



County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, February 26, 2024
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 (arrived late)
Council Member Alice Howard
Council Member Mark Lawson
Council Member Thomas Reitz
Council Member Anna Maria Tabernik

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Council Member Tabernik led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

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 that public notice of this meeting had been posted, published 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 Howard to approve the agenda.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, Seconded by Council Member Howard to approve the minutes from January 22nd, February 5th and February 12th.

The Vote - Motion as approved without objection.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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7. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

There were no citizen comments during this time period.

8. LIASION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

To listed to the full report please click the link below.

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9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FIFTEEN PERCENT OF FY24 GROSS STATE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX REVENUE TO DEVELOPMENT OF WORKFORCE HOUSING.

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SCDOT) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED UNDER THE CROSS-ISLAND PARKWAY ADJACENT TO THE BROAD CREEK BOAT LANDING PARCEL 552 010 000 0650 0000 (FISCAL IMPACT: N/A)

The Vote - Motion as approved without objection.

10. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO CONVEY A PORTION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY BEAUFORT COUNTY WITH TMS NO. R510 005 000 0329 0000, LOCATED ON BEACH CITY ROAD, HILTON HEAD ISLAND.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Reitz, Seconded by Council Member Howard to approve First Reading of an ordinance authorizing the interim county administrator to execute the necessary documents to convey a portion of property owned by Beaufort County with tms no. R510 005 000 0329 0000, located on Beach City Road, Hilton Head Island.

The Vote - Motion as approved without objection.

11. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF FUNDS TO LOWCOUNTRY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (LATS) FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY'S PORTION OF THE LOCAL MATCH FOR THE NORTHERN TRANSIT STUDY, THE SC 315/46 AND BLUFFTON PARKWAY EXTENSION STUDY, AND THE BLUFFTON PARKWAY FROM SC 170 TO US 278 AT THE BLUFFTON PARKWAY FLYOVER STUDY; AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE REGIONAL STUDIES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Bartholomew, Seconded by Council Member Reitz to approve a resolution authorizing the provision of funds to lowcountry area transportation study (lats) for Beaufort County's portion of the local match for the northern transit study, the SC 315/46 and Bluffton parkway extension study, and the Bluffton parkway from SC 170 to us 278 at the Bluffton parkway flyover study; and further to authorize the interim county administrator to execute memorandums of understanding

with Lowcountry Council of Governments for the management of the regional studies.

Discussion: Council Members Cunningham and Brown stated they would not vote for this while it includes 5B. Jared Fralix, ACA Beaufort County, stated these are 3 independent studies, so it is possible to separate them.

To see full discussion of this item please click the link below.

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The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Council Member Bartholomew, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson
Voting Nay: Council Member Brown, Council Member Cunningham, Council Member Tabernik, Council Member Reitz. Motion passes 6/4

12. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

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Kade Yarborough - Daufuskie Island Council

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 5:38 pm

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Brown, seconded by Council Member Dawson, to enter into an executive session to discuss the items below.

PURSUANT TO S. C. CODE SECTION 30-4-70(A)(2) TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE WHERE THE ADVICE RELATES TO PENDING LITIGATION (SCRATCH GOLF, LLC V BEAUFORT COUNTY AND BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL)

PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE SEC. 30-4-70(A)(2): DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AND MATTERS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE.

PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE SECTION 30-4-70(A)(2): DISCUSSION OF MATTERS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE (INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE SECTION 4-9-660)

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

14. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

No matters arose out of the executive session.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY



BY: _____

Joseph F. Passiment, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sarah W. Brock", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council

Ratified: March 25, 2024