



## **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, May 20, 2024  
3:00 PM**

#### **MINUTES**

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#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

**MARK LAWSON, CHAIRMAN**  
**DAVID P. BARTHOLOMEW**  
**YORK GLOVER**

**ANNA MARIA TABERNIK, VICE-CHAIR**  
**GERALD DAWSON**  
**JOSEPH F. PASSIMENT, EX-OFFICIO**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Lawson called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

#### **PRESENT**

Committee Chairman Mark Lawson  
Committee Vice-Chairman Anna Maria Tabernik  
Council Member David Bartholomew  
Council Member Gerald Dawson  
Council Member York Glover  
Ex-Officio Joseph Passiment  
Council Member Paula Brown  
Council Member Logan Cunningham  
Council Member Alice Howard  
Council Member Lawrence McElynn

#### **ABSENT**

Council Member Thomas Reitz

#### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Committee Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **FOIA**

The Committee Chair stated public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member McElynn, Seconded by Vice-Chairman Tabernik to move Executive Session to after item #6 on the agenda.

**The Vote:** Motion was approved without objection.

**Main Motion:** It was moved by Vice-Chairman Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member McElynn to approve the agenda as amended.

**The Vote:** Motion was approved without objection.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES- February 26, 2024, April 15, 2024 and May 1, 2024**

**Motion:** It was moved by Vice-Chairman Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member McElynn to approve the minutes of February 26, 2024, April 15, 2024, and May 1, 2024.

**The Vote:** Motion was approved without objection.

6. **CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no citizen comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham to enter Executive Session.

**The Vote:** Motion was approved without objection.

PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE SECTION 30-4-70(A)(1): TO ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS INCIDENT TO THE EMPLOYMENT, APPOINTMENT, OR COMPENSATION OF A PERSON REGULATED BY A PUBLIC BODY.

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**AGENDA ITEMS**

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7. **BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FY 2024-2025 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

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<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/305845?ts=238>

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, Seconded by Vice-Chairman Tabernik to approve the ordinance approving the Beaufort County School budget as presented provided it is certified by the School District.

**Vote:** Motion was approved without objection.

8. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL OF A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT RT6**

**Motion:** It was moved by Vice-Chairman Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member Dawson to recommend approval to Council of a resolution to accept grant funds in support of Project RT6.

**The Vote:** Motion was approved without objection.

9. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS TO HARGRAY AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR USE OF FUNDS WITH HARGRAY FOR BROADBAND SERVICE EXPANSION ON ST. HELENA ISLAND**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Council Member Howard to recommend approval to Council of a resolution authorizing the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to Hargray and enter into an agreement for use of funds with Hargray for Broadband Service Expansion on St. Helena Island.

**The Vote:** Motion was approved without objection.

Council Member Cunningham recused himself.

10. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL OF AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; TO LEVY TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; TO ADOPT SERVICE AND USER FEES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES COMING INTO THE COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, Seconded by Council Member Bartholomew to recommend approval to council of an ordinance to make appropriations for county government and special purpose districts for Beaufort County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025; to levy taxes for the payment thereof; to adopt service and user fees; to provide for the expenditure of said taxes and other revenues coming into the county; and other matters related thereto.

**The Vote:** Motion was approved without objection.

11. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF JUSTIN COOKE TO THE SEABROOK POINT SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR A PARTIAL TERM WITH THE EXPIRATION DATE OF FEBRUARY 2027**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Brown to recommend approval to Council of the appointment of Justin Cooke to the Seabrook point special tax district for a partial term with the expiration date of February 2027.

**The Vote:** Motion was approved without objection.

12. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Brown, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham to approve the Boards and Commissions Appointments & Reappointments.

Beaufort County Transportation Committee - Timothy Newman  
Keep Beaufort County Beautiful Board - Jessica Reitz

**The Vote:** Motion was approved without objection.

13. **Executive Session was moved.**

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:09pm.

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Ratified: June 17, 2024