



Special Called Meeting of County Council Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, August 28, 2023
3:30 PM

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Passiment called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

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

Chairman Passiment led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. FOIA

Chairman Passiment noted that public notification of this meeting had 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 Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Tabernik, to remove item #7 from the executive session to be included in the public hearing and action items.

Main Motion: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Tabernik, to approve the amended agenda.

The Vote - The motions were approved without objection.

5. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

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1. Robert New

2. Skip Hoagland

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR A MODIFIED MILLAGE RATE FOR THE LEVY OF TAX FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024, AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR SAID PURPOSES

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Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve the public hearing and third reading of an ordinance amendment to provide for a modified millage rate for the levy of tax for school purposes for Beaufort County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2023, and to make appropriations for said purposes.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for public comment.

1. Skip Hoagland

Chairman Passiment closed the public comment period.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

7. PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE SECTION 30-04-70(A)(2) DISCUSSIONS OF NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS (RETENTION OF OUTSIDE LAW FIRM TO CONDUCT REVIEWS AND AUDITS AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY COUNCIL)

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Bartholomew, to accept and ratify the decision and recommendation of the Finance Committee to hire Law Firm B to perform the reviews and audit we authorized on July 24, 2023, and to perform any additional work that the Committee authorizes the Firm to perform.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

Chairman Passiment shared that Law Firm B was Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Bartholomew, seconded by Council Member Tabernik, to adopt, by title only, an ordinance amending the FY24 Budget Ordinance (Ordinance 2023/22) to appropriate \$350,000 to Council's budget to cover the anticipated costs of performing the reviews and audit we authorized on July 24, 2023, and any additional work the Finance Committee authorizes it to perform.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE SECTION 30-4-70(A)(1) DISCUSSION OF EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON REGULATED BY COUNTY COUNCIL (JOHN ROBINSON)

PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE SECTION 30-4-70(A)(2) TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE ON MATTERS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE (ERIC GREENWAY)

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Brown, to enter into executive session.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

The Council entered an executive session from 3:47 PM to 4:12 PM.

10. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Brown, seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve the employment agreement for Interim County Administrator John Robinson, as discussed in the executive session.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

11. ADJOURNMENT

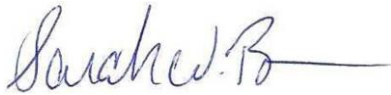
Adjourned at or around 4:15 PM

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY



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

ATTEST:



Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council
Ratified: October 9, 2023