



County Council Meeting

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County Council Minutes

Monday, September 28, 2020 at 6:00 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 6:00PM

PRESENT

Chairman Joseph F. Passiment

Vice Chairman D. Paul Sommerville

Council Member Michael Covert

Council Member York Glover

Council Member Chris Hervocho

Council Member Stu Rodman

Council Member Alice Howard

Council Member Mark Lawson

Council Member Lawrence McElynn

Council Member Gerald Dawson

Council Member Brian Flewelling

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Council Member Howard led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

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

Council Member McElynn made a motion to amend agenda to add item 9 from the Caucus agenda to County Council agenda this evening.

County Attorney, Kurt Taylor, stated this item may only be added by a two thirds vote of the members present and voting and upon a finding by the body that an emergency or exigent circumstances will exist if the item is not added to the agenda.

Council Member McElynn asked if this needed to be an agenda item to accomplish it?

Administrator Jacobs stated she could handle this.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, Seconded by Council Member Covert to approve the agenda. Motion approved without objection.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - AUGUST 10, 2020

Motion: it was moved by Council Member Covert, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve the minutes from August 10, 2020. Minutes approved without objection.

CITIZEN COMMENT

To hear all comments read during this portion of the meeting go to <https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/79559>

LIAISON AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Howard stated the ZBOA Meeting went almost to midnight and County Staff did an outstanding job.

Council Member Covert stated on September 8th he attended the Beaufort Jasper Higher Education Commission meeting via zoom and the Sunbelt Conference is courting USCB as a possible location.

Council Member McElynn stated Community Services will be having an agenda meeting on Wednesday for the meeting to be held on the first Monday in October. At the moment the only agenda item that he received advance notice on is a presentation with regard to the community service grants that have been made by the human services alliance.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 15TH THROUGH OCTOBER 15TH NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Vice - Chair Sommerville presented a Proclamation honoring National Hispanic Heritage Month.

PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Vice - Chair Sommerville presented a Proclamation to Hopeful Horizons declaring October as Domestic Violence Month.

RAY MCBRIDE, DIRECTOR, BEAUFORT COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM: PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT PLAQUE AND RECOGNITION

Council Member Howard read a plaque honoring Ray McBride's retirement as Library Director.

Tab Tabernick, Library Board Chair, stated the trustees were going to miss Ray tremendously, wished him all the best in his retirement and stated he could always come back.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Flewelling requested item 10 be removed from the consent agenda. To view all consent agenda items approved click the link below:

<https://beaufortcountysc.gov/council/council-committee-meetings/index.html>

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve the consent agenda minus item 10. Motion was approved without objection.

ACTION ITEMS

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT/REZONING REQUEST FOR 3 PARCELS (R600 021 000 0003 0000; R600 021 000 002A 0000; R600 021 000 003A 0000) ON GRAVES ROAD FROM T2 RURAL TO C3 NEIGHBORHOOD MIXED-USE; APPLICANT: JUDY GRAVES, KEVIN GRAVES, JAN MCKIM

Council Member Flewelling stated his reason for removing this item from Consent agenda was that none of those parcels are on sewer.

Motion: It was moved by Vice Chairman Sommerville, Seconded by Council Member Howard to approve item 10. The Vote: Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Covert, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson. Voting Nay: Council Member Glover, Council Member Hervochoch, Council Member McElynn, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Flewelling. Motion passed 6:5

FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE REGARDING A DISTANCE LEARNING GRANT, WHICH WOULD EARMARK \$200,000 FROM THE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND BALANCE TO AWARD GRANTS TO APPLICANTS TO ASSIST WITH THE PROBLEMS RELATED TO DISTANCE LEARNING

Motion: It was moved by Council Member McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve first reading by title only of an ordinance regarding a distance learning grant which would earmark \$200,000 from the County's General Fund Balance to award grants to applicants to assist with the problems related to distance learning. Motion passed without objection.

to see entire discussion regarding this item go <https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/79559>

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE BEAUFORT COUNTY AIRPORT (AWR) HANGAR GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, Seconded by Council Member McElynn to approve first reading of an ordinance for the Beaufort County Airport AWR Hangar Ground Lease Agreement. Motion approved without objection.

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE REGARDING ACCOMMODATIONS TAX/ HOSPITALITY TAX RESERVE FUND

Motion: It was moved by Council Member McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve first reading of an ordinance regarding ATax/HTax reserve fund. Motion approved without objection.

APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 2019/56 PENN CENTER RENOVATIONS

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Hervochoch, Seconded by Council Member Glover to approve an ordinance to amend ordinance 2019/56 Penn Center Renovations. Motion approved without objection.

THIRD AND FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE TO ESTABLISH "SHORT TERM HOME RENTAL" AS A SPECIAL USE

Council Member Flewelling recused himself from the discussion and vote.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Covert, Seconded by Council Member Howard to approve third and final reading of an ordinance amending the CDC to establish a "Short Term Home Rental" as a special use. Motion was approved without objection.

THIRD AND FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PEPPER HALL AND OKATIE RIVER PARK JOINT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Covert, Seconded by Council Member McElynn to approve third and final reading of an ordinance regarding an amendment to the Pepper Hall and Okatie River Park Joint Development Agreement. The Votes: Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Council Member Covert, Council Member Hervochoch, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn. Voting Nay: Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Flewelling. Voting Abstaining: Vice Chairman Sommerville. Motion passed 6:4 with 1 abstention.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF IAN SCOTT FOR AIRPORTS BOARD

Motion: It was moved by Council Member McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve Ian Scott to the Airports Board. Motion approved without objection.

CITIZEN COMMENT

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ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:23PM

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY: _____
Joseph Passiment, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council
Ratified: