



## County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, January 22, 2024  
5:00 PM

### MINUTES

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Passiment called the meeting to order at 5:00PM

#### 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 Anna Maria Tabernik  
Council Member Thomas Reitz

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Chairman Passiment led the Pledge of Allegiance and Council Member Brown 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 to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Howard to add first reading by title only of an ordinance appropriating 15% of the state 2% accommodations tax funds a-tax funds for workforce housing for workforce housing subject to review

by the state accommodations tax committee and in compliance with the requirements of the sc code of laws.

**The Vote** - Motion was approved without objection.

**Motion to Amend:** It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Tabernik to change the title of item number 12 removing Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee and replace it with Public Facilities and Safety Committee.

**The Vote** - Motion was approved without objection.

**Main Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, Seconded by Council Member Dawson to approve the agenda as amended.

**The Vote** - Motion was approved without objection.

## 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Reitz, Seconded by Council Member Howard to approve the minutes from January 8, 2024.

**The Vote** - Motion was approved without objection.

## 6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Interim County Administrator John Robinson recognized Denise Christmas for her outstanding work as interim Deputy County Administrator and stated she has stepped back from that position and is not the county's full time Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Robinson then recognized employees Mark Sutton, construction manager; and Amber Black, Workforce Development Specialist in HR then gave an update on the Daufuskie Island Ferry.

To listed to the full update please click on the link below.

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## 7. APPROVAL OF THE 2023 ANNUAL AUDIT PRESENTED BY MAULDIN & JENKINS, LLC, CPA FIRM

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Lawson, Seconded by Council Member Brown to approve the 2023 Annual Audit as presented by Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC, CPA Firm.

**The Vote** - Motion approved without objection.

## 8. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

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1. Debbie Roberson
2. Denise Gilbert
3. Skip Hogland

## 9. LIASION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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## 10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

**The Vote** - Motion was approved without objection.

**11. TIME SENSITIVE ITEM FROM THE JANUARY 22ND SPECIAL CALLED FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF TOMMY HARMON, JR. TO THE BEAUFORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A FIRST TERM OF 4 YEARS WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF 2028 & THE REAPPOINTMENT OF EUGENE RICHARDSON LABRUCE, TO THE BEAUFORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A SECOND TERM OF FOUR-YEARS WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF 2028**

**Motion:** it was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Brown to approve the appointment of Tommy Harmon, Jr. and the reappointment of Eugene Richardson LaBruce to the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees.

**The Vote** - Motion was approved without objection.

**12. TIME SENSITIVE ITEM FROM THE JANUARY 22ND PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING - APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A 2024 TRANSPORTATION SALES AND USE TAX REFERENDUM**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, Seconded by Council Member Tabernik to approve first reading of an ordinance for a 2024 Transportation Sales and Use Tax Referendum.

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**Motion to Amend:** It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, Seconded by Council Member Bartholomew to include language in Section 2.3 stating that all proceeds of the sales and use tax and all proceeds of any bonds payable shall be held by the County until County Council has approved the allocation and expenditure for the projects and preparations of the projects as further identified here.

**The Vote** - Voting Yea: Vice-Chairman McElynn, Council Member Bartholomew, Council Member Brown, Council Member Cunningham, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Lawson, Council Member Tabernik, and Council Member Reitz. Voting Nay: Chairman Passiment, Council Member Glover, and Council Member Howard. The motion passes 9:2.

**Motion to Amend:** it was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Bartholomew to include language creating a citizens committee.

**The Vote** - motion was approved without objection.

**Main Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, Seconded by Council Member Tabernik to approve first reading of an ordinance for a 2024 Transportation Sales and Use Tax Referendum with the approved amendments.

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

**13. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS LICENSE FEES**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Council Member Howard to approve the Hawkers and Peddlers License Fees.

**The Vote** - motion was approved without objection.

**14. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF TAX MAP SERIAL NUMBER TMS R600-036-000-0013-0000 AND ALSO KNOWN AS 76 MAY RIVER ROAD**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member Howard to approve second reading of an ordinance authorizing the Interim County Administrator to execute the necessary documents and to provide funding for the purchase of tax map serial number tms r600-036-000-0013-0000 and also known as 76 May River Road.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for public hearing.

No one came forward.

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

**The Vote** - motion was approved without objection.

**15. RECONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL'S ACTION ON FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE STATE 2% ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUND AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE STATE 2% ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUND**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member Bartholomew to rescind the vote that council took on December 11, 2023 in which council awarded \$150,000 to Workforce Housing from the State A-Tax Committee recommendation.

**The Vote** - motion was approved without objection.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member Glover to approve first reading of an ordinance appropriating funds from the state a-tax funds as recommended by the state a-tax committee in compliance with the requirement of SC Code of Laws.

**The Vote** - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice-Chairman McElynn, Council Member Bartholomew, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Glover, and Council Member Lawson. Voting Nay: Council Member Brown, Council Member Cunningham, Council Member Howard, Council Member Tabernik, and Council Member Reitz. The motion passes 6:5

**15.a Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham to approve First Reading by title only of an ordinance appropriating 15% of the State 2% Accommodations Tax funds for workforce housing subject to review by the State Accommodations Tax Committee and in compliance with the requirements of the SC Code of Laws.

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

**16. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF TAX MAP SERIAL NUMBER TMS R600-021-000-0078-0000 AND ALSO KNOWN AS BARRELL LANDING ORR**

Motion made by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham.

**The Vote** - motion was approved without objection.

**17. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PASSIVE PARKS DEPARTMENT BUSINESS USE POLICY, APPLICATION AND FEE SCHEDULE**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Council Member Howard to approve a resolution adopting the Passive Parks Department Use Policy, Application and Fee Schedule.

**The Vote** - motion was approved without objection.

**18. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD- 15 MINUTES TOTAL**

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1. William Smith

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

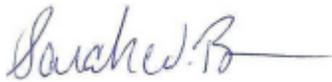
The meeting adjourned at 6:53PM

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY



BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph F. Passiment, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:



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Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council

Ratified: February 26, 2024