



County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, June 26, 2023
5:00 PM

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman McElynn called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

PRESENT

Vice-Chairman Lawrence McElynn
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

Chairman Joseph F. Passiment

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Council Member Dawson led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

3. FOIA

Vice-Chairman McElynn noted that 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 Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Brown, to amend the agenda to postpone item #17 until the August 14, 2023, County Council meeting to give staff time to research the proposed amendment thoroughly to determine if the application is actually

proposed as a zoning map amendment or simply an application to remove the property from the area designated as the Cultural Protection Overlay zone.

Discussion: Council Member Cunningham commented that it is not clear if Council is voting on a zoning map amendment or removal of the property from the CPO, and the need for clarity because Council needs to be fully informed to make decisions and Council's action on this item could lead to some form of litigation. Council Member Cunningham added that there are options that could be discussed between Pine Island's owner, the community, the County, and the State.

Council Member Glover voiced his objection to the motion because the community has made its position clear.

Council Member Lawson voiced his objection to the motion because the delay may not change Council Members' voting decision and the hope that the community and Mr. Tropeano could work together to develop an acceptable solution.

Council Member Tabernik echoed the statements made by Council Members Glover and Lawson and added that the ordinance's wording on zoning should be addressed.

Vice-Chairman McElynn commented that the Council does not want to act as a referee between the developer and the community and that the Council does not want to advocate on behalf of the developer. Vice-Chairman McElynn added that the vote would determine whether the property would stay in or exit the CPO.

The Vote – Voting Yea: Council Member Cunningham and Council Member Brown. Voting Nay: Council Member Tabernik, Council Member Reitz, Council Member Lawson, Council Member Howard, Council Member Glover, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Bartholomew, and Vice-Chairman McElynn. The motion to amend failed by 2:8.

Vice-Chairman Passiment commented that item #17's wording is somewhat ambiguous, as there are no zoning changes being requested and the ordinance proposes a change to the zoning map to remove 502 acres that contain Pine Island from the CPO on Saint Helena Island.

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Bartholomew, to amend item #17 to reword the item to read as first reading of an ordinance for a request of a zoning map amendment for 502 acres (R300-012-000-0001-0000, R300-012-000-0254-0000, R300-007-000-0002-0000, R300-012-000-0255-0000, AND R300-012-000-0256-0000) located at 288 Dulamo Road to be removed from the Cultural Protection Overlay (CPO) Boundary on Saint Helena Island.

Discussion: Council Member Howard asked if the rewording was coordinated with legal staff. Vice-Chairman McElynn confirmed it was.

The Vote – Voting Yea: Council Member Tabernik, Council Member Bartholomew, Council Member Reitz, Council Member Lawson, Council Member Howard, Council Member Glover, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Cunningham, Council Member Brown, and Vice-Chairmen McElynn. The motion to amend was approved without objection.

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Howard, to amend the agenda to remove item #5 from the consent agenda, add it as item #24 on the main agenda, and amend Section 5 of the Ordinance of item #24 to add Fire Facility and read as EMS and Fire Facility throughout the section.

The Vote - The motion was approved without objection.

Main Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Brown, to approve the agenda as amended.

The Vote - The main motion passed by 9:1. Council Member Cunningham objected.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Brown, to approve the minutes of May 8, 2023.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Greenway briefed Council on the Assessor's Office's completion of the quadrennial reassessment and the acceptance of the reassessment by the S.C. Department of Revenue. Mr. Greenway highlighted two employees, David Gregory with the Assessor's Office and Gomez McKnight with the Detention Center. Mr. Greenway also commented on the success of the Employee Appreciation Day celebration on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at the Buckwalter Recreation Center.

7. CITIZEN COMMENTS PERIOD

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Vice-Chairman McElynn explained the plan to allow four people (two for and two against) to speak on short-term rentals and six people (three for and three against) to speak on the cultural protection overlay district. He also stated his intention to move up the discussion of items 15 and 17 on the agenda because of the amount of citizen interest in those items.

1. Cathie Moore
2. Leanne Coulter
3. Kade Yarborough
4. Stewart Yarborough
5. Marqui Firol
6. Pat Harvey-Palmer
7. Gardenia Simmons-White
8. Tyron Thompson
9. Arnold Brown
10. Elvio Tropeano

8. LIASION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Howard gave an overview of the Town of Port Royal's proclamation that the Cherry Hill property and the largest live oak in Beaufort County be protected and recognized Darrell Owens for his work on the proclamation. Council Member Howard also provided an update on the recent meetings of the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board and Finance Committee, the express care centers in Beaufort and Okatie, and the outreach to confirm the addresses of Medicaid patients. Council Member Howard added that the Green Space Committee would meet on June 27, 2023.

Council Member Tabernik gave an overview of the School Board's June 13 meeting, which recognized teachers and support staff of the year and put forward the 2023 referendum to submit the question about general obligation bonds for approximately \$439 million.

Council Member Dawson briefed the Council on the June 22 meeting of the Lowcountry Council of Governments Board of Directors, including the presentation by the Carolinas Natural Gas Coalition.

Council Member Lawson thanked the County Administrators and Finance Department staff for their work on the budget and the increase in transparency.

9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-Chairman McElynn noted that item #5 was removed from the consent agenda, and it is now item #24 on the main agenda.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Brown, to approve the consent agenda.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Howard, to move items #15 and #17 ahead of item #10 on the agenda, so that Council may consider them before other items.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

15. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE ("CDC") APPENDIX B:- THE DAUFUSKIE ISLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE, TO AMEND DIVISION B.3, SECTION B.3.20 (CONSOLIDATED LAND USE TABLE AND LAND USE DEFINITIONS), AND TO ADD A NEW SECTION B.3.30 (OTHER STANDARDS) AND A NEW SUBSECTION B.3.30.A (SHORT-TERM RENTAL) TO ALLOW THE USAGE OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS AS A SPECIAL USE IN D2 RURAL, D2R-CP (RURAL-CONVENTIONALLY PLATTED), D2R-GH (RURAL-GULLAH HERITAGE), AND D3 GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD, AND A PERMITTED USE IN D4 MIXED USE, D5 VILLAGE CENTER, AND D5 GENERAL COMMERCIAL

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Glover, to approve the public hearing and second reading of an ordinance for a text amendment to the Community Development Code ("CDC") Appendix B:- the Daufuskie Island Community Development Code, to amend Division B.3, Section B.3.20 (Consolidated Land Use Table and Land Use Definitions), and to add a new Section B.3.30 (Other Standards) and a new Subsection B.3.30.A (Short-Term Rental) to allow the usage of short-term rentals as a special use in D2 Rural, D2R-CP (Rural-Conventionally Platted), D2R-GH (Rural-Gullah Heritage), and D3 General Neighborhood, and a permitted use in D4 Mixed Use, D5 Village Center, and D5 General Commercial.

Discussion: Council Member Lawson commented on the special use categorization of a short-term rental permit and the effort to create an easier process that allows 60 days for residents to gain a permit for a short-term rental property.

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Bartholomew, to remove 4B.7 and 4B.8 from the current ordinance so that Daufuskie Island would be comparable to other parts of the County.

Assistant County Administrator Atkinson confirmed that 4B.7 and 4B.8 are currently not required in the rest of the County.

County Administrator Greenway added that the short-term rental permit application must adhere to the Community Development Code and have a certificate of occupancy.

The Vote – The motion to amend was approved without objection.

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Bartholomew, seconded by Council Member Cunningham, to amend #8 under Section B.3.20 and b(1) under B.3.30 in Exhibit A, to remove specific language "in cases where special use approval is required, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBOA) may establish an appropriate rental limit as a condition of approval after conducting the public hearing and finding that conditions exist making such a limitation necessary."

Discussion: County Administrator Greenway explained that the language in the amendment is applied everywhere else in the County.

Vice-Chairman McElynn and County Administrator Greenway discussed the ordinance's application to Daufuskie Island only and how the decision would not have a County-wide impact. Mr. Greenway added that he does not support the proposed amendment.

Council Member Howard voiced her objection to the proposed amendment as she has seen areas where entire neighborhoods are turned into short-term rentals.

Council Member Cunningham commented that short-term rentals may be needed to allow Daufuskie to continue developing as a tourist destination and to help create returns for taxpayers as the County is investing \$10-15 million in a docking station.

The Vote – Voting Yea: Council Member Bartholomew, Council Member Cunningham, Council Member Lawson, and Council Member Brown. Voting Nay: Council Member Tabernik, Council Member Reitz, Council Member Howard, Council Member Glover, Council Member Dawson, and Vice-Chairman McElynn. The motion to amend failed by 4:6.

Vice-Chairman McElynn opened the floor for public comment.

1. Stewart Yarborough commented in favor of removing caps on short-term rentals.
2. Leanne Coulter commented on the need for balance in neighborhoods between rentals and full-time residents and the character of the island.

Vice-Chairman McElynn closed the public comment.

The Vote – Voting Yea: Lawson, Glover, Tabernik, Reitz, Howard, Dawson, Brown, and Vice-Chairman McElynn. Voting Nay: Council Member Cunningham and Council Member Bartholomew. The main motion passed by 8:2.

17. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FOR 502 ACRES (R300-012-000-0001-0000, R300-012-000-0254-0000, R300-007-000-0002-0000, R300-012-000-0255-0000, AND R300-012-000-0256-0000) LOCATED AT 288 DULAMO ROAD TO BE REMOVED FROM THE CULTURAL PROTECTION OVERLAY (CPO) BOUNDARY ON SAINT HELENA ISLAND

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve the first reading of an ordinance for a zoning map amendment for 502 acres (R300-012-000-0001-0000, R300-012-000-0254-0000, R300-007-000-0002-0000, R300-012-000-0255-0000, AND R300-012-000-0256-0000) located at 288 Dulamo Road to be removed from the Cultural Protection Overlay (CPO) Boundary on Saint Helena Island.

Discussion: Council Member Cunningham commented that this is the first time Pine Island has been brought before County Council as an agenda item and that it is not the landowner's fault that Pine Island was tied to the CPO discussion. Council Member Cunningham added that he hopes citizens understand the potential increase in taxes to pay for roads and a potential legal battle. Council Member Cunningham also noted that the Council needs to pursue responsible growth management.

Council Member Brown echoed Council Member Cunningham's statement and commented on the condition of private roads on Saint Helena Island.

Council Member Glover commented on meetings with the developer, that the community does not want to allow a golf course because it would establish a precedent, and that Council should uphold the Comprehensive Plan.

Motion to Enter Executive Session: It was moved by Council Member Bartholomew, seconded by Council Member Cunningham, to enter into an executive session to receive legal advice on this ordinance.

The Vote – Voting Yea: Council Member Bartholomew, Council Member Cunningham, Council Member Tabernik, Council Member Reitz, Council Member Glover, and Council Member Brown. Voting Nay: Council Member Lawson, Council Member Howard, Council Member Dawson, and Vice-Chairman McElynn. The motion to enter an executive session passed by 6:4.

The Vote – Voting Yea: Council Member Cunningham and Council Member Brown. Voting Nay: Council Member Tabernik, Council Member Howard, Council Member Reitz, Council Member Lawson, Council Member Glover, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Bartholomew, and Vice-Chairman McElynn. The main motion failed by 2:8.

10. TIME-SENSITIVE ITEM ORIGINATING FROM THE JUNE 26TH PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SAFETY COMMITTEE-FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022/45 BY REMOVING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 68 HELMSMAN WAY WITH TMS NO. R552 010 000 0309 0000 AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Cunningham, seconded by Council Member Bartholomew, to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Ordinance 2022/45 by removing the property located at 68 Helmsman Way with TMS No. R552 010 000 0309 0000 and other matters related thereto.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

11. TIME-SENSITIVE ITEM ORIGINATING FROM THE JUNE 26TH PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SAFETY COMMITTEE-APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES FOR A CONTRACT AWARD TO W.M. ROEBUCK, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY WOOD POLE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF US 278 AND CROSTREE DRIVE/GATEWAY DRIVE (WINDMILL HARBOUR) USING SCDOT'S STATEWIDE CONTRACT (\$500,000.00)

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Brown, to approve a resolution to approve the use of transportation impact fees for a contract award to W.M. Roebuck, Inc. for the construction of a temporary wood pole traffic signal at the intersection of US 278 and Crosstree Drive/Gateway Drive (Windmill Harbour) using SCDOT's Statewide Contract.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

12. TIME-SENSITIVE ITEM ORIGINATING FROM THE PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SAFETY COMMITTEE-APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES FOR A CONTRACT AWARD TO W.M. ROEBUCK, INC. FOR IFB #053123 CONSTRUCTION OF MAST ARM INTERSECTION AT BLUFFTON PARKWAY, FLAY CREEK DR, AND RIVER RIDGE DR (FISCAL IMPACT: \$384,984.60)

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Brown, to approve a resolution to approve the use of transportation impact fees for a contract award to W.M. Roebuck, Inc. For IFB #053123 construction of mast arm intersection at Bluffton Parkway, Flay Creek Dr, and River Ridge Dr.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

13. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING PROCEEDS AND INTEREST FROM THE 2017 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE TO DESIGN, ENGINEER, CONSTRUCT, AND EQUIP A JOINT FIRE/EMS STATION IN SUN CITY AND TO DEFRAY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT EMBARKATION LOCATIONS FOR THE DAUFUSKIE ISLAND FERRY AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Vice-Chairman McElynn opened the floor for public comment.

No one came forward.

Vice-Chairman McElynn closed the public comment.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Lawson, to approve the public hearing and second reading of an ordinance appropriating proceeds and interest from the 2017 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note to design, engineer, construct, and equip a joint Fire/EMS Station in Sun City and to defray costs associated with the establishment of permanent embarkation locations for the Daufuskie Island Ferry and other matters related thereto.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

14. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY WITH TMS NO. R600-009-000-0003-0000, ALSO KNOWN AS CAMP ST. MARY'S, TO THE BEAUFORT COUNTY RURAL AND CRITICAL LANDS PROGRAM

Vice-Chairman McElynn opened the floor for public comment.

No one came forward.

Vice-Chairman McElynn closed the public comment.

Council Member Cunningham voiced his objection to the item because the property could have been used in a transaction that was previously discussed by the Council to bring much-needed baseball and softball fields to Bluffton.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Glover, to approve the public hearing and second reading of an ordinance authorizing the County Administrator to execute the necessary documents for the sale of real property with TMS No. R600-009-000-0003-0000, also known as Camp St. Mary's, to the Beaufort County Rural and Critical Lands Program.

Discussion: Council Member Brown voiced her objection to the motion as the County owns the property.

Vice-Chairman McElynn noted the sale of Camp St. Mary's to the Rural and Critical Lands Program comes down to adequate funding needed to develop a park.

The Vote – The motion passed by 8:2. Council Members Cunningham and Brown objected.

16. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT/REZONING REQUEST FOR 21 ACRES (R100 025 000 068A 0000, R100 025 000 068B 0000, AND R100 025 000 0068 0000) LOCATED AT LAUREL BAY ROAD AND ROSEIDA ROAD EXTENSION FROM T2 RURAL (TR2) TO INDUSTRIAL (SI)

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Cunningham, to approve the first reading of an ordinance for a zoning map amendment/rezoning request for 21 acres (R100 025 000 068A 0000, R100 025 000 068B 0000, AND R100 025 000 0068 0000) located at Laurel Bay Road and Roseida Road Extension from T2 Rural (TR2) to Industrial (SI).

Discussion: Council Member Howard voiced her opposition to the motion.

Council Member Dawson noted that the property is within his district and the zoning change would put a commercial district in the middle of a residential area.

Council Member Bartholomew asked about the location of the property.

Vice-Chairman McElynn commented that the recommendation by the Community Service and Land Use Committee was to deny the request.

The Vote – The motion failed by 0:10.

18. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ISSUE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,250,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL, PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF THE SAID FINDING AND AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Items 18 and 19 were voted on as a package.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve the first reading of an ordinance authorizing the Fripp Island Public Service District, South Carolina to issue not exceeding \$5,250,000 of general obligation bonds subject to voter approval, providing for the publication of notice of the said finding and authorization; and providing for other matters related thereto and approve a resolution ordering a public hearing to be held on the issuance of not exceeding \$5,250,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the Fripp Island Public Service District, South Carolina; providing for the publication of the notice of such public hearing; and other matters relating thereto.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

19. **APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ORDERING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$5,250,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO**

Item 19 was approved as part of a package motion.

20. **APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UNINCORPORATED PARTS OF BEAUFORT COUNTY TO JOIN WITH THE TOWN OF PORT ROYAL AND THE CITY OF BEAUFORT TO CONTINUE MEMBERSHIP IN THE LOWCOUNTRY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (LATS) METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND TO ADOPT THE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Glover, to approve a resolution authorizing the unincorporated parts of Beaufort County to join with the Town of Port Royal and the City of Beaufort to continue membership in the Lowcountry Area Transportation Study (LATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and to adopt the geographical boundaries.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

21. **APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A TEMPORARY CUSTODY AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF SULLIVAN’S ISLAND FOR AN ORDNANCE DELIVERY TABLE TO BE INSTALLED AND DISPLAYED AT FORT FREMONT PRESERVE**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to enter into a temporary custody agreement with the town Of Sullivan’s Island for an ordnance delivery table to be installed and displayed at Fort Fremont Preserve.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

Council Member Glover highlighted the restoration efforts of the Friends of Fort Fremont.

22. **APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BEAUFORT COUNTY OPEN LAND TRUST FOR MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE BLOCKER FIELD EXTENSION (R300 015 000 076B 0000)**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Howard, to approve a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Beaufort County Open Land Trust for maintenance of county-owned property known as the Blocker Field Extension (R300 015 000 076B 0000).

Discussion: Council Member Brown asked about the location of Blocker Field.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

23. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO INITIATE THE BE-CAT3 GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST WITH BROADBAND EFFORTS IN BEAUFORT COUNTY

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Dawson, seconded by Council Member Glover, to approve a resolution to authorize the County Administrator to initiate the BE-CAT3 Grant program to assist with broadband efforts in Beaufort County.

Discussion: Council Member Tabernik commented on making broadband available for children that need internet connectivity for school.

County Administrator Greenway commented on an upcoming meeting with the Vice-President of Hargray to discuss such issues, but that this program would be used to provide services for people having to pay for broadband connection over long distances, such as ravines.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

24. THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF, AND GRANT EASEMENTS ON, A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 170 WITH TMS NO. R600 008 000 0005 0000; TO GRANT AN EASEMENT ON A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE COOLER TRACT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Council Member Tabernik asked Council Members to turn to page 180 in the agenda packet and reiterated the request to amend the ordinance to say EMS and Fire Facility on the Cooler Tract.

Council Member Glover asked about the closest fire station to the area. Council Member Tabernik commented that the area falls under the Bluffton Fire Department district and the closest fire station is the William Pope Fire Station.

Council Member Cunningham asked if the County could meet the 2028 funding timeline.

Assistant County Administrator Fralix commented that there is a memorandum of agreement with Jasper County and that the area if being serviced by a station on Argent Boulevard.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Brown, to approve the third reading of an ordinance authorizing the County Administrator to execute the necessary documents and provide funding for the purchase of, and grant easements on, a portion of real property located on Highway 170 with TMS No. R600 008 000 0005 0000; to grant an easement on a portion of real property known as the Cooler Tract; and other matters related thereto.

Discussion: Council Member Glover and County Attorney Ward discussed service to Callawassie Island.

ACA Fralix commented that the Bluffton Fire District listed the new station on their CIP as one of the highest priority projects.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

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1. Robert New
2. Alexandra Lonza

26. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at or around 6:41 PM

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY



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

ATTEST:



Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council

Ratified: August 14, 2023