

# **Special Called Meeting of County Council**Beaufort County, SC

This meeting will be held at the County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, and virtually through Zoom.

Monday, April 18, 2022 4:00 PM

# **AGENDA**

- CALL TO ORDER
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION- CHAIRMAN PASSIMENT
- 3. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PUBLISHED, POSTED, AND DISTRIBUTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### CITIZEN COMMENTS

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS - (ANYONE who wishes to speak during the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting will limit their comments to no longer than three (3) minutes (a total of 15 minutes) and will address Council in a respectful manner appropriate to the decorum of the meeting, refraining from the use of profane, abusive, or obscene language)

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

6. THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A BUDGET AMENDMENT YEAR FISCAL YEAR 2022. FISCAL IMPACT- FUNDING WILL BE FROM THE OPERATING SURPLUS OF FISCAL-YEAR 2022

Vote at First Reading on March 28, 2022-11:0

Vote at Public Hearing and Second Reading on April 11, 2022- 10:0

7. ADJOURNMENT

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# **ITEM TITLE:**

Recommend approval of first reading of an Ordinance for a budget amendment year fiscal year 2022.

# **MEETING NAME AND DATE:**

Finance Committee March 21, 2022

#### PRESENTER INFORMATION:

Whitney Richland Deputy County Administrator and Hayes Williams Chief Financial Officer

15 to 20 minutes

#### **ITEM BACKGROUND:**

Administration has estimated a current year operating surplus of approximately \$9-11 million.

# PROJECT / ITEM NARRATIVE:

Administration recommends to using e the surplus to accomplish emergency repairs to the Bluffton Pool, partial funding of COVID pay for employees, TCL property acquisition for affordable housing, a cost of living adjustment for employees, Arthur Horne Building construction overage, the emergency purchase of EMS equipment, detention center deferred maintenance and property acquisition.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding will be from the projected operating surplus of fiscal year 2022.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:

Staff recommends that the County Council proceed with the first reading of the Ordinance.

# **OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL MOTION:**

Motion to approve/deny a budget amendment appropriating current year fiscal year 2022 surpluses.

Move forward to Council for First Reading on April 4, 2022,

# **Beaufort County**

List of projects/ initiatives for use of fiscal year 2022 surplus

|                                       | Estimated |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Project/initiative</b>             |           | Amount    |
| M.C. Riley Pool roof demolition       | \$        | 1,000,000 |
| ARPA payout                           |           | 1,750,000 |
| Cost of living adjustment             |           | 895,000   |
| Arthur Horne Building overage         |           | 900,000   |
| EMS ambulances, QRV's & equipment     |           | 1,900,000 |
| Detention Center deferred maintenance |           | 1,000,000 |
| Property Acquisition                  |           | 1,215,000 |
| Total                                 | \$        | 8,660,000 |

# ORDINANCE 2022/\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BEAUFORT COUNTY ORDINANCE 2021/20 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 BEAUFORT COUNTY BUDGET TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO PAY FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE BLUFFTON POOL, PARTIAL FUNDING OF COVID PAY FOR EMPLOYEES, AND THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF EMS EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

**WHEREAS,** on June 28, 2021, Beaufort County Council adopted Ordinance No. 2021/20 which set the County's FY 2021-2022 budget and associated expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined to be necessary and proper to appropriate certain funds for expenses which are immediate in need; and

**WHEREAS**, Council wishes to appropriate these additional funds from the current year operating surplus from the general fund; and

**WHEREAS,** in the interest of good accounting practices and transparency in the budget process it is beneficial and necessary to amend the budget to reflect this additional appropriation of funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED,** by Beaufort County Council that the FY 2021-2022 Beaufort County Budget Ordinance (Ordinance 2021/\_\_\_\_) is hereby amended as follows:

- 1. The sum of \$1,000,000 is hereby appropriated for emergency repairs to the Bluffton Pool.
- 2. The sum of \$1,750,000 is hereby appropriated to provide partial funding of COVID pay for employees.
- 3. The sum of \$895,000 is hereby appropriated to provide cost of living adjustment for Beaufort County.
- 4. The sum of \$900,000 is hereby appropriated to provide additional funding for the Arthur Horne Building Construction.
- 5. The sum of \$1,750,000 is hereby appropriated to provide funding for ambulances, QRV's and needed equipment.
- 6. The sum of \$1,000,000 is hereby appropriated to provide funding for the Detention Center deferred maintenance which has outlived its useful life.
- 7. The sum of \$1,215,000 is hereby appropriated to provide funding for the acquisition of properties adjacent to TCL and Ribaut Road.

The funds are to be appropriated from countywide general fund surplus for fiscal year 2022. As the numbers above are approximations, the County Administrator is authorized to approve additional funding in an amount not to exceed 20% of the original estimates.

| DONE this                     | _ day of May, | , 2022.                           |  |
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|                               | COUNT         | COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY |  |
|                               | By:           |                                   |  |
|                               |               | Joseph Passiment, Chairman        |  |
| ATTEST:                       |               |                                   |  |
|                               |               |                                   |  |
| Sarah Brock, Clerk to Council |               |                                   |  |
| First Reading:                |               |                                   |  |
| Second Reading:               |               |                                   |  |
| Public Hearing:               |               |                                   |  |
| Third Reading                 |               |                                   |  |