



Special Called County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

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

Friday, July 28, 2023
10:30 AM

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Passiment called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Council Member York Glover

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: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Brown, to approve the agenda.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

PURSUANT TO S. C. CODE SECTIONS 30-4-70(A)(2) AND 30-4-70(A)(1), TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE ON MATTERS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND TO DISCUSS ISSUES RELATED TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON REGULATED BY COUNCIL

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Bartholomew, to enter into an executive session pursuant to S.C. Code Sections 30-4-70(A)(2) and 30-4-70(A)(1) to receive legal advice on matters covered by the attorney-client privilege and to discuss issues related to the employment of a person regulated by Council.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

Council was in the executive session from 10:35 - 11:45 AM.

6. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman McElynn, seconded by Council Member Brown, to terminate Eric Greenway with cause and to remove him from the Office of Beaufort County Administrator effective immediately.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Howard, to appoint the acting County Administrator, John Robinson, to the position of Interim County Administrator while Council conducts a search for the next County Administrator.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Bartholomew, seconded by Council Member Dawson, that Council asks the Law Firm that will be hired to investigate the four specific matters that the Council identified on the Monday, July 24, 2023, Special Called Meeting of County Council, and to investigate the personnel matter Council discussed today, July 28, 2023, in Executive Session.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

Chairman Passiment made the following statement: Today, we have taken additional action with regard to Mr. Greenway's status with the Beaufort County Government. We have voted to terminate him for cause. This still is a personnel matter, and we are advised by our legal counsel that we cannot talk about it yet. We will talk about it when we are told we can. In the meantime, we can assure the public that the investigations that were described in the prior Special Meeting and which we discussed at length during Wednesday's meeting of the Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee will continue exactly as discussed and planned. The findings of these investigations will be presented to Council and the public at a future date.

7. ADJOURNMENT

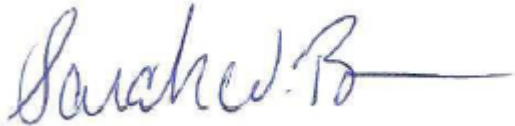
Adjourned: 11:53 PM

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY



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

ATTEST:



Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council
Ratified: August 14, 2023