of real property identified as Tax Map Serial Number R300 015 000 076b 0000 and also known as Blocker Field Extension.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

19. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A 30,000 GRANT FROM AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (ASPCA) FOR DISASTER RESPONSE

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Glover, to approve a resolution to accept a 30,000 grant from American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) for Disaster Response.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

20. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

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1. William Smith

2. Joe Mac

21. ADJOURNMENT

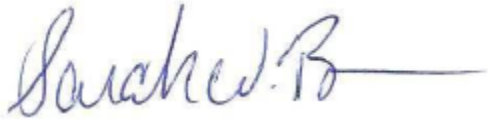
Adjourned: 6:11 PM

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY



BY: _____
Joseph F. Passiment, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:



Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council
Ratified: May 22, 2023