



County Council of Beaufort County

County Council Meeting

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County Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:00 PM

This meeting was held in a hybrid setting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Passiment Called the meeting to order at 6:15PM

PRESENT

Chairman Joseph F. Passiment

Vice Chairman D. Paul Sommerville

Council Member York Glover

Council Member Chris Hervocho

Council Member Stu Rodman

Council Member Alice Howard

Council Member Mark Lawson

Council Member Lawrence McElynn

Council Member Gerald Dawson

Council Member Brian Flewelling

Council Member Logan Cunningham

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Passiment called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member McElynn led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

3. FOIA

Chairman Passiment stated public notice of this meeting has been published, posted and distributed in compliance with FOIA

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Hervocho, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to remove consent agenda item number 1 to be included as action item number 16. Motion approved without objection.

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to remove consent agenda item number 3 to be included as action item number 17. Motion approved without objection.

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Sommerville, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to remove agenda item number 26 from the agenda. Motion approved without objection.

Main Motion: It was by Council Member Sommerville, Seconded by Council Member Howard to approve the agenda as amended. Motion approved without objection.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Council Member Lawson to approve the minutes of November 9, 2020; December 7, 2020; and January 4, 2021. Motion approved without objection.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

To see Interim County Administrator, Eric Greenway's report please click the link below.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/113220>

7. A BLACK HISTORY MONTH TRIBUTE TO DR. GEORGE R. CARRUTHERS, MAN OF SCIENCE

Council Member McElynn read a tribute to Dr. George R. Carruthers, in Honor of Black History Month as well as shared a video.

8. PROCLAMATION HONORING JAMES FARGHER

Vice-Chair Sommerville read a proclamation honoring Mr. Fargher for his years of service on the Stormwater Utility Board.

9. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Bari Soash, a news director at WTOG-TV in Savannah, spoke regarding the County's proposed Public Records Resolution and shared some concerns the station had.

10. LIAISON AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Lawson - reviewed the Finance Committee items appearing on the Consent agenda.

Council Member Rodman - reviewed the Public Facilities Committee items appearing on the Consent agenda.

Council Member Howard - discussed the ribbon cutting that took place at Fort Frederick and commended staff as well as the municipalities for working together.

11. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Rodman, Seconded by Council Member McElynn to approve consent agenda items: 2. Third reading of an ordinance for refunding bonds; 4. Recommendation of Award for IFB#121720E Roadway Pavement Condition Survey (\$332,700); 5. Recommendation of Award for IFB #120820E Beaufort County Road Resurfacing Year 4 Asphalt Rejuvenator (\$201,366); 6. Recommendation of Award for IFB #121020E Beaufort County Road Resurfacing Year 4 (\$1,607,321); 7. Recommendation of Award for IFB #010821 – Evergreen Regional Pond (\$746,602.88); 8. Renewal of Hilton Head Island Airport Mutual Aid Agreement with the Town of Hilton Head for coordinated Fire Rescue Services. Motion approved without objection.

12. PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ISSUE A TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE (TAN) DUE TO A DELAY OF TAX COLLECTIONS

Motion: it was moved by Vice-Chairman Sommerville, Seconded by Council Member Lawson to approve public hearing and third reading of an ordinance to issue a tax anticipation note (tan) due to a delay of tax collections.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for public hearing.

No one came forward.

Chairman Passiment closed public hearing.

Motion approved without objection.

13. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 7, SECTION 7.3.30.E (APPEALS).

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Vice-Chairman Sommerville to approve public hearing and second reading of an ordinance regarding the amendment to article 7, section 7.3.30.e (appeals).

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for public hearing.

No one came forward.

Chairman Passiment closed public hearing.

Motion approved without objection.

14. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF UTILITY EASEMENT #901094 ENCUMBERING PROPERTY OWNED BY BEAUFORT COUNTY

Motion to Amend: it was moved by Council Member Rodman, Seconded by Vice-Chairman Sommerville to amend the item to include public hearing and second reading. Motion approved without objection.

Main Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman Sommerville, Seconded by Council Member Rodman to approve the item as amended.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for public hearing.

No one came forward.

Chairman Passiment closed public hearing.

Motion approved without objection.

15. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF UTILITY EASEMENT #901093 ENCUMBERING PROPERTY OWNED BY BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Rodman, Seconded by Council Member Glover to approve public hearing and second reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of utility easement #901093 encumbering property owned by Beaufort County.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for public hearing.

No one came forward.

Chairman Passiment closed public hearing.

Motion approved without objection.

16. A RESOLUTION TO SET FORTH A UNIFORM POLICY FOR PROCESSING, RESPONDING TO, AND TRACKING REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC RECORDS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE OF LAWS 30-4-10 et seq.

Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman Sommerville, Seconded by Council Member McElynn to approve a resolution to set forth a uniform policy for processing, responding to, and tracking requests for public records in compliance with the freedom of information act SC Code of Laws 30-4-10 et seq.

County Attorney Kurt Taylor and Deputy Attorney Brittaney Ward stated this policy was drafted in an effort to keep some consistency in responses and create a system for county staff so that everyone is on the same page and knows how to process and respond to requests.

To see full discussion please click the link below.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/113220>

Council Member Flewelling requested the item be referred to the executive committee. Council Members Hervocho, Cunningham, Lawson and Rodman spoke in favor of this request.

This item was referred back to the executive committee for further discussion.

17. THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR 2021 AWARDS FOR STATE ACCOMMODATION TAX

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to Amend to include \$24,800 for Penn Center. Motion approved without objection.

Main Motion: It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, Seconded by Council Member Glover to approve item as amended. Motion approved without objection.

18. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Vice Chairman Sommerville to approve: James Backer to the Beaufort County Transportation Committee; Jeff Althoff to the Keep Beaufort County Beautiful Board; Marc Feinberg to the Stormwater Management Utility Board; Nicholas Messenburg to the Airports Board; Stephen Hill to the Beaufort County Transportation Committee; Joseph Stroman to the Beaufort County Transportation Committee; Paul Jernigan to the Board of Assessment Appeals; Kenneth Joy to the Board of Assessment Appeals; Robert Coonto to the Board of Assessment Appeals; Vernita Dore to the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees. Motion approved without objection.

19. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bari Soash, a news director at WTOC-TV in Savannah, thanked council for sending the item back for further consideration.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY: _____

Joseph F. Passiment, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council

Ratified: