

# County Council of Beaufort County Special Called Meeting of County Council

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# **County Council Agenda**

#### Monday, August 17, 2020 at 5:00 PM

[This meeting is being held virtually in accordance with Beaufort County Resolution 2020-05]

THIS MEETING WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN WRITING VIA EMAIL TO THE CLERK TO COUNCIL AT SBROCK@BCGOV.NET OR PO DRAWER 1228, BEAUFORT SC 29901. CITIZENS MAY ALSO COMMENT DURING THE MEETING THROUGH FACEBOOK LIVE

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### ACTION ITEMS

4. CONSIDERATION OF TWO ORDINANCES EXTENDING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BEAUFORT COUNTY

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

5. CITIZEN COMMENT (Every member of the public who is recognized to speak shall limit comments to three minutes - Citizens may email sbrock@bcgov.net, or comment on our Facebook Live stream to participate in Citizen Comment

6. ADJOURNMENT

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## EMERGENCY ORDINANCE No. 2020 / 04 EXTENDING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BEAUFORT COUNTY

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 County Council adopted emergency Ordinance No. 2020-01, declaring a state of emergency existed due to the effects of the COVID-19 coronavirus; and WHEREAS, since that time certain steps have been taken to protect public health and safety in accord with the authority vested in the County Council and following the orders of the Governor as well; and

WHEREAS, while those protective and preventative effects have succeeded in limiting the dangers of the COVID-19 virus, the dangers have not passed and ongoing protective and preventative measures are still necessary in the County; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2020, council adopted Emergency Ordinance 2020-02 which extended the state of emergency until June 11, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Beaufort County Council hereby finds that a state of emergency has continued to exist, uninterrupted, as evidenced by existing conditions and the Governor's extended declaration of a state of emergency for South Carolina with regard to the effects of the COVID-19 virus, thus necessitating the extension of the effective date of ordinance 2020-01 from June 11 for sixty days as allowed by law;

IT IS ORDERED that emergency ordinance 2020-01 is hereby continued to be in full force and effect for an additional sixty days after its extended expiration date of June 11, and thus it shall expire on August 10, 2020, unless earlier repealed or further extended. All actions taken in accord with the state of emergency are hereby ratified and are in full force and effect.

ORDERED in meeting duly assembled this 17th day of August, 2020

Joe Passiment, Chairman

ATTEST: Sarah Brock, Clerk to Council

## EMERGENCY ORDINANCE No. 2020 / 05 EXTENDING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BEAUFORT COUNTY

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 County Council adopted emergency Ordinance No. 2020-01, declaring a state of emergency existed due to the effects of the COVID-19 coronavirus; and WHEREAS, since that time certain steps have been taken to protect public health and safety in accord with the authority vested in the County Council and following the orders of the Governor as well; and

WHEREAS, while those protective and preventative effects have succeeded in limiting the dangers of the COVID-19 virus, the dangers have not passed and ongoing protective and preventative measures are still necessary in the County; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2020, council adopted Emergency Ordinance 2020-02 which extended the state of emergency until June 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the state of emergency has continued to exist, uninterrupted, following the extension of the state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, County Council extended the state of emergency from June 11 to August 10 by Emergency Ordinance 2020-04;

NOW, THEREFORE, Beaufort County Council hereby finds that a state of emergency has continued to exist, uninterrupted, as evidenced by existing conditions and the Governor's extended declaration of a state of emergency for South Carolina with regard to the effects of the COVID-19 virus, thus necessitating the extension of the effective date of ordinance 2020-01 from August 10 for sixty days as allowed by law;

IT IS ORDERED that emergency ordinance 2020-01 is hereby continued to be in full force and effect for an additional sixty days after its extended expiration date of August 10, and thus it shall expire on October 9, 2020, unless earlier repealed or further extended. All acts taken in accord with the state of emergency are hereby ratified and have full force and effect.

ORDERED in meeting duly assembled this 17th day of August, 2020

Joe Passiment, Chairman

ATTEST: Sarah Brock, Clerk to Council