



Caucus Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, July 11, 2022
5:00 PM

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Passiment called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

PRESENT

Chairman Joseph F. Passiment
Vice Chairman D. Paul Sommerville
Council Member Logan Cunningham
Council Member Gerald Dawson
Council Member Brian Flewelling
Council Member York Glover
Council Member Chris Hervochon
Council Member Alice Howard
Council Member Mark Lawson
Council Member Lawrence McElynn
Council Member Stu Rodman

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Passiment led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. FOIA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Rodman, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham, to amend the agenda to switch the order of items 5 and 6.

The Vote - The motion to amend was approved without objection.

Main Motion: It was moved by Council Member Rodman, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham to approve the amended agenda.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

5. DISCUSSION WITH SENATOR DAVIS REGARDING EVACUATION ROUTES

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Senator Tom Davis and Representative Shannon Erickson discussed the transportation and green space tax referendum proposals.

Council Member Howard, Senator Davis, and Representative Erikson discussed the use of tax dollars for lease agreements and the advisory committee.

Council Member Sommerville and Senator Davis discussed equal distribution language within the statute.

Senator Davis agreed to provide a written opinion from the Attorney General that describes the intent and meaning of the legislation in response to Council Member Rodman's request.

Senator Davis clarified for Council Member Hervochon that Beaufort County would not have annex property purchased in another county.

Council Member Glover commented on the planned unit development in Bluffton and concerns about purchase funds.

Council Member Cunningham expressed his support for the green space program as a tool to slow down the growth of Beaufort County and addressed the need to improve current roads.

Council Member McElynn commented on the need for action and the opportunity to limit growth and resource strains.

Chairman Passiment provided a wrap-up of the discussion and raised a question about the Department of Revenue's authority to determine if a procurement action is for land preservation.

6. AGENDA REVIEW

Chairman Passiment indicated he will ask for a motion to postpone item number 17 to provide time to evaluate received input and further discuss the Melrose Landing issue.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER DISCUSSION

Council Members did not discuss any additional items.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:59 PM.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

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

ATTEST:

Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council
Ratified: August 8, 2022