



Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee

Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, March 18, 2024

2:00 PM

MINUTES

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chairman Lawson called the meeting to order at 2:03pm.

PRESENT

Committee Chairman Mark Lawson
Committee Vice-Chairman Anna Maria Tabernik
Council Member David Bartholomew (arrived late)
Council Member Gerald Dawson
Council Member York Glover
Ex-Officio Joseph Passiment
Council Member Paula Brown
Council Member Alice Howard
Council Member Lawrence McElynn
Council Member Thomas Reitz (arrived late)

ABSENT

Council Member Logan Cunningham

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Committee Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **FOIA**

Committee Chairman noted the publication of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Council Member Howard to replace the Sheriff's Office with Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services and to remove the Public Defender's Office from presentations.

The Vote- Motion was approved without objection.

Main Motion: It was moved by Ex-Officio Passiment, Seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Tabernik to approve the agenda as amended.

The Vote- Motion was approved without objection.

5. **CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD- 15 MINUTES TOTAL**

Anyone who wishes to speak during the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting will limit their comments and speak no longer than three (3) minutes. Speakers will address Council in a respectful manner appropriate to the decorum of the meeting, refraining from the use of profane, abusive, or obscene language. In accordance with Beaufort County's Rules and Procedures, giving of a speaker's time to another is not allowed.

There were no citizen comments.

AGENDA ITEMS

6. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA) WITH BEAUFORT JASPER WATER SEWER AUTHORITY, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION/INSTALLATION OF THE LOBECO/MORGAN ROAD WATERLINE PROJECT IGA WITH BJWSA FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER LINE TO SERVE THE LOBECO COMMUNITY. WATER LINE TO BE INSTALLED ON MORGAN ROAD BETWEEN TRASK PARKWAY AND JOHN MEEK WAY

Motion: it was moved by Council Member Dawson, Seconded by Council Member Howard.

The Vote: Motion was approved without objection.

7. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT WARD**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Council Member Howard.

The Vote: Motion was approved without objection.

8. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING FEE SUBSIDY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,765 REQUESTED BY LOWCOUNTRY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL UNITS IN NORTHERN BEAUFORT COUNTY.**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Council Member Howard.

The Vote: Motion was approved without objection.

9. **FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS**

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Budget Presentation were given by the following:

1. Treasurer's Office
2. Island Recreation Center
3. LRTA/Palmetto Breeze
4. Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce, Representing the Military Enhancement Committee
5. Small Business Development Center
6. Keep Beaufort County Beautiful Board
7. Small Business Development Center
8. Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton Comprehensive Health Services Inc.

10. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BEAUFORT-JASPER WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM WITH THE EXPIRATION DATE OF MARCH 2023. TERM TO BE SERVED: 1ST - VOTE NEEDED: 10/11 (only one seat is Vacant)**

1. CARL KILPATRICK
2. ROGER BRIGHT
3. THOMAS MIKE SR
4. ROLAND GARDNER

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Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Council Member Howard to recommend approval of Roland Gardner to the Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority.

The Vote: The motion failed with 6 votes in favor and 4 against.

Motion: It was moved by Committee Vice-Chair Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member Brown to recommend approval of Roland Gardner to the Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority.

The Vote: The motion passed with 8 votes in favor and 2 against.

11. **AGENCIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS**

Motion: It was moved by Ex-Officio Passiment, Seconded by Council Member Glover to approve the Agencies, Boards, and Commissions appointments and reappointments.

Construction Adjustments and Appeals Board: Michael Murphy and Stacey Canaday

Accommodations Tax (2% State) Board: Marie Gibbs

Zoning Board of Appeals: Dennis Nielsen

Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority: Robert McFee

The Vote: Motion was approved without objection.

Motion: It was moved by Committee Vice-Chair, Seconded by Council Member Brown to enter executive session at 4:15pm.

The Vote: Motion was approved without objection.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. **PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE SECTION 30-4-70(A)(2): DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AND PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS ON REAL PROPERTY (Project Lone Palmetto)**

13. **MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no matters arising out of executive session.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Chairman adjourned meeting.

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Ratified: April 15, 2024