



**County Council of
Beaufort County
Special Called Meeting
of County Council**

Chairman
Joseph F. Passiment, JR.

Vice Chairman
D. Paul Sommerville

Council Members
Michael E. Covert
Gerald Dawson
Brian E. Flewelling
York Glover, Sr.
Chris Hervocho
Alice G. Howard
Mark Lawson
Lawrence P. McElynn
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Special Called Meeting of County Council Minutes

Monday, August 17, 2020 at 5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

Chairman Passiment
Council Member Hervocho
Council Member Covert
Council Member Dawson
Council Member Rodman
Council Member Glover
Council Member Howard
Council Member McElynn
Council Member Flewelling
Council Member Lawson

ABSENT

Council Member Sommerville

FOIA

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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Passiment led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, seconded by Council Member Dawson to approve the agenda. The vote: Unanimous without objection. The motion passed. 10:0

ACTION ITEMS

CONSIDERATION OF TWO ORDINANCES EXTENDING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BEAUFORT COUNTY

- Extending from June 11, 2020 until August 10, 2020
- Extending from August 10, 2020 until October 9, 2020

Discussion

Council Member Covert asked if it was appropriate to retroactive the first Ordinance since the dates have already passed?

County Attorney, Kurt Taylor stated that it is appropriate to be in compliance and ratify any action taken within that time frame.

Council Member Covert stated that constituents are asking, with extending this Ordinance what does this do for Beaufort County.

Mr. Taylor responded that this allows Beaufort County to continue or meetings electronically and that the Resolution that was adopted states that it continues as long as the emergency continues. It also validates the mask ordinance.

Council Member Flewelling also stated that this also gives the County Administrator permission to use certain funds and see Council approval afterward.

Council Member Covert wanted to know if this ordinance has anything to do with the mask ordinance.

Mr. Taylor stated that the mask ordinance was adopted on its own and ends September 4, 2020.

Council Member Dawson asked if the pandemic situation is not over and the Council wants to keep the mask ordinance in place, would Council need to update it?

Mr. Taylor responded by saying that a special meeting will be needed to extend the mask ordinance.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Howard to approve the extension of the state of emergency ordinance for Beaufort County from June 11, 2020 through August 10, 2020. The Vote: Unanimous without objection. The motion passed 10:0.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, seconded by Council Member Glover to approve the extension of the state of emergency ordinance for Beaufort County from August 10, 2020 through October 9, 2020. The Vote: Unanimous without objection. The motion passed 10:0

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Keith Holly- Like the state, meeting didn't start on time.

Cynthia O'Neil- Opposes Resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:13pm.

Ratified by Committee: October 12, 2020