



County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, September 09, 2024
5:00 PM

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Passiment called the meeting to order at 5:06PM

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 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 public notice of this meeting had been published, posted and distributed in compliance with the SC Freedom of Information Act of SC.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Vice-Chairman McElynn to approve the minutes of July 15, 2024.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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7. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING RECOVERY MONTH

Vice-Chair McElynn presented a proclamation to Nexus Care of Beaufort County.

8. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD

Council Member Tabernik presented a proclamation to the Members of the South Carolina State Guard.

9. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizen comments were taken.

10. LIASION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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11. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Dawson to approve the following consent agenda items: second reading of an ordinance to repeal and replace Beaufort County Code Of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article VII, Division 4 (Beaufort County Purchasing Ordinance); to establish new policies of centralized purchasing and competitive bidding for county agencies (a new purchasing ordinance); delegating purchasing authority to the county purchasing director; establishing procedures for the purchasing of goods and services as required by county agencies; and other matters related thereto; approval of a resolution authorizing the county administrator to accept block grant awards offered by the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and other drug abuse services; approval of a contract to pave around Bluffton Township Fire District's training building; approval of the appointment of David Johnson to the Beaufort County Transportation Committee for a four-year term with the expiration date of august 2028; and Boards and Commissions appointments & reappointments.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

12. THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BEAUFORT COUNTY'S TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS (TIA) POLICY

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member Howard to approve the THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BEAUFORT COUNTY'S TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS (TIA) POLICY.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

13. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING BEAUFORT COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TO PLEDGE REVENUES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA JOBS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ITS HEALTHCARE REVENUE BONDS (SOUTH

OF BROAD HEALTHCARE PROJECT) SERIES 2024 IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$120,000,000; AUTHORIZING PROPER OFFICERS TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE; AND OTHER MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Glover to approve public hearing and second reading of an ordinance authorizing Beaufort County Memorial Hospital to pledge revenues in connection with the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs Economic Development Authority of its healthcare revenue bonds (south of broad healthcare project) series 2024 in the aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$120,000,000; authorizing proper officers to do all things necessary or advisable; and other matters incidental thereto.

The Chairman opened the floor for a public hearing

No one came forward

The Chairman closed the public hearing

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

14. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS COOLER TRACT B

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, Seconded by Council Member Lawson to approve a public hearing and second reading of an ordinance authorizing the county administrator to execute the necessary documents, to provide funding for purchasing real property identified as Cooler Tract B.

The Chairman opened the floor for a public hearing

No one came forward

The Chairman closed the public hearing

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

15. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 333 & 335 BUCKWALTER PARKWAY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF WORKFORCE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND MEDICAL FACILITIES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, Seconded by Council Member Howard to approve a public hearing and second reading of an ordinance authorizing the County Administrator to execute the necessary documents to convey real property located at 333 & 335 Buckwalter Parkway for development of workforce and affordable housing and medical facilities; and other matters related thereto.

The Chairman opened the floor for a public hearing

No one came forward

The Chairman closed the public hearing

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

16. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY FOR CONDUCTING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FROM THE TOWN OF PORT ROYAL TO THE BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Tabernik to approve the first reading of an ordinance accepting the transfer of authority for conducting municipal elections from the Town of Port Royal to the Beaufort County Board of Voter Registration and Elections.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

17. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Citizen comments were taken.

18. Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Glover to go into executive session to discuss the items below:

Under S. C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2): to receive legal advice where the legal advice relates to matters covered by the attorney-client privilege (retaining legal counsel)

Under S. C. Code §30-4-70(a)(1) discussion of employment of persons regulated by a public body.

Under S. C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2) to receive legal advice where the advice relates to pending litigation (Pine Island Property Holdings, LLC V Beaufort County)

Under S. C. Code §30-04-70(a)(2) to receive legal advice regarding contractual arrangements (Pepper Hall/Okatie Park)

Under S. C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2) to engage in discussions and negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements (lobbying contract)

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

19. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Brown that council have a special called meeting of council on Monday, September 16th to allow each of the parties in the Pine Island litigation to present their positions to County Council. Only the attorneys will make the presentations and the presentations will take place in executive session because they are part of discussions of a settlement.

The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Council Member Bartholomew, Council Member Brown, Council Member Cunningham, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member Tabernik, and Council Member Reitz.

Voting Nay: Vice-Chairman McElynn, and Council Member Glover. The motion passed 9:2.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:42PM.

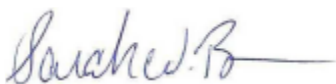
COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY



BY: _____

Joseph F. Passiment, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah W. Brock" followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council

Ratified: October 28, 2024