



County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

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

Tuesday, November 12, 2024
5:00 PM

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Passiment called the meeting to order at 5:05PM

PRESENT

Chairman Joseph F. Passiment
Vice-Chairman Lawrence McElynn
Council Member David P. Bartholomew (Late)
Council Member Paula Brown
Council Member Logan Cunningham (Virtual)
Council Member Gerald Dawson
Council Member York Glover
Council Member Alice Howard
Council Member Mark Lawson (Virtual)
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 Dawson 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 published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Brown to approve the agenda.

The Vote - Motion approved without objection.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Tabernik to approve the October 14, 2024 minutes.

The Vote - Motion approved without objection.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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7. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING AND COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE OF THE BEAUFORT COUNTY ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE DEPARTMENT, ALSO RECOGNIZED AS NEXUS CARE OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

Council Member Dawson presented a proclamation recognizing and commemorating 50 years of servicing the Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department.

8. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizen comments were taken.

9. LIASION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member Brown to remove item number 2, approval of a contract award to design-build team Mitchel Construction & Coast Architects for ifb #080824 Agnes Major & Wesley Felix Community Centers, from the consent agenda to action items.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

Main Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Dawson to approve the following consent agenda items; approval of a resolution to accept grant funds from the south carolina department of commerce in the amount of \$100,000 in support of project micro; and Boards and Commissions Appointments & Reappointments.

consent agenda

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

10(a). APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT AWARD TO DESIGN-BUILD TEAM MITCHEL CONSTRUCTION & COAST ARCHITECTS FOR IFB #080824 AGNES MAJOR & WESLEY FELIX COMMUNITY CENTERS

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Motion: It was moved by Glover, Seconded by Council Member Howard to approve a contract award to design-build team Mitchel Construction & Coast Architects for ifb #080824 Agnes Major & Wesley Felix Community Centers.

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Council Member Tabernik to bifurcate this item so that Agnes Major and Wesley Felix can be voted on separately.

The motion to Amend was withdrawn

Main Motion: It was moved by Glover, Seconded by Council Member Howard to approve a contract award to design-build team Mitchel Construction & Coast Architects for ifb #080824 Agnes Major & Wesley Felix Community Centers.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

11. APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO OFFER A BUYBACK OR EMPLOYEE PERSONAL LEAVE FOR FY2025

Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Glover to approve authorizing the county administrator to offer a buyback or employee personal leave for FY2025.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

12. APPROVAL TO OBSERVE MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2024 AS AN ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY EMPLOYEES

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Motion: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, Seconded by Council Member Brown to approve to observe Monday, December 23, 2024, as an additional Christmas holiday for Beaufort County employees.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

13. DISCUSSION OF THE US 278 CORRIDOR PROJECT STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK (SIB) INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

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Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member Howard to direct Administrator Moore to contact the SIB and inform them that the county does not have the resources at this time to commit any additional funds to the project, but request that the SIB hold the funds for the future as the county explores options.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

14. PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING SEVENTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$70,000,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF 2025 OF BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Glover to approve public hearing and third reading of an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding seventy million dollars (\$70,000,000) general obligation bonds of 2025 of Beaufort County, South Carolina; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

The chairman opened the floor for a public hearing

no one came forward

The chairman closed a public hearing.

The Vote - Motion approved without objection.

15. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED AT 1 FLAMINGO COVE ON PARCEL R200 005 00A 0040 0000

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Bartholomew, Seconded by Council Member Tabernik to approve a public hearing and second reading of an ordinance authorizing the administrator to execute all documents necessary for the acceptance of a drainage easement located at 1 Flamingo Cove on parcel r200 005 00a 0040 0000.

The chairman opened the floor for a public hearing

no one came forward

The chairman closed a public hearing.

The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice-Chairman McElynn, Council Member Brown, Council Member Lawson, Council Member Reitz, Council Member Bartholomew, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Howard, and Council Member Tabernik. **Voting Nay:** Council Member Glover. The motion passed 9:1

16. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED AT 10 QUAIL RIDGE CIRCLE SOUTH ON PARCEL R100 030 000 0268 0000

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Brown to approve a public hearing and second reading of an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a drainage easement located at 10 Quail Ridge Circle South on parcel r100 030 000 0268 0000.

The chairman opened the floor for a public hearing

no one came forward

The chairman closed a public hearing.

The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice-Chairman McElynn, Council Member Brown, Council Member Lawson, Council Member Reitz, Council Member Bartholomew, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Howard, and Council Member Tabernik. **Voting Nay:** Council Member Glover. The motion passed 9:1

17. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT RIGHT OF WAY ON FISH HAUL ROAD

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member Reitz to approve a public hearing and second reading of an ordinance authorizing the county administrator to execute any and all documents necessary to accept right of way on Fish Haul Road.

The chairman opened the floor for a public hearing

no one came forward

The chairman closed a public hearing.

The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice-Chairman McElynn, Council Member Brown, Council Member Lawson, Council Member Reitz, Council Member Bartholomew, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Howard, and Council Member Tabernik. **Voting Nay:** Council Member Glover. The motion passed 9:1

18. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF RIGHT

OF WAY PROPERTIES ON PARCEL R200 011 000 0007 0000 ASSOCIATED WITH SHEPPARD ROAD, CAUSEY WAY AND DOCK BUILDERS DRIVE ON LADY'S ISLAND

Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Brown to approve a public hearing and second reading of an ordinance authorizing the county administrator to execute any and all necessary documents for the acceptance of the right of way properties on parcel r200 011 000 0007 0000 associated with Sheppard Road, Causey Way and Dock Builders Drive on Lady's Island.

The chairman opened the floor for a public hearing

One individual came forward.

The chairman closed a public hearing.

The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice-Chairman McElynn, Council Member Brown, Council Member Lawson, Council Member Reitz, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, and Council Member Tabernik. **Abstaining:** Council Member Bartholomew. The motion passed 9:0:1.

19. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO PURCHASE AND TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 247 ROBERT SMALLS PARKWAY

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Glover to approve a public hearing and second reading of an ordinance authorizing the county administrator to execute the necessary documents to purchase and to fund the purchase of the real property located at 247 Robert Smalls Parkway.

The chairman opened the floor for a public hearing

No one came forward.

The chairman closed a public hearing.

The Vote - Motion approved without objection.

20. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO ACCEPT CONVEYANCE OF A PORTION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON LOCATED AT 140 BUCK ISLAND ROAD WITH TMS NO. R610-031-000-00003-0000

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Vice-Chairman McElynn to approve public hearing and second reading of an ordinance authorizing the county administrator to execute the necessary documents to accept the conveyance of a portion of property owned by the Town of Bluffton located at 140 buck island road with tms no. R610-031-000-00003-0000.

The chairman opened the floor for a public hearing

No one came forward.

The chairman closed a public hearing.

The Vote - Motion approved without objection.

21. 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 REQUIREMENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member Dawson 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 requirements of South Carolina Code of Laws.

The Vote - Motion approved without objection.

22. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BUDGET ORDINANCE 2024/25, TO REFLECT THE APPROVAL OF USE OF GENERAL FUND -FUND BALANCE FOR \$3,300,000 FOR FLEET SERVICES VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASES.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Council Member Tabernik to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending budget ordinance 2024/25, to reflect the approval of the use of general fund -fund balance for \$3,300,000 for fleet services vehicle and equipment purchases.

The Vote - Motion approved without objection.

23. APPROVAL ONE OF TWO PROPOSED OPTIONS FOR THE 2025 COMMITTEE AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member Bartholomew to approve the discussion of the 2025 Committee and County Council Meeting Calendar.

Discussion: Council Member Tabernik stated she wanted to add Chat with Council meetings to the meeting calendar as well as include St. Helena Island in the rotation for council meetings.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Bartholomew to move forward with the calendar reflecting committee meetings starting at 4:00 PM and Council Meetings at 6:00 PM.

The Vote - Motion approved without objection.


24. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Citizen comment was taken.


25. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY: 
Joseph F. Passiment, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:


Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council
Ratified: December 9, 2024