



Public Facilities and Safety Committee Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, October 23, 2023
4:00 PM

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chairman Cunningham called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairman Logan Cunningham
Council Member Paula Brown
Council Member Anna Maria Tabernik
Ex-Officio Joseph F. Passiment
Council Member Gerald Dawson (arrived late)
Council Member York Glover
Council Member Alice Howard
Council Member Mark Lawson (arrived late)
Council Member Thomas Reitz

ABSENT

Vice-Chairman David P. Bartholomew
Council Member Lawrence McElynn

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Chairman Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. FOIA

Committee Chairman Cunningham 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 Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Brown, to approve the agenda.

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Howard, to move item 8 to the November meeting to give sufficient time for Sheriff Tanner, Airports Director Rembold, and Interim County Administrator Robinson to meet and provide Council with more information.

The Vote – The motion to amend was approved without objection.

Main Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve the agenda as amended.

The Vote – The main 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 August 28, 2023, with the correction of a misspelled name.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

6. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

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1. David Nelems
2. Leslie Flory

7. UPDATE FROM ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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Assistant County Administrator Fralix provided an update on the following items:

1. The regional meeting between Beaufort County, Jasper County, the Town of Hardeeville, and representatives from the Lowcountry Area Transportation Study and SCDOT to discuss road improvement plans.
2. The November 9th public meeting for comments on the preliminary design for Burnt Church Road improvements.
3. The presentation of the Reimagine Ribaut Road master plan at an October 24th City of Beaufort meeting to allow for stakeholder comments before the master plan is finalized and adopted. County staff will also present the master plan to the Town of Port Royal in November.
4. The planned improvements to Alljoy Boat Landing and inspection of the Whitehall Fishing Pier.
The finalization of the Intergovernmental Support Agreement with the Marine Corps base on Parris Island to install riprap.

8. UPDATE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (LEO) SERVICES AT THE HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT

The item was moved to the Public Facilities and Safety Committee meeting on November 27, 2023.

9. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 39 AIRPORT CIRCLE WITH BEAUFORT FLIGHT TRAINING (FISCAL IMPACT: Beaufort Executive Airport will receive monthly income generated through lease revenue – Tenant shall pay \$437.25 (265 sq ft x \$19.80/12) in monthly base lease payments for premises located at the Beaufort Executive Airport terminal. Annual Expected Revenue increase: \$5247.00. These lease rates are in accordance with current Beaufort County lease policies)

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Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Brown, to recommend approval of an ordinance authorizing the Interim County Administrator to enter into a lease agreement for real property located at 39 Airport Circle with Beaufort Flight Training.

Discussion: Deputy Airports Director Parry explained how office spaces are available to rent at Beaufort Executive Airport and that Beaufort Flight Training and Mr. Tim Verroi requested to lease the office spaces.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

10. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 39 AIRPORT CIRCLE WITH TIM VERROI (FISCAL IMPACT: Beaufort Executive Airport will receive monthly income generated through lease revenue – Tenant shall pay \$145.20 (88 sq ft x \$19.80/12) in monthly base lease payments for premises located at the Beaufort Executive Airport terminal. Annual Expected Revenue increase: \$1742.40. These lease rates are in accordance with current Beaufort County lease policies)**

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Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Brown, to recommend approval of an ordinance authorizing the Interim County Administrator to enter into a lease agreement for real property located at 39 Airport Circle with Tim Verroi.

Discussion: Council Member Tabernik commented on the lease agreement's inclusion of information on the responsibility of the tenant and insurance requirements.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

11. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE US 278 CORRIDOR PROJECT JOINT INDEPENDENT REVIEW PERFORMED BY CBB AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO TOWN OF HILTON HEAD REQUESTING THEIR MUNICIPAL CONSENT FOR THE PROJECT (FISCAL IMPACT: N/A)**

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Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Howard, to recommend approval of a resolution to accept the recommendations from the US 278 Corridor Project Joint Independent Review performed by CBB and authorization for the Interim County Administrator to send correspondence to Town of Hilton Head requesting their municipal consent for the project.

Discussion: Council Member Reitz asked when County staff would request the municipal consent and noted that the Town of Hilton Head's independent study is not due until May or June 2024.

Committee Chairman Cunningham commented on time constraints and the need to move the project forward.

ACA Fralix explained that municipal consent is required before right of way acquisition and the interest in being granted municipal consent to de-risk the project.

Council Member Tabernik voiced her support for moving the project forward and accepting the recommendation.

Council Member Glover and ACA Fralix discussed the County's financial commitments and the additional costs placed on the County when there is a time delay or the cost of doing business increases. ACA Fralix added that the County and the Town of Hilton Head created an MOU in 2022 to advance the project.

Council Member Howard raised concerns about delays jeopardizing funding availability and supported the recommendation.

The Vote - Voting Yea: Committee Chairman Cunningham, Council Member Brown, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member Passiment, and Council Member Tabernik. Voting Nay: Council Member Reitz. The motion passed by 8:1.

12. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT AWARD TO R.L. MORRISON & SONS, INC. FOR ALLJOY BOAT LANDING REPAIRS (FISCAL IMPACT: \$534,730.00 The project cost is funded by a Hospitality Tax Grant #20020021-54124 in the amount of \$534,730.00. The ATAX funding source has a balance of \$1,092,017.00)

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Public Works Director Desai provided an overview of the dock's deterioration, the planned construction work, the funding through accommodation and hospitality taxes, and the 6-month construction timeline. Director Desai added that R.L. Morrison had carried out several projects within the County, including projects related to marine facilities.

Council Member Lawson and Director Desai discussed the timeline and steps to be taken once the contract is approved.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Tabernik, to recommend approval of a contract award to R.L. Morrison & Sons, Inc. for Alljoy Boat Landing repairs.

Discussion: Committee Chairman Cunningham and Director Desai discussed how the construction services would address the floating component of the dock and the additional funding available to address the parking lot.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

13. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD TO O'QUINN MARINE CONSTRUCTION FOR RFP #090723 WHITEHALL PHASE 2 DESIGN-BUILD CONSTRUCTION SERVICES (FISCAL IMPACT: \$250,000. Funding to come from the Passive Park Budget account #45020011-54417. Current account balance is \$937,336.60)

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Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Howard, to recommend approval of contract award to O'Quinn Marine Construction for RFP #090723 Whitehall Phase 2 Design-Build Construction Services.

Discussion: Capital Projects Director Larson provided an overview of Whitehall Phase 1 and 2, with Phase 2 including a fishing pier and kayak launch, bulkhead repair and stabilization, and removal of asphalt and gravel from previous developments to replant grass. Director Larson also explained that the contractor puts the design drawings together in a design-build package.

Council Member Tabernik and Director Larson discussed how the project received one bid and the specialty needed to build the dock.

Council Member Glover asked about the transport of kayaks and canoes from the parking lot to the dock. Passive Parks Director Stefanie Nagid explained that the kayak dock would be for people entering the park from the water as there is also a kayak launch at the Factory Creek pier.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

- 14. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD TO TERRA EXCAVATING, INC. FOR IFB #101223 SOUTHSIDE PARK PICKLE BALL COURTS CONSTRUCTION SERVICES (FISCAL IMPACT: \$570,024.00 to come from the Parks and Recreation Capital Fund account #10401600-54436 with an account balance of \$4,551,060.13)**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Glover, to recommend approval to contract award to Terra Excavating, Inc. for IFB #101223 Southside Park Pickle Ball Courts Construction Services.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

- 15. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned 4:43 p.m.

Ratified: November 27, 2023