



## **Finance Committee Beaufort County, SC**

This meeting was held both in-person in Council Chambers at 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, and virtually through Zoom.

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022  
2:00 PM**

### **MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chairman Lawson called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

**PRESENT**

Committee Chairman Mark Lawson  
Council Member Joseph Passiment  
Council Member Gerald Dawson  
Council Member Brian Flewelling  
Council Member Stu Rodman  
Council Member York Glover  
Council Member Alice Howard  
Council Member Lawrence McELynn

**ABSENT**

Committee Vice-Chairman Chris Hervochoon  
Council Member Logan Cunningham  
Council Member Paul Sommerville

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Committee Chairman Sommerville led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. **FOIA**

Committee Chairman Sommerville stated public notice of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the SC FOIA Act.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** It Was Moved by Council Member Flewelling, Seconded by Council Member Glover to Approve the Agenda. The Motion Was Approved Without Objection.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** It Was Moved by Council Member Flewelling, Seconded by Council Member Glover, To Approve the Minutes from September 20, 2021, October 18, 2021, and November 15, 2021. The Motion Was Approved Without Objection.

6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No Citizen Comments

7. **UPDATE FROM ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, DALE BUTTS**

To view the full update, click the link below.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/153000>

- Council Member Glover would like periodic updates on employment/vacancies throughout the Departments, especially Public Works and Stormwater

**Status:** Informational purposes only.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

8. **DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FY 2022, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, HAYES WILLIAMS**

To view the full discussion and presentation, click the link below.

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9. **UPDATE FROM BUDGET DIRECTOR PINKY HARRIOT ON THE FY2023 BUDGET PROCESS**

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10. **PRESENTATION FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE REGARDING THE 5 YEAR REASSESSMENT PROCESS AND TIMELINE, EBONY SANDERS**

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11. **DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS LICENSE FEE ORDINANCE TO LONG TERM RENTALS OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, DEPUTY ATTORNEY, TOM KEAVENY**

- In December 2020, Beaufort County adopted a new Business License Fee Ordinance. This new Ordinance requires those who rent out even one residential dwelling to apply for and receive a business license. This is a departure from our previous Ordinance, which imposed this requirement only on individuals who rented out two or more residential dwellings.

**Discussion:** To view the full discussion click the link below.

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**Motion:** It Was Moved by Council Member Flewelling, Seconded by Council Member Rodman to Amend the Ordinance to Accept the Highlighted Material in The Packet, Except For The Words: This Applies to Both Short-Term and Long-Term Rentals and Instead Should Read: This Applies to Long-Term Rentals Only. The Motion Was Approved Without Objection.

**Status:** Forward to Council for approval.

12. **PUBLIC DEFENDER'S ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST FOR FY22 (FISCAL IMPACT: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF \$83,198.15)**

- Council deferred the item back to Finance Committee for further discussion at the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Discussion:** To view the full discussion click the link below. *(Portion of this discussion has not been recorded)*

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**Motion:** It Was Moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to Approve to fund the additional appropriation of \$83,198.15 and forward back to County Council for Second Reading. The Vote: 8/0 with 1 Abstained.

**Status:** Forward to Council for approval. Additional information from the Human Resources meeting with the Public Defender's Office must be provided at the next County Council Meeting.

13. **CONSIDERATION OF THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF JONATHAN SULLIVAN AND ANITA SINGLETON-PRATHER TO THE ACCOMMODATIONS (A-TAX) BOARD WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF 2026**

**Motion:** It Was Moved by Council Member Flewelling, Seconded by Council Member Rodman to Approve the Reappointments of Jonathan Sullivan and Anita Singleton-Prather to The Accommodations (A-Tax) Board. The Motion Was Approved Without Objection.

14. **CONSIDERATION OF THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF RAYMOND (TREY) AMBROSE AND MARK BAILEY TO THE BEAUFORT COUNTY AIRPORTS BOARD FOR AN EXPIRATION DATE OF 2024**

**Motion:** It Was Moved by Council Member Flewelling, Seconded by Council Member Rodman to Approve the Reappointments of Raymond (Trey) Ambrose and Mark Bailey to the Beaufort County Airports Board. The Motion Was Approved Without Objection.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:28 PM.

**Ratified by Committee: February 22, 2022**