



County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, May 24, 2021
6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Vice-Chairman Paul Sommerville led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

3. FOIA

Chairman Passiment stated public notice of this meeting had been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the SC FOIA Act

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Rodman, seconded by Council Member McElynn to approve the agenda. The motion is approved without objection.

5. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/121941>

6. PROCLAMATION HONORING MICHAEL MATHEWS FOR HIS WORK ON THE RURAL AND CRITICAL LANDS BOARD

Council Member Howard read and presented a proclamation honoring Michael Mathews.

7. BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS BUDGET PRESENTATION

Dr. Frank Rodriguez, Beaufort County Superintendent, presented the county school district certified general fiscal budget for 2021 - 2022.

Discussion: To see the full discussion click the link below.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/121941>

8. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Floyd Shannon spoke in support of maintaining the dirt roads.

Maurice Campbell spoke in support of retired employees of Beaufort County.

Danny and Brenda Lesesne spoke in support of maintaining the dirt roads.

Miriam Mitchell spoke in support of retired employees of Beaufort County.

Inez Miller spoke in support of that some of the money derived from the comprehensive plan to be used towards St. Helena residents to be used for land retention.

Dawn Page spoke against the comprehensive plan.

Sara Reynolds Green spoke against the comprehensive plan.

Larry Holman spoke about the comprehensive plan and the need for usage for People of Color business owners.

Will Smith spoke concerning the task force concerning the comprehensive plan.

Christina Gwozdr, Chairman of Beaufort County School Board, spoke concerning the impact fees for the school.

9. LIAISON AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Howard stated the summer reading program be in all branches this summer.

Council Member Rodman stated the following items were coming forward from the Public Facilities Committee for consideration for approval on the consent agenda:

- Arthur Horne recommendation for award of furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E)
- Request funding for post-construction costs related to Bluffton Branch Library Renovation Project.
- A resolution authorizing the county administrator to enter into a 50 year easement agreement with the department of the NAVY on USA Parcels R100 022 000 0034 0000, R100 022 000 034a 0000 (E-26) and R100 022 000 0029 0000 associated with a 50' right of way on Northview Drive.
- Resolution for Lowcountry Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Third reading of an Ordinance amending ordinance number 2020/19 which established the Solid Waste and Recycling Enterprise Fund.
- Third reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of utility easements #901550 & 901551 encumbering property owned by Beaufort County.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Rodman, seconded by Council Member Dawson to approve consent agenda items 1-6. Motion approved without objection.

11. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman Sommerville, seconded by Council Member Flewelling to appoint Interim County Administrator Eric Greenway to the position of permanent County Administrator of Beaufort County and that we authorize the Chairman and any other member of council who he desires to negotiate a contract with Eric Greenway to make him the administrator of Beaufort County. The contract will be brought before council for ratification.

Discussion: To see the full discussion click the link below.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/121941>

The Vote: Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Glover, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Cunningham. The motion passed 11:0.

Motion: It was move by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Cunningham to approve the ordinance authorizing the execution of a quick claim deed and waiver for reverter of real property located at 15 Old Shell Road with the real estate number of R110 011 000 105A 0000.

Discussion: To see the full discussion click the link below.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/121941>

The Vote: Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Glover, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Cunningham. The motion passed 11:0.

12. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT, SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.

Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman Sommerville, seconded by Council Member Lawson to approve the first reading of an Ordinance to make appropriations for County Government, special purpose districts for Beaufort County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

Discussion: To see the full discussion click the link below.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/121941>

The Vote: Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Glover, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Cunningham. The motion passed 11:0.

13. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Rodman, seconded by Vice-Chairman Sommerville to approve first reading of an ordinance to make appropriations for Beaufort County School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.

Discussion: To see the full discussion click the link below.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/121941>

The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Glover, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Flewelling. Voting Nay: Council Member Cunningham. The motion passed 10:1.

EXTEND PAST 8 O'CLOCK

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Rodman, seconded by Council Member Howard to extend the Council Meeting past 8 pm. The motion was approved without objection 11:0.

14. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE – TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE (CDC): ARTICLE 5, DIVISION 5.6, SECTIONS 5.6.10; 5.6.20; 5.6.30; 5.6.40; 5.6.50; 5.6.80; 5.6.90; 5.6.100; 5.6.120; 5.6.160; AND 5.6.170; ARTICLE 7, DIVISION 7.2, SECTION 7.2.40; AND ARTICLE 10, SECTIONS 10.1.10; 10.1.30; 10.1.40; 10.1.50; 10.1.60; 10.1.70; 10.1.90; 10.1.120; 10.1.140; 10.1.150; 10.1.160; 10.1.190; AND 10.1.200, TO UPDATE DEFINITIONS, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES FOR SIGNS AND SIGN PERMITS.**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member McElynn, seconded by Council Member Howard to approve first reading of an ordinance to update the definition, regulations and procedures for signs and sign permits.

Discussion: To see the full discussion click the link below.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/121941>

The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Glover, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Cunningham. Voting Nay: Council Member Hervochon. The motion passed 10:1.

15. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE FY2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member McElynn, seconded by Council Member Howard to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance for the FY2021 Budget Amendment.

Discussion: To see the full discussion click the link below.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/121941>

The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Glover, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Cunningham. The motion passed 11:0.

16. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA ("COUNCIL") ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE ("IMPACT FEE") TO BE IMPOSED ON ALL NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOUTH BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL SERVICE AREA PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2021/____; TO ENSURE THAT SCHOOL FACILITY SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AND ADEQUATE TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEED EXPECTED TO BE GENERATED FROM THE SCHOOL CHILDREN IN NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOUTH BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL SERVICE AREA BASED ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN, AND TO ASSIGN THE COSTS OF SUCH PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ON A PROPORTIONATE SHARE BASIS TO NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE SERVICE AREA; AND ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN BEAUFORT COUNTY AND THE BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND INDIVIDUAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN BEAUFORT COUNTY AND THE TOWNS OF BLUFFTON AND HILTON ISLAND AND THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Vice-Chairman Sommerville to approve the second reading of an ordinance of the County Council of Beaufort County, South Carolina ("council") establishing and adopting a school development impact fee ("impact fee") to be imposed on all new residential development in the South Beaufort County school service area pursuant to ordinance no. 2021/____; to ensure that school facility system improvements will be available and adequate to accommodate the need expected to be generated from the school children in new residential developments in the South Beaufort County school service area based on the school district's level of service standards and capital improvements plan, and to assign the costs of such public school facilities on a proportionate share basis to new residential development in the service area; and establishment of intergovernmental agreements between Beaufort County and the Beaufort County School District, and individual intergovernmental agreements between Beaufort County and the Towns of Bluffton and Hilton Head Island and the City of Hardeeville.

Discussion: To see the full discussion click the link below.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/121941>

The Vote - Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Glover, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Flewelling. Voting Nay: Council Member Rodman, Council Member Cunningham. The motion passed 9:2.

17. **PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN BEAUFORT COUNTY, PORT ROYAL, AND THE CITY OF BEAUFORT REGARDING PROJECT BURGER (SALT MARSH BREWING COMPANY), GARDEN (MATERIALS RESEARCH GROUP), GLASS (GLASS WRX SC), AND STONE (STONEWORKS INCORPORATED).**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, seconded by Council Member Howard to approve public hearing and third reading of an ordinance approving the intergovernmental agreements between Beaufort County, Port Royal, and the City of Beaufort regarding Project Burger (Salt Marsh Brewing Company), Garden (materials research group), Glass (Glass WRX SC), And Stone (Stoneworks Incorporated).

Discussion: To see the full discussion click the link below.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/121941>

The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Glover, Council Member Hervocho, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Cunningham. The motion passed 11:0.

18. PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING A COMMERCIAL PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT –30 HUNTER ROAD, HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC 29926 - APAC-ATLANTIC INC. (FISCAL IMPACT: \$12,600.00 INCOMING FUNDS)

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Rodman, seconded by Council Member Howard to approve PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING A Commercial Property Lease Agreement –30 Hunter Road, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926 - APAC-Atlantic Inc. (Fiscal impact: \$12,600.00 Incoming Funds).

Discussion: To see the full discussion click the link below.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/121941>

The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Glover, Council Member Hervocho, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Cunningham. The motion passed 11:0.

19. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Will Smith spoke of the comprehensive study task force.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY: _____
Joseph F. Passiment, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council
Ratified: