



County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, March 25, 2024
5:00 PM

AGENDA

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

JOSEPH F. PASSIMENT, CHAIRMAN
DAVID P. BARTHOLOMEW
LOGAN CUNNINGHAM
YORK GLOVER
MARK LAWSON
ANNA MARIA TABERNIK

LAWRENCE MCELYNN, VICE CHAIR
PAULA BROWN
GERALD DAWSON
ALICE HOWARD
THOMAS REITZ

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION- Council Member Alice Howard
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 - *February 26, 2024*
6. INVESTIGATION REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY HAYNSWORTH SINKLER BOYD, P.A.
7. ADMINISTRATION'S ACTIONS AS RESULT OF INVESTIGATIONS AND REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF HAYNSWORTH SINKER BOYD, P.A.
8. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

CITIZEN COMMENTS

9. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD - 15 MINUTES TOTAL

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

10. LIASION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ITEMS

11. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
12. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BEAUFORT COUNTY'S BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 (ORDINANCE NO. 2023/22) TO APPROPRIATE AND TRANSFER \$250,000 FROM FUND BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND TO THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (FUND 2546) TO COVER UNBUDGETED COSTS FOR THE DAUFUSKIE ISLAND FERRY OPERATIONS; TO APPROPRIATE AND TRANSFER \$3,600,000 FROM FUND BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 333 AND 335 BUCKWALTER PARKWAY PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 2023/14; TO INCLUDE THREE 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 \$4,252,918. ***(FISCAL IMPACT: An increase in the County's operating budget of \$4,252,918)***
13. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 66 TAXATION, ARTICLE V HOSPITALITY TAX OF THE BEAUFORT COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES
- Vote at First Reading on March 11, 2024 - 11:0*
14. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 66 TAXATION, ARTICLE II ACCOMMODATIONS TAX BOARD, DIVISION 1. GENERALLY AND DIVISION 2. ACCOMMODATIONS (3%) TAX
- Vote at First Reading on March 11, 2024- 10:1*
15. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE STATE A-TAX FUNDS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE A-TAX COMMITTEE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS. ***(FISCAL IMPACT: Funding will come from the State Accommodations Fund.)***
16. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROCUREMENT OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON SEVERAL PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN JASPER COUNTY AND KNOWN, COLLECTIVELY, AS GREGORIE NECK (PIN# 087-00-09-022, 087-00-09-023, 087-00-09-025, 087-00-09-031) ***(FISCAL IMPACT: \$1,000,000 from the Beaufort County Green Space Program Sales Tax Fund # 4706)***
17. MOTION TO CONSIDER AMENDING A PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION (RESOLUTION 2024/04) THAT AUTHORIZED THE PROVISION OF FUNDS TO THE LOWCOUNTRY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (LATS) FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY'S PORTION OF LOCAL MATCH FOR THE FOLLOWING TRANSPORTATION STUDIES: (1) THE NORTHERN BEAUFORT COUNTY TRANSIT STUDY, (2) THE SC 315/46 AND BLUFFTON PARKWAY EXTENSION STUDY, AND (3) THE BLUFFTON PARKWAY FROM SC 170 TO US 278 AT THE BLUFFTON PARKWAY FLYOVER STUDY; AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE REGIONAL STUDIES ***(FISCAL IMPACT: The match for the Bluffton Parkway's study will come from 2000 Bluffton impact fees professional services account 2300-30-0000-51160 with a balance of \$7,331,998.85. The match for the SC315/SC 46's study and the Northern Transit Study will***

come from Road Use Fee funds professional services account 2342-30-0000-51160 with a balance of \$1,558,409.65)

18. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA) WITH BEAUFORT JASPER WATER SEWER AUTHORITY, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION/INSTALLATION OF THE LOBECO/MORGAN ROAD WATERLINE PROJECT IGA WITH BJWSA FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER LINE TO SERVE THE LOBECO COMMUNITY. WATER LINE TO BE INSTALLED ON MORGAN ROAD BETWEEN TRASK PARKWAY AND JOHN MEEK WAY ***(FISCAL IMPACT: \$3,668,800)***
19. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 FOR THE REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMERCIAL DOCK AND UPGRADING OF EXISTING PROCESSING AND GRADING BUILDINGS AT GAY FISH COMPANY
20. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING FEE SUBSIDY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,765 REQUESTED BY LOWCOUNTRY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL UNITS IN NORTHERN BEAUFORT COUNTY ***(FISCAL IMPACT: \$11,765 AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND)***
21. RECOMMEND THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS MIKE, SR. TO THE BEAUFORT JASPER SEWER WATER AUTHORITY BOARD *(Once approved, this recommendation will be sent to the Beaufort County Legislative Delegation for further action)*

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23. ADJOURNMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

Items Originating from the Community Services and Land Use Committee

1. THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO CONVEY A PORTION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY BEAUFORT COUNTY WITH TMS NO. R510 005 000 0329 0000, LOCATED ON BEACH CITY ROAD, HILTON HEAD ISLAND (**FISCAL IMPACT: Beaufort County will receive \$30,250 from the Buyer. 70% of the funds from the sale will be deposited into the Rural and Critical Bond Fund (4500-80-0000-47010) to be used towards future acquisitions by the Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Program 30% of the funds will be reimbursed to the Town of Hilton Head**)

Vote at First Reading on February 26, 2024- 10:0

Vote at Public Hearing and Second Reading on March 11, 2024- 11:0

Items Originating from the Finance, Administration and Economic Development Committee

2. AGENCIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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