



County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

This meeting was held both in person and virtually through zoom.

Monday, September 27, 2021
6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Passiment called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM.

PRESENT

Chairman Joseph F. Passiment
Vice Chairman D. Paul Sommerville
Council Member York Glover
Council Member Chris Hervochon
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**

Council Member Brian Flewelling 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 Vice Chairman Sommerville, seconded by Council Member Rodman to approve the agenda. The motion was approved without objection.

5. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

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

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/140694>

6. **THE 2021 CASHVEST NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD PRESENTATION FOR MARIA WALLS, BEAUFORT COUNTY TREASURER**

Beaufort County Treasurer, Maria Walls, received the Cashvest National Leadership Award.

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

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7. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

David Trail stated concerns regarding the Dale PDR Conservation Easement agenda item.

Mike McShane stated concerns regarding the Dale PDR Conservation Easement agenda item.

John Trask III spoke regarding concerns he has regarding the Campground Standards agenda item.

Cynthia Jenkins spoke in favor of the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry's 2021 local Atax Grant Award.

Richard Campbell stated concerns the Friends of Historic Point have regarding the Marcie Smalls House being designated as a historic landmark.

Alexander McBride, Pastor of the First African Baptist Church, spoke in favor the Marcie Smalls House and it's important place in our community aiding in telling the story Mr. Smalls heritage.

Billy Keyserling requested that council approve the funds requested in order to restore the Marcie Smalls house and place it on the historic register.

Steve Amorrow, President of the Friends of Historic Point Association spoke about the concerns his organization has regarding the Marcie Smalls House.

8. **LIASION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council Member Alice Howard recognized the county administrator and staff for their efforts in getting pickleball established in Beaufort County.

Council Member Mark Lawson reviewed the Finance committee consent agenda items

Council Member Alice Howard reviewed the Natural Resources Committee consent agenda items.

Council Member Stu Rodman reviewed the Public Facilities Committee consent agenda items.

9. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

10. **MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE CAUCUS EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Chairman stated this would be taken up during Item# 13 on the main agenda.

11. **SECOND READING OF A TEXT AMENDMENT TO BEAUFORT COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 42, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3, SECTION 42.-81 TO UPDATE BOUNDARIES (SHELDON FIRE DISTRICT)**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve public hearing and second reading of a text amendment to Beaufort County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Article II, Division 3, Section 42.-81 to update Boundaries (Sheldon Fire District).

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 was approved without objection.

12. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE REGARDING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE (CDC): SECTION 3.1.60 (CONSOLIDATED USE TABLE) AND SECTION 4.1.190 (RECREATION FACILITY: CAMPGROUNDS) TO REVISE THE CAMPGROUND STANDARDS**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Rodman to approve public hearing and second reading of an Ordinance regarding a Text Amendment to the Community Development Code (CDC): Section 3.1.60 (Consolidated Use Table) and Section 4.1.190 (Recreation Facility: Campgrounds) to revise the Campground Standards. The motion is approved without objection.

The Chairman opened the floor for a public hearing.

No one came forward.

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

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Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Sommerville, seconded by Council Member Cunningham to allow staff to consider extending the time permitted to 30 to 82.

Motion Rescinded

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

13. **PUBLIC HEARING OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS TMS# R700 040 000 0001 0000 AND R700 030 000 0004 0000 AND ALSO KNOWN AS DALE**

Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman Sommerville, seconded by Council Member Cunningham to execute the necessary documents, and provide funding for the purchase of a Conservation Easement on real property known as TMS# R700 040 000 0001 0000 And R700 030 000 0004 0000 and also known as Dale.

The Chairman opened the floor for a public hearing.

Linda Hills stated concerns she has about the lack of monthly communication between council and their constituents regarding policies and procedures being passed.

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

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Motion to Amend: It was moved by Vice-Chairman Sommerville, seconded by Council Member Cunningham to include the deletion of the whereas clause that allows the easement to be given back to the Department of Defense or the US Government and the final acreage be determined by the survey that has been done.

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

14. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REPURPOSE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE LOWCOUNTRY'S 2021 LOCAL ATAX GRANT AWARD**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Rodman to approve first reading of an Ordinance to Repurpose Community Foundation of the Lowcountry's 2021 Local ATAX Grant Award.

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

15. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A MODIFICATION OF DRAINAGE EASEMENT ASSOCIATED WITH PARCEL #R112-031-000-0628-0000**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, Seconded by Vice-Chairman Sommerville to approve first reading of an ordinance authorizing the County Administrator to execute a modification of drainage easement associated with parcel #R112-031-000-0628-0000.

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

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The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

EXTEND PAST 8 O'CLOCK

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, seconded by Vice-Chairman Sommerville to go past 8'Clock.

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 Flewelling, Council Member Cunningham. Voting Nay: Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Dawson. The motion passed 8:2.

16. **APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF A COVID-19 INPATIENT EMPLOYEE LEAVE DONATION PROGRAM AS DETAILED IN EXHIBIT "A"**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Glover to approve the resolution regarding implementation of a COVID-19 Inpatient Employee Leave Donation Program as detailed in Exhibit "A".

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

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The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

17. **Resolution to accept Federal Grant: Award # 1H79TI084543-01 in the amount of \$1.9 million**
Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman Sommerville, Seconded by Council Member Rodman to approve the Resolution to accept Federal Grant: Award # 1H79TI084543-01 in the amount of \$1.9 million.
Discussion: To see the full discussion click the link below.
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The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.
18. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**
Billy Keyserling stated he will withdraw the request on item#14
19. **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting adjourned 8 PM

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

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

ATTEST:

Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council
Ratified: December 13, 2021