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County Council Caucus Minutes

Monday, October 12, 2020 at 5:00 PM

[This meeting was held virtually in accordance with Beaufort County Resolution 2020-05]

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

Chairman Joseph F. Passiment

Vice Chairman D. Paul Sommerville

Council Member Michael Covert

Council Member Gerald Dawson

Council Member Brian Flewelling

Council Member York Glover

Council Member Stu Rodman

Council Member Chris Hervochoch

Council Member Alice Howard

Council Member Mark Lawson

Council Member Lawrence McElynn

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Passiment led the Pledge of Allegiance.

FOIA

Chairman Passiment stated notification of this meeting had been published, posted and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ashley Jacobs stated that absentee voting precincts were open and the last day for in-person absentee voting is November 2, 2020. She announced that Whitney Richland had accepted the position of CFO for Beaufort County and ended her report announcing the cancelation of the Veterans Day Parade.

Senator Tom Davis stated he sent a letter about the scope of work that was prepared with comments from the community in reference to the quantitative estimate of cost, a public oversight committee, and landscape architect.

Alex Brown, 278 Committee, stated there is support of a 3rd party consultant being brought forward concerning the scope of work for 278 Corridor.

Council Member Rodman asked what the path is going forward since the estimated cost is \$120,000 and \$40,000 was approved.

Jared Fralix, Assistant County Administrator, stated HTR is on an existing contract, this will be an extension of that.

AGENDA REVIEW

Chairman Passiment stated the consent agenda had several second readings and resolutions and that Public Hearing would have to be done at third reading due to the lack of time for proper notice. He further stated the agenda also included the mask ordinance and school impact fee.

Ashley Jacobs stated the IGA from the school is not done.

Chairman Passiment stated this item will be removed from the agenda with a recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Chairman Passiment stated there is no new business to discuss.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Rodman, seconded Council Member Glover by to go into executive session to discuss investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct; discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body; for the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims in the Whitehall matter and with regard to retiree health insurance.

The motion was approved without objection.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6 PM

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY: _____

Joseph Passiment, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council

Ratified: December 14, 2020