



County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

This meeting will be held both in person at County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, and virtually through Zoom.

Monday, June 28, 2021
6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION**

Council Member Howard 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 to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Rodman, seconded by Vice-Chairman Sommerville to amend agenda so that item# 14 states Public hearing and third reading of an Ordinance of the County Council of Beaufort County, South Carolina etc. The motion was approved without objection.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member McElynn, seconded by Vice-Chairman Sommerville to approve amended agenda. The motion was approved without objection.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member McElynn, seconded by Council Member Howard to approve April 12, 2021 minutes. The motion was 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/123477>

7. **PROCLAMATION: CLARENCE "C.J." CUMMINGS**

Vice-Chairman Sommerville presented a proclamation to Clarence "C.J." Cummings.

8. **PROCLAMATION HONORING MRS.CHMELIK PLANNING COMMISSION**

Council Member Flewelling presented Proclamation Honoring Mrs.Chmelik from the Planning Commission.

9. **PRESENTATION BY PORT ROYAL SOUND FOUNDATION (DEAN MOSS)**

Dean Moss and Jody Baker from Port Royal Sound Foundation presented a framed map of the Port Royal Sound to Beaufort County Council.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

10. Linda M. Moyd-Hills stated concerns on Heirs Property, comprehensive plan, and the Sam's Point Road revision.

Floyd Shannon stated concerns on road Maintenance on Witsel Road

Billy Player stated concerns on Joe Frazier Road zoning

11. **LIAISON AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council Member McElynn stated the next Community Services and Public Safety Meeting is to be held on August 2, 2021.

Council Member Rodman stated \$11 Million in various contracts going through and reviewed and explained the items on the consent agenda.

Council Member Lawson reviewed and explained items on the consent agenda for Finance.

12. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member McElynn, seconded by Council Member Howard to approve consent agenda items 1- 12. The motion was approved without objection.

13. **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING TWO NEW PUBLIC WORKS ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman Sommerville, seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve the designation of two new Public Works Enforcement Officers. The motion was approved without objection. The motion passed

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

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14. **PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD 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 IMPROVMENTS 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 Vice-Chairman Sommerville, seconded by Council Member Howard to approve public hearing and third 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.

The Chairman opened the floor for a public hearing.

No one came forward.

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Discussion: To see the full discussion click the link

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The Vote: **Voting Yea** - Chairman Passiment, Vice-Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, Council Member Dawson. **Voting Nay** - Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Cunningham. The motion passed 7:4.

15. **PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO CALL FOR A REFERENDUM TO ALLOW THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO VOTE TO RETAIN THE COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT OR CHANGE TO THE COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT**

Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman Sommerville, seconded by Council Member McElynn to approve public hearing and third reading of an ordinance to call for a referendum to allow the qualified electors of Beaufort County, South Carolina to vote to retain the council-administrator form of government or change to the council-manager form of government.

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

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Council Member Cunningham stated he was concerned this would be too much power for our government. This change would mean the administrator would have the power to hire the Auditor and Treasure.

Council Member Flewelling agreed that this would be too much power and stated independently elected officials would be less fraudulent for the county.

Council Member Rodman stated he supports the decision but would like to wait until next year.

Council Member Lawson informed members of the public that SCAC recommends the Council-Manager form of government and based upon training and education, he agrees with the recommendation.

Vice-Chairman Sommerville stated he supports the change.

Council Member Glover stated he agrees with the Council-Management form of government and agrees with the suggestion to postpone the decision until 2022 to give a lot of people the opportunity to debate the issue and inform the citizens.

Council Member Hervochon stated that once passed, Council cannot advocate which way people should vote.

The Chairman opened the floor for a public hearing.

An employee from the Treasurer's Office stated she wanted to know the reason why only some individuals know about wanting the change of government.

Chairman Passiment responded stating that once an item has been voted on, it then goes to County Council to provide the citizens with information.

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

The Vote: Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, Council Member Dawson. Voting Nay: Council Member Glover, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Cunningham. The motion passed 6:5.

16. **PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A QUITCLAIM DEED AND WAIVER OF REVERTER FOR REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1508 OLD SHELL ROAD WITH TMS NO. R100 011 000 105A 0000**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, seconded by Vice-Chairman Sommerville to approve public hearing and third reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution of a quitclaim deed and waiver of reverter for real property located at 1508 Old Shell Road with TMS no. R100 011 000 105a 0000.

The Chairman opened the floor for a public hearing.

No one came forward.

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

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

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The Vote: The motion passed without objection.

17. **SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT/REZONING REQUEST FOR 5.23 ACRES (R100 027 000 042B 0000) AT 335 JOE FRAZIER RD FROM T2 RURAL TO T2 RURAL CENTER**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, Seconded by Vice-Chairman Sommerville to approve the second reading of an ordinance for a Zoning Map Amendment/Rezoning Request for 5.23 acres (R100 027 000 042B 0000) at 335 Joe Frazier Rd from T2 Rural to T2 Rural Center.

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

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The Vote: Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Hervochoon, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Cunningham. **Voting Nay:** Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, Council Member Dawson. The motion passed 8:3.

18. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No Citizens Comments

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY: _____

Joseph F. Passiment, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council

Ratified: