



**County Council of  
Beaufort County  
County Council Meeting**

**Chairman**

Joseph F. Passiment, JR.

**Vice Chairman**

D. Paul Sommerville

**Council Members**

Michael Covert  
Gerald Dawson  
Brian E. Flewelling  
York Glover, SR.  
Chris Hervochon  
Alice G. Howard  
Mark Lawson  
Lawrence P. McElynn  
Stu Rodman

**Interim County Administrator**

Eric Greenway

**Clerk to Council**

Sarah W. Brock

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# County Council Meeting Minutes

**Monday, November 09, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

[This meeting is being 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 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

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Council Member Stu Rodman led the pledge of allegiance and delivered the invocation.

Chairman Passiment recognized all individuals present that have served or currently serve in the armed forces.

## FOIA

Chairman Passiment stated public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina freedom of information act

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion to Amend:** It was moved by Council Member Dawson, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to amend the agenda to include an action item for the approval of a contract with Eric Greenway as Interim County Administrator from 11/9/2020 - 6/30/2021; and move Item number 5 from the consent agenda and place it under action items. Motion approved without objection.

**Main Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve the agenda as amended. Motion approved without objection.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Howard to approve the minutes of September 28, 2020; October 5, 2020; October 9, 2020 and October 12, 2020. Motion approved without objection.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Greenway commended the Beaufort County Facilities team for constructing the safety partitions in council chambers and getting the room CDC compliant.

Mr. Greenway then proceeded to recognize the following individuals for their hard work and dedication to Beaufort county:

Amy Rusnak, Information Technology Specialist Beaufort County Assessor's Office; Frances Collins, Accounts Payable Beaufort County Finance Department; Janet Andrews, Accounting Supervisor Beaufort County Finance Department; Tanya Ward, Assistant Deputy Treasurer Beaufort County Treasurer's Office; Crystal Athey, Tax Agent Beaufort County Treasurer's Office; Tanner Powell, Special Projects Engineer Beaufort County Public Works; Katie Herrera, Assistant Stormwater Manager Beaufort County Stormwater; and Brittane Fields, Sr. Administrative Specialist Beaufort County Engineering.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

### **LIAISON AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council Member Howard announced the library system had filled one vacancy but still had seven vacancies to fill in the fields of research, resume service, etc. She also stated they are continuing to meet with architects regarding the renovations to the Bluffton library with bids probably awarded sometime in January 2021. Total circulation numbers for October 2020 were over 51,000 items, making it a 179% increase over September 2020 to include both digital and physical titles.

Council Member McElynn stated the Community Services Public Safety Committee we will be meeting on December 7, 2020 with agenda review to be held the Wednesday prior to that date.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Hervochon to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved without objection.

### **ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM REGARDING INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, ERIC GREENWAY**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Sommerville, Seconded by Council Member McElynn to approve Eric Greenway as Interim County Administrator for the term of 11/9/2020 to 6/30/2021 to include the employment agreement previously distributed to and reviewed by all members of county council.

Council Member Hervochon asked what the salary amount would be. Chairman Passiment stated \$190,000. Council Member Hervochon then asked for a roll call vote.

The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice Chairman Sommerville, Council Member Covert, Council Member Glover, Council Member Rodman, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, Council Member McElynn, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Flewelling. Voting Abstaining: Council Member Hervochon. Motion Passes 10:0 with 1 Abstention.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**Public Hearing and Second Reading of an ordinance for Beaufort County business license tax standardization**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Flewelling, Seconded by Council Member McElynn to approve Second Reading of an ordinance for Beaufort County business license tax standardization.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for public hearing.

No one came forward.

Chairman Passiment closed public hearing.

Motion approved without objection.

**Public Hearing and Second Reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement by and between Beaufort County, South Carolina and project glass providing for a payment of a fee in lieu of taxes and other matters related thereto**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Covert, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve Second Reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement by and between Beaufort County, South Carolina and project glass providing for a payment of a fee in lieu of taxes and other matters related thereto

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for public hearing.

No one came forward.

Chairman Passiment closed public hearing.

Motion approved without objection.

**Public Hearing and Second Reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement by and between Beaufort County, South Carolina and project burger providing for a payment of a fee in lieu of taxes and other matters related thereto**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve Second Reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement by and between Beaufort County, South Carolina and project burger providing for a payment of a fee in lieu of taxes and other matters related thereto.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for public hearing.

No one came forward.

Chairman Passiment closed public hearing.

Motion approved without objection.

**Public Hearing and Second Reading of an ordinance to authorize and approve a multi-county park agreement by and between Beaufort County and Jasper County (projects stone, garden, glass, and burger); to require the payment of a fee in lieu of ad valorem taxes by businesses and industries located in the park; to apply zoning and other laws in the park; to provide for law enforcement jurisdiction in the park; and to provide for the distribution of park revenues within Jasper County.**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Hervochon, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve Second Reading of an ordinance to authorize and approve a multi-county park agreement by and between Beaufort County and Jasper County (projects stone, garden, glass, and burger); to require the payment of a fee in lieu of ad valorem taxes by businesses and industries located in the park; to apply zoning and other laws in the park; to provide for law enforcement jurisdiction in the park; and to provide for the distribution of park revenues within Jasper County.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for public hearing.

No one came forward.

Chairman Passiment closed public hearing.

Motion approved without objection.

**Public Hearing and Second Reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a special source revenue credit agreement by and among Beaufort County, South Carolina and project stone, providing for the issuance of special source revenue credits and other matters related thereto.**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve Second Reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a special source revenue credit agreement by and among Beaufort County, South Carolina and project stone, providing for the issuance of special source revenue credits and other matters related thereto.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for public hearing.

No one came forward.

Chairman Passiment closed public hearing.

Motion approved without objection.

**Public Hearing and Second Reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement by and between Beaufort County, South Carolina and project garden providing for a payment of a fee in lieu of taxes and other matters related thereto.**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Flewelling to approve Second Reading of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement by and between Beaufort County, South Carolina and project garden providing for a payment of a fee in lieu of taxes and other matters related thereto.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for public hearing.

No one came forward.

Chairman Passiment closed public hearing.

Motion approved without objection.

**Consideration of an ordinance regarding a text amendment to Beaufort County ordinance, chapter 78: floods, to establish the implementation date of March 23, 2021**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member McElynn to approve an ordinance regarding a text amendment to Beaufort County ordinance, chapter 78: floods, to establish the implementation date of March 23, 2021.

Chairman Passiment opened the floor for discussion.

Council Woman Howard asked Assistant County Administrator, Chuck Atkinson if the new maps included a higher base flood or is it being lowered overall? Mr. Atkinson responded that it would be a combination of both further stating that typically with these new maps, the base flood elevation is a measurement above mean sea level. The build to line is going to go down and the reason why it's going down is because 1988 data and there is a difference. The 1988 data was a much more accurate than the 1929. In Beaufort County the building code gives a plus one to the bfg, so it is going down but in the bfg is going to bring it back up a foot. Some areas are going to be lower; are going to be about the same.

Motion approved without Objection.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Chairman Passiment stated all of Council received a few emails with comments but he was not going to read each of them as he knew all of council had received them and would respond.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph F. Passiment, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

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Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council  
Ratified: February 22, 2021