



County Council of Beaufort County Caucus

Chairman

JOSEPH F. PASSIMENT, JR.

Vice Chairman

D. PAUL SOMMERVILLE

Council Members

LOGAN CUNNINGHAM

GERALD DAWSON

BRIAN E. FLEWELLING

YORK GLOVER, SR.

CHRIS HERVOCHON

ALICE G. HOWARD

MARK LAWSON

LAWRENCE P. MCELYNN

STU RODMAN

Interim County Administrator

ERIC GREENWAY

Clerk to Council

SARAH W. BROCK

Administration Building

Beaufort County Government

Robert Smalls Complex

100 Ribaut Road

Contact

Post Office Drawer 1228

Beaufort, South Carolina 29901-1228

(843) 255-2180

www.beaufortcountysc.gov

County Council Caucus Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 11, 2021 at 5:00 PM

[This meeting is being held virtually in accordance with Beaufort County Resolution 2020-05]

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chairman Passiment called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM.

PRESENT

Chairman Joseph F. Passiment

Vice Chairman D. Paul Sommerville

Council Member Gerald Dawson

Council Member Logan Cunningham

Council Member Brian Flewelling

Council Member York Glover

Council Member Stu Rodman

Council Member Chris Hervocho

Council Member Alice Howard

Council Member Mark Lawson

Council Member Lawrence McElynn

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Vice Chairman Sommerville led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

FOIA

Committee Chairman Passiment noted that the Public Notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member McElynn amend the agenda to include an item on the County Council agenda regarding a lease agreement for the maintenance of Fort Frederick. The motion was approved without objection.

Main Motion: It was moved by Council Member McElynn, seconded by Council Member Lawson to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was approved without objection.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

AGENDA REVIEW

Chairman Passiment stated the new item for the main agenda will be placed as item 10 and discussed the agenda items on the County Council agenda.

Council Member Rodman stated he was planning to remove the Second Reading of an Ordinance regarding a Tax Anticipation Note from the consent agenda to an action item.

Council Member Glover stated he would like to remove item number 9 on consent agenda regarding the road paving plan to an action item as he would like to comment on it.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Passiment stated he would like to contract with Helen McFadden for parliamentary services.

Council Member Flewelling stated the rules and procedures state the Chairman may appoint a member of council as parliamentary.

Council Member Passiment stated it says “may” not “must.”

Council Member Glover stated he feels having this parliamentary conduct a workshop would help him be a better council member and further stated he has some concerns about cost.

Council Member Hervochon asked what is driving the needs for this, how was three months selected, how was this person selected, and has this person ever done work for County Council.

Chairman Passiment stated he was very concerned about some issues with FOIA, he further stated he did not feel it was appropriate for one council member acting as parliamentary to challenge another council member and that Mrs. McFadden worked for the county once before and this person was selected due to a recommendation from SCAC.

Deputy County Attorney Tom Keaveny stated he hired Mrs. McFadden a few years back to help when Council was selecting it’s administrator following Gary Kubic.

Council Member Hervochon stated he was in the gallery watching during that time and it was a very contentious meeting, which gives him a little pause.

Council Member Cunningham asked if this person would attend our next Council Meeting in person.

Chairman Passiment stated this person would attend virtually since our meeting are virtual.

Council Member Flewelling resigned from Parliamentary effective immediately.

Council Member Cunningham stated he planned to add an item to the agenda regarding going back to in-person meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member McElynn to go into Executive Session. The motion was approved without objection.

Council went into Executive Session at 5:05 PM

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY: _____

Joseph Passiment, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council

Ratified: March 22, 2021