



County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

Council Chambers, Administration Building Beaufort County Government Robert Smalls
Complex 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort

Monday, October 14, 2024
5:00 PM

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

Chairman Joseph F. Passiment
Council Member David P. Bartholomew
Council Member Paula Brown
Council Member Logan Cunningham
Council Member Gerald Dawson
Council Member York Glover
Council Member Alice Howard
Council Member Mark Lawson
Council Member Anna Maria Tabernik
Council Member Thomas Reitz

ABSENT

Vice-Chairman Lawrence McElynn

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Chairman Passiment led the pledge of allegiance and Council Member Tabernik gave the invocation.

3. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PUBLISHED, POSTED, AND DISTRIBUTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Chairman Passiment stated that public notice 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 Dawson, Seconded by Council Member Tabernik to approve the agenda.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

5. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

To see the full County Administrator report please click on the link below.

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6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizen comments were taken.

7. LIASION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Lawson, Seconded by Council Member Tabernik to approve the following consent agenda items; approval for the demolition of the Agnes Major Community Center to be performed by public works; approval of a resolution to accept a SC Aeronautics Commission office grant for \$750,000 for HDX Terminal Improvement Project; approval of a resolution authorizing the county administrator to adopt and implement the local accommodations tax and local hospitality tax grant funding policy; approval of a resolution authorizing the county administrator to enter into a facility use agreement with the Beaufort County School District; approval of a resolution adopting the Beaufort County social media policy; third reading of an ordinance accepting the transfer of authority for conducting municipal elections from the Town of Port Royal to the Beaufort County Board of Voter Registration And Elections; and boards and commissions appointments & reappointments.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

9. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING SEVENTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$70,000,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF 2025 OF BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Lawson, Seconded by Council Member Tabernik to approve first reading of an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding seventy million dollars (\$70,000,000) general obligation bonds of 2025 of Beaufort County, South Carolina; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

10. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE (CDC): SECTION 3.1.60 (CONSOLIDATED USE TABLE), 3.3.40 (COMMUNITY CENTER MIXED USE (C4) ZONE STANDARDS), AND 3.3.50 (REGIONAL CENTER MIXED USE (C5) ZONE STANDARDS) TO ALLOW DWELLING: SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED UNIT IN C4 NEIGHBORHOOD MIXED USE AND C5 REGIONAL CENTER MIXED USE

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, Seconded by Council Member Howard to approve public hearing and second reading of an ordinance amending the Community Development Code (CDC): section 3.1.60 (consolidated use table), 3.3.40 (community center mixed use (c4) zone standards), and 3.3.50 (regional center mixed use (c5) zone standards) to allow dwelling: single family detached unit in c4 neighborhood mixed use and c5 regional center mixed use.

The Chair opened the floor for public hearing.

No one came forward.

The Chair closed public hearing.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

11. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), DIVISION 1.3 (APPLICABILITY AND JURISDICTION), SECTION 1.3.50 (EXEMPTIONS) OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE (CDC) TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS TO ADDRESS COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICES USES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Tabernik to approve public hearing and second reading of an ordinance for a text amendment to article 1 (general provisions), division 1.3 (applicability and jurisdiction), section 1.3.50 (exemptions) of the Community Development Code (CDC) to provide exemptions to address county public services uses.

The Chair opened the floor for public hearing.

No one came forward.

The Chair closed public hearing.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

12. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT TO ADD THE BEAUFORT COUNTY HOUSING IMPACT ANALYSIS AS AN APPENDIX TO THE 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham to approve public hearing and second reading of an ordinance for a comprehensive plan amendment to add the Beaufort County Housing Impact Analysis as an appendix to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

The Chair opened the floor for public hearing.

No one came forward.

The Chair closed public hearing.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

13. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BEAUFORT COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES PART 1 GENERAL ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 46 HEALTH AND SANITATION, ARTICLE IV ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE BOARD SECTIONS 121 PURPOSE AND 122 POWERS AND DUTIES; AND REPEALING SECTION 46-122 MEMBERSHIP

Vote at First Reading on September 23, 2024 - 11:0

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member Howard to approve public hearing and second reading of an ordinance amending Beaufort County Code of Ordinances part 1 general ordinances, Chapter 46 Health and Sanitation, article IV Alcohol And Drug Abuse Board sections 121 purpose and 122 powers and duties; and repealing section 46-122 membership.

The Chair opened the floor for public hearing.

No one came forward.

The Chair closed public hearing.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

14. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 316 CASTLE ROCK ROAD

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Brown, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham to approve public hearing and second reading of an ordinance authorizing the County Administrator to enter into a lease agreement with Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority for the county owned real property located at 316 Castle Rock Road.

The Chair opened the floor for public hearing.

No one came forward.

The Chair closed public hearing.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

15. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Citizen comments were taken.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, Seconded by Council Member Tabernik to go into executive session to discuss the items below:

Pursuant to S.C. Code Section 30-04-70(a)(2) to receive legal advice regarding contractual arrangements (Pepper Hall/Okatie Park)

Pursuant to S.C. Code Section 30-4-70(a)(2) to engage in discussions and negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements (St. James Baptist Church)

Pursuant to S.C. Code Section 30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss the appointment of a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body. (BJWSA appointment)

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

17. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Lawson seconded by Council Member Brown to authorize county administrator to execute all necessary documents to resolve any and all claims and to allocate funds as discussed in executive session in order to move forward with the construction of the Okatie River Park project.

The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Council Member Brown, Council Member Lawson, and Council Member Reitz. Voting Nay: Council Member Bartholomew, Council Member Cunningham, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, and Council Member Tabernik. The motion failed 4:6.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Howard that council authorize the Chairman of County Council to send a letter to the County Legislation Delegation to ask that they reconsider both nominations and that Legislative Delegation forward

council's recommendation on recommending candidates to the Governor as replacement for their current recommended candidates.

The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Council Member Bartholomew, Council Member Brown, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, Council Member Tabernik, and Council Member Reitz. **Voting Nay:** Council Member Cunningham, and Council Member Lawson. The motion passed 8:2.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:51PM.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY



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

ATTEST:



Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council
Ratified: November 12, 2024