



County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, August 23, 2021
6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Passiment called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT

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

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION**

Council Member Stu Rodman led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

3. **FOIA**

Chairman Passiment noted that the 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 to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Howard to amend the agenda by removing items 4, 10, and 11 from the consent agenda so they can vote on separately. The motion was approved without objection.

Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman Sommerville, seconded by Council Member Glover to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was approved without objection.

5. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

To see County Administrator, Eric Greenway's report please click the link below.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/135905>

6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Tony Cristello spoke in favor of an environmental education center at Bindon Plantation.

Morris Campbell, Beaufort County Retiree, encouraged County Council to make sure employees, retired or not, are all treated fairly and receive the benefits they deserve.

Gerald Cramer encouraged County Council to come up with a more fair and equal finding for Beaufort County Schools.

Jocelyn Steiger with the Hilton Head Island Assoc. of Realtors stated they are opposed to the proposed coastal resilience overlay zone standards ordinance.

Janet Gresham, CEO of the Beaufort Jasper Realtors Association, spoke against the proposed coastal resilience overlay zone standards ordinance.

Miriam Mitchell, Beaufort County Retiree, urged County Council to reconsider actions taken against Beaufort County Retirees regarding their benefits and correct their mistake.

To see the full comments please click the link below:

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7. **LIASION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council Member McElynn, Chair of the Community Services/Public Safety Committee encouraged all citizens to get vaccinated.

Council Member Lawson, Chair of the Finance Committee, provided summary of the items that were coming forward from the Finance Committee for consideration for approval on the consent agenda.

Council Member Howard, Chair of the Natural Resources Committee, provided summary of the items that were coming forward from the Natural Resources Committee for consideration for approval on the consent agenda.

Council Member Rodman, Chair of Public Facilities, provided summary of the items that were coming forward from the Public Facilities Committee for consideration for approval on the consent agenda.

8. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Dawson to approve Consent Agenda excluding agenda items#4, item#10, and item#11. The motion was approved without objection.

Discussion: To see the full discussion click the link below

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9. **MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING CAUCUS MEETING**

4. OFFER OF PAYMENT TO RETIREES FOR LOSS OF POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS

Motion: It was moved by made by Council Member Rodman, seconded by Vice-Chairman Sommerville to approve offer of payment to retirees for loss of Post-Retirement Health Insurance Benefits. The motion

was approved.

Discussion: To see the full discussion click the link below:

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Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Glover, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Cunningham

Voting Abstaining: Council Member Dawson. The vote 10:0:1

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED OFF

10. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CONVEY A PORTION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY BEAUFORT COUNTY KNOWN AS OKATIE RIVER PARK WITH TMS NO. R600 021 000 0673 0000

11. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO A DEED OF PERPETUAL EASEMENT TO ALLOW FOR PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TERMS ON A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY WITH TMS NO. R600 021 000 0007 0000

Discussion: To see the full discussion click the link below:

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Motion: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Rodman to approve item#10 first reading of an ordinance authorizing the county administrator to execute the documents necessary to convey a portion of property owned by Beaufort County known As Okatie River Park with TMS NO. R600 021 000 0673 0000 and item#11 first reading of an ordinance authorizing the county administrator to execute an amendment to a deed of perpetual easement to allow for public vehicular access and to provide additional terms on a portion of the property with TMS NO. R600 021 000 0007 0000.

Discussion: To see the full discussion click the link below:

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Motion to Amend: It was moved by Vice-Chairman Sommerville, seconded by Council Member Howard to postpone both item#10 and item#11 until there is a clear understanding from the legal department of all the issues associated with these parcels and ask staff to do the research and bring a report back to Natural Resources next committee meeting. The amended motion was approved without objection.

Discussion: To see the full discussion click the link below:

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10. **THIRD READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT/REZONING REQUEST FOR 5.23 ACRES (R100 027 000 042B 0000) AT 335 JOE FRAZIER RD FROM T2 RURAL TO T2 RURAL CENTER**

The Chairman opened the floor for a public hearing

Billy Player commented on the property at 335 Joe Frazier.

The Chairman closed comments

Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman Sommerville, seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve an ordinance for A Zoning map Amendment/Rezoning request for 5.23 acres (R100 027 000 042B 0000) at 335 Joe Frazier Rd from T2 Rural to T2 Rural Center. The motion was approved.

Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Cunningham

Voting Nay: Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard. The vote 9:2

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Rodman, seconded by Council Member Cunningham to extend past 8 O'Clock. The motion passed.

Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Cunningham

Voting Nay: Council Member Glover, Council Member Dawson. The vote 9:2

11. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3.4.90 OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE TO ADD A COASTAL RESILIENCE OVERLAY DISTRICT TO REQUIRE REAL ESTATE DISCLOSURE WHEN PROPERTY IS TRANSFERRED IN ZONE X (SHADED).**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Glover to approve first reading of an ordinance for A text amendment to Section 3.4.90 of the Community Development Code to add a Coastal Resilience Overlay District to require real estate disclosure when property is transferred in Zone X (shaded). The motion was approved.

Discussion: To see the full discussion click the link below.

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Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, Council Member McElynn, Council Member Dawson

Voting Nay: Council Member Hervochon, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Lawson, Council Member Flewelling, Council Member Cunningham. The vote 6:5

12. **A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL'S REQUEST THAT THE SC GENERAL ASSEMBLY TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO CONTINUE TO ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO COLLECT USER FEES THAT FUND CRITICAL NEEDS SUCH AS PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Hervochon, seconded by Council Member Glover to approve a resolution to express Beaufort County Council's request that the SC General Assembly take the necessary actions to continue to allow local governments to collect user fees that fund critical needs such as Public Safety and Infrastructure. The motion was approved with objection.

13. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Tony Cristello commented on Botanical Garden on Benden Plantation.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

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

ATTEST:

Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council
Ratified: