



Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee

Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, February 26, 2024

1:00 PM

AGENDA

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

MARK LAWSON, CHAIRMAN
DAVID P. BARTHOLOMEW
YORK GLOVER

ANNA MARIA TABERNIK, VICE-CHAIR
GERALD DAWSON
JOSEPH F. PASSIMENT, EX-OFFICIO

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. 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
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *January 22, 2024, Special Called Meeting*
6. **CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD- 15 MINUTES TOTAL**

Anyone who wishes to speak during the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting will limit their comments and speak no longer than three (3) minutes. Speakers will address Council in a respectful manner appropriate to the decorum of the meeting, refraining from the use of profane, abusive, or obscene language. In accordance with Beaufort County's Rules and Procedures, giving of a speaker's time to another is not allowed.

7. ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT- *Denise Christmas, CFO*
8. FINANCIAL UPDATES THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2024 - *Denise Christmas, CFO*

AGENDA ITEMS

9. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BEAUFORT COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE 2023/22 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 TO APPROPRIATE AND TRANSFER \$250,000 FROM FUND BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND TO THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (2546) TO COVER UNBUDGETED COSTS FOR THE DAUFUSKIE ISLAND FERRY OPERATIONS; TO INCLUDE THREE (3) SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS'

BUDGETS (FUNDS 2230, 2252, AND 2255) IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$402,918 WHICH WERE CONVERTED TO THE GENERAL FUND DURING THE CHART OF ACCOUNTS CONVERSION PROCESS; TOTAL AMENDMENT OF BUDGET ORDINANCE 2023/22 IS \$652,918 (**FISCAL IMPACT: An increase in the County's operating budget of \$652,918**) - Denise Christmas, CFO

10. PRESENTATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S FY25 PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (**FISCAL IMPACT: BCEDC is asking the council to consider creating a revolving fund of \$19,070,000 to seize short, medium, and long-term development opportunities. The funds would reside with the county and will be requested for specific acquisitions and infrastructure build out as the opportunities arise. Proceeds realized from the sales will replenish this fund**) - John O'Toole, Executive Director, Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation
11. A DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL PAY FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY POLL WORKERS (**FISCAL IMPACT: The request from the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Beaufort County is a total of \$80,000**) - Don Lucas, Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Beaufort County
12. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 66 TAXATION, ARTICLE V HOSPITALITY TAX OF THE BEAUFORT COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES - Brian Hulbert, Deputy County Attorney
13. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 66 TAXATION, ARTICLE II ACCOMMODATIONS TAX BOARD, DIVISION 1. GENERALLY AND DIVISION 2. ACCOMMODATIONS (3%) TAX - Brian Hulbert, Deputy County Attorney
14. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE STATE A-TAX FUNDS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE A-TAX COMMITTEE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SC CODE OF LAWS

Vote at First Reading on January 22, 2024- 6:5

Vote at Public Hearing and Second Hearing on February 12, 2024- Recommend to move back to Finance, Administration, and Economic Committee 9:2
15. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE OF A BUCKET TRUCK FOR TRAFFIC OPERATIONS (**FISCAL IMPACT: \$165,436**)
16. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF CISCO ENTERPRISE SUPPORT AGREEMENT RENEWAL. (**FISCAL IMPACT: Funding will come from IT Systems Management maintenance budget 51110 \$161,371 annually over the next 5 years**) - Shakeeya Polite, IT Director
17. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS
18. ADJOURNMENT

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