



Community Services and Public Safety Committee Beaufort County, SC

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

**Monday, March 07, 2022
2:00 PM**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chairman McElynn called the meeting to order at 2:21 PM

PRESENT

Committee Chairman Lawrence McElynn
Committee Vice-Chairman Logan Cunningham
Council Member Joseph F. Passiment
Council Member D. Paul Sommerville
Council Member Mark Lawson
Council Member Stu Rodman
Council Member Alice Howard
Council Member York Glover
Council Member Gerald Dawson

ABSENT

Council Member Chris Hervochon
Council Member Brian Flewelling

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Committee Chairman McElynn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Committee Chairman McElynn noted 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 Glover, Seconded by Council Member Dawson to approve the agenda.

The Vote: The motion was approved without objection.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES- OCTOBER 4, 2021**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve the minutes from October 4, 2021.

The Vote: The motion was approved without objection.

6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS - (ANYONE who wishes to speak during the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting will limit their comments to no longer than three (3) minutes (a total of 15 minutes) and will address Council in a respectful manner appropriate to the decorum of the meeting, refraining from the use of profane, abusive, or obscene language)**

No Citizen Comments

AGENDA ITEMS

7. **UPDATE AND PRESENTATION ON THE RONALD MCDONALD CARE MOBILE, DENTAL UNIT**

Billy Sorochnik, CEO/Executive Director, provided an update and presentation on the Ronald McDonald House and Care Mobile Dental Unit.

- The mobile dental unit is staffed and operated by Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services and does not leave Beaufort County. This unit provides dental services for 2,700-3,000 children annually. The school's social workers or nurses refer children that would otherwise not receive these services.

Discussion:

- Committee Chairman asked how much it cost to run the Mobile Unit annually for the area, do they meet the budget every year, and do they do follow-up care; Mr. Sorochnik stated the budget is \$230,000.00; in 19 years, they have never missed the budget, and that BJHCH follows up with additional care.

- Council Member Glover thanked Mr. Sorochnik for the presentation and commented on the importance of dental care.

To view the full presentation, click the link below:

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/156186>

Status: Informational Purposes Only

8. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH BEAUFORT COUNTY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY LIST**

Audra Antonacci-Odgen, ACA, presented Beaufort County's Community Development Priority List.

- The Beaufort County Community Development Priority List is updated annually and is provided to the Lowcountry Council of Governments as a pre-requisite for Community Development Block Grant

Program Applications. It is a broad list, and many of the items will be from ARPA funding, but the list is provided for potential grants that staff will be applying for.

Discussion:

- Committee Chairman, McElynn asked about the Fiscal impact of the list. Brittane Fields, Capital Projects Coordinator, spoke regarding some of the grants, the fiscal impact, and matching the programs
- Council Member Glover spoke regarding priority item number 4: Housing Programs and the failing septic tanks; how does that work in the rural community. Brittane Fields will check with LCOG and get additional information.
- Committee Chairman, McElynn asked if these are matching grant funds; Brittane said most of them are matching.

To view the full discussion, click the link below:

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Motion: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Howard, to recommend the approval of a resolution to establish Beaufort County's Community Development Priority List.

The Vote: The Motion was approved without objection.

Status: Forward to Council for approval.

9. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE TEXT AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE II: ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCES**

Phil Foot spoke regarding the changes to the text amendments to the Animal Control Ordinances and the importance of Ordinances that are usually particular to the community and only enforced within that community. Animal Control Ordinances are implemented in all municipalities as they are adopted through IGA's or MOU's. Individual Municipalities will be informed and asked to adopt the changes to be enforced.

Discussion:

- Committee Chairman McElynn asked to be updated specifically on the changes.
- Brittany Ward, Deputy County Attorney, spoke regarding the changes and referenced the backup material in the packet with stricken and highlighted changes. Magistrates were consulted regarding the recommended changes.
- Clarification was asked amongst Council Members on the abandonment section during a named storm. Brittany Ward and Tallulah McGee cleared up the specifics on what owner's should do with animals during a named storm.

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Motion: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Howard, to recommend approval of the reading of an ordinance to approve the text amendments to chapter 14, article II: animal control ordinances.

The Vote: The motion was approved without objection.

Status: Forward to Council for approval.

10. **REAPPOINTMENT OF RICK KROB TO THE BEAUFORT COUNTY BLUFFTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD FOR A SECOND TERM WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF 2026**
Motion: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Cunningham, to recommend the reappointment of Rick Krob to the Beaufort County Bluffton Fire District Board for a second term with an expiration date of 2026.
The Vote: The motion was approved without objection.
Status: Forward to Council for approval.

11. **APPOINTMENT OF ALAN ARSENEAU TO THE BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD FOR THE PARTIAL TERM WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF 2025**
Motion: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Cunningham, to recommend the appointment of Alan Arseneau to the Beaufort County Parks and Recreation Board for the partial term with an expiration date of 2025.
The Vote: The motion was approved without objection.
Status: Forward to Council for approval.

12. **REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH PAOLO TO THE BEAUFORT COUNTY BLUFFTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD FOR A SECOND TERM WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF 2026**
Motion: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Cunningham, to recommend the reappointment of Joseph Paolo to the Beaufort County Bluffton Fire District Board for a second term with an expiration date of 2026.
The Vote: The motion was approved without objection.
Status: Forward to Council for approval.

13. **RECOMMEND APPOINTMENT OF DANA MARSH TO THE BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT FOR A FIRST TERM (PARTIAL-TERM) WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF 2025**
Motion: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Cunningham, to recommend the appointment of Dana Marsh to the Bluffton Township Fire District for a first term (partial-term) with an expiration date of 2025.
The Vote: The motion was approved without objection.
Status: Forward to Council for approval.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm.

Ratified by Committee: April 4, 2022

