



County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, June 24, 2024
5:00 PM

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Passiment called the meeting to order at 5:00PM

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 York Glover
Council Member Alice Howard
Council Member Mark Lawson
Council Member Anna Maria Tabernik
Council Member Thomas Reitz

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Chairman Passiment led the Pledge of Allegiance and Council Member Dawson gave the invocation.

3. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PUBLISHED, POSTED, AND DISTRIBUTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Chairman Passiment stated this meeting had been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Chairman Passiment read a prepared statement addressing the hiring of the new County Administrator.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Vice-Chairman McElynn to approve the agenda.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Brown to approve the minutes from May 6, 2024.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

To see the full Interim County Administrator report please click on the link below.

<https://beaufortcountysc.new.swagit.com/videos/308674>

7. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING DR. FRANK RODRIGUEZ ON BEING NAMED SOUTH CAROLINA SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

Council Member Tabernik presented a proclamation to Dr. Frank Rodriguez recognizing him for being named South Carolina Superintendent of the Year.

8. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Citizen comments were taken.

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9. LIASION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Brown to approve the following consent agenda items: approval of a letter of support for Beaufort Jasper Housing Trust, approval to authorize the interim county administrator to enter into a contract with Haig Point Club and community association's ferry company for the provisions of EMS/Medivac Ferry services for Daufuskie Island, approval to extend the deadline for agricultural use special assessment for properties located at 683 Eddings Point Road and 711 Eddings Point Road, and boards and commissions appointments and reappointments.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

11. PUBLIC HEARING AND THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A 2024 TRANSPORTATION AND SALES AND USE TAX REFERENDUM

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham to approve Public Hearing and Third Reading of an Ordinance for a 2024 Transportation and Sales Use Tax Referendum.

The Chairman opened the floor for public hearing.

3 individuals came forward.

The Chairman closed public hearing.

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Bartholomew to amend the language to now read 10 million dollars will be put towards the Town of Port Royal, 10 million dollars will be put towards the City of Beaufort, and 10 million dollars will go to the unincorporated areas North of the Broad.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

2nd Motion to Amend: It was moved by Vice-Chairman McElynn, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham to include funding for Sea Pines Circle.

It was stated that this proposed change was already included in the updated ordinance and therefore the motion was withdrawn.

Main Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Cunningham to approve the ordinance as amended.

The Vote - Voting Yea: Chairman Passiment, Vice-Chairman McElynn, Council Member Bartholomew, Council Member Cunningham, Council Member Dawson, Council Member Glover, Council Member Howard, Council Member Lawson, and Council Member Tabernik. Voting Nay: Council Member Brown, and Council Member Reitz. **The motion passed 9:2**

12. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO CONVEY UTILITY EASEMENT # 904091 WITH DOMINION ENERGY ENCUMBERING PROPERTY OWNED BY BEAUFORT COUNTY (688 PARRIS ISLAND GATEWAY)

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Glover to approve public hearing and second reading of an ordinance authorizing the interim county administrator to execute the necessary documents to convey utility easement # 904091 with Dominion Energy encumbering property owned by Beaufort County (688 Parris Island Gateway).

The Chairman opened the floor for public hearing.

no one came forward.

The Chairman closed public hearing.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

13. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF DRAINAGE EASEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH DRAINAGE SYSTEMS LOCATED IN THE SHELL POINT AREA ON PARCELS R100 033 00A 0350 0000 & R100 033 00A 0116 0000

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Bartholomew to approve public hearing and second reading of an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of drainage easements associated with drainage systems located in the Shell Point Area on parcels R100 033 00A 0350 0000 & R100 033 00A 0116.

The Chairman opened the floor for public hearing.

no one came forward.

The Chairman closed public hearing.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

14. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PORTION OF PARCELS R123-018-000-0483-0000 AND R200-018-000-0257-0000 OF REAL PROPERTY FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY TO THE CITY OF BEAUFORT ASSOCIATED WITH US 21 AIRPORT AREA AND FRONTAGE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Bartholomew, Seconded by Council Member Glover to approve public hearing and second reading of an ordinance authorizing the conveyance of a portion of parcels R123-018-000-0483-0000 AND R200-018-000-0257-0000 of real property from Beaufort County to the City of Beaufort associated with US 21 airports area and frontage road improvements.

The Chairman opened the floor for public hearing.

no one came forward.

The Chairman closed public hearing.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

15. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTIES ENCUMBERING THE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY FOR PRIVATE SECTION OF SCHEPER LANE

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Glover to approve public hearing and second reading of an ordinance authorizing the Interim County Administrator to execute any and all necessary documents for the acceptance of properties encumbering the road right of way for a private section of Scheper Lane.

The Chairman opened the floor for public hearing.

no one came forward.

The Chairman closed public hearing.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

16. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BEAUFORT COUNTY'S TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS (TIA) POLICY

Motion: It was made by Council Member Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member Howard to approve first reading of an ordinance to amend Beaufort County's Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) Policy.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

17. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 GENERATED BY THE LOCAL HOSPITALITY TAX

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member Dawson to approve first reading of an ordinance providing for the appropriation of funds for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 generated by the Local Hospitality Tax.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

18. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 GENERATED BY THE LOCAL A-TAX COMMITTEE

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Brown, Seconded by Vice-Chairman McElynn to approve first reading of an ordinance providing for the appropriation of funds for fiscal year 2024-2025 generated by the Local A-Tax Committee.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

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19. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A VOLUNTEER SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE FRIENDS OF WHITEHALL PARK TO ALLOW THEM TO PROVIDE VOLUNTEER SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED AT WHITEHALL PARK FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COUNTY

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Council Member Bartholomew to approve a resolution authorizing the Interim County Administrator to execute a volunteer service agreement with the Friends of Whitehall Park to allow them to provide volunteer services to be performed at Whitehall Park for the benefit of the County.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

20. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024 COUNTY COMPENSATION AND CLASSIFICATION STUDY- FINAL REPORT.

Motion It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, Seconded by Council Member Bartholomew to approve a resolution adopting the 2024 County Compensation and Classification Study- Final Report.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

21. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE BEAUFORT COUNTY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AND ADOPTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE PROGRAM

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, Seconded by Council Member Bartholomew to approve a resolution establishing the Beaufort County Internship Program and adopting policies and procedures for the program.

The Vote - Motion was approved without objection.

22. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Citizen comments were taken.

23. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Bartholomew, Seconded by Council Member Brown to go into executive session to discuss the items below.

Pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2): receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to matters covered by the attorney-client privilege (DIFS)

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Pursuant to S.C. Code Section 30-4-70(a)(2): discussion of matters covered by the attorney-client privilege (inquiries and investigations pursuant to S.C. Code Section 4-9-660 – HSB)

Pursuant To S.C. Code Section 30-4-70(a)(1) discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body

24. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no matters arising out of executive session.

25. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY



BY: _____

Joseph F. Passiment, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:



Sarah W. Brock, Clerk to Council

Ratified: August 26, 2024