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, November 25, 2024
3:00 PM

AGENDA

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

MARK LAWSON, CHAIRMAN
ANNA MARIA TABERNIK, VICE-CHAIR
DAVID P. BARTHOLOMEW
GERALD DAWSON
YORK GLOVER
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- October 28, 2024
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
8. ARPA UPDATE - *Hank Amundson, Special Assistant to County Administrator*
9. UPDATE FROM BEAUFORT - JASPER WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY - *Charlie Stone, Director of Government Affairs*

AGENDA ITEMS

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10. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL OF AN ARPA PROJECT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUPPORT, THE PURCHASE OF LICENSE PLATE READING CAMERAS FOR THE BEAUFORT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ***(FISCAL IMPACT: $262,291.34 ARPA ACCOUNT # 2330-10-0000-54200)*** *- Beaufort County Sheriff's Department*

11. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BEAUFORT COUNTY PERSONNEL HANDBOOK POLICY SECTION 4.2 HOLIDAYS & HOLIDAY PAY AS AMENDED TO ADD JUNETEENTH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY AS A COUNTY-OBSERVED HOLIDAY ***(FISCAL IMPACT: Any fiscal impact is negligible) -*** *Katherine Mead, Beaufort County Human Resources Director*

12. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF A LIVE OAK TREE AT WHITEHALL PARK FROM THE FRIENDS OF WHITEHALL PARK - *Stefanie M. Nagid, Passive Parks Director*

13. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL OF AN ORDINANCE TO INVEST $4,300,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND IN AN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT BEAUFORT EXECUTIVE AIRPORT (ARW) TO FUND CONSTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT HANGERS. (**FISCAL IMPACT:** ***Each option improves ARW's financial position.*** **The backup package contains the details of each option.** ***Option 2 provides a favorable combination of investment and project financing that provides significant benefit to the County by executing a project that will generate revenue immediately upon completion. This revenue (from hangar rent and increased fuel sales) will help fund important deferred airfield safety and facility maintenance projects. The increase in based aircraft also increases aircraft property tax revenues.)*** *- Jon Rembold, Airports Director*

14. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT OPERATIONAL GRANT AWARD FROM THE COASTAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S BEAUFORT FUND GRANT PROGRAM ***(FISCAL IMPACT: Receipt of $14,000 to be applied to the Beaufort County Human Services Department "Contributions" 2503-50-0000-47030) -*** *Ben Boswell, Director Human Services*

15. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH PROJECT MICRO ***(FISCAL IMPACT: Company will be offered equivalent to base FILOT – 6% over a 20-year period) -*** *John O'Toole, Executive Director, Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation*

16. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL TO PLACE LAND PURCHASED BY PROJECT MICRO INTO AN EXISTING MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK – Project Micro ***(FISCAL IMPACT: Allocation of revenue would be 99% to Beaufort County and 1% to Jasper County in the Beaufort County portion of the park and 99% to Jasper County and 1% to Beaufort County in the Jasper County portion of the park. This project would fall within the Beaufort County portion of the park)*** *- John O'Toole, Executive Director, Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation*

17. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING - *Brittany Ward, County Attorney*

18. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR BROADBAND EXPANSION TO SERVE UNDERSERVED AREAS OF BEAUFORT COUNTY TO CONNECT HOLDING, LLC (AKA BRIGHT SPEED) FOR RFP #111824 (BEAUFORT COUNTY BROADBAND PROJECT) IN THE AMOUNT OF $367,069 TO BE FUNDED WITH ARPA FUNDS. ***(FISCAL IMPACT: $367,069 of remaining ARPA funds Acct. # 2330-40-0000-54100)*** *- Hank Amundson, Special Assistant to County Administrator*

19. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL OF A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE BROADBAND EVERYWHERE - CATEGORY 3 (BE-CAT3) GRANT PROGRAM END DATE AND ALLOW US TO EXPAND THE REMAINING $170,000 OF ARPA FUNDS IN ORDER TO SERVE NEW CUSTOMERS REACH BY ONGOING AND UPCOMING BROADBAND EXPANSION PROGRAMS.***(FISCAL IMPACT: $170,000.00 from ARPA funds to be used for Broadband assistance.)*** *- Hank Amundson, Special Assistant to County Administrator*

20. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL OF A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE BEAUFORT COUNTY LOCAL ACCOMMODATION TAX AND LOCAL HOSPITALITY TAX FY25 LIST OF COUNTY PROJECTS. (**FISCAL IMPACT:** ***None- All projects must be properly procured and come back to committee and council as appropriate prior to funds being committed. Dollars amounts listed in the schedule are estimates which must be fully vetted via the planning and procurement process)*** *-John Robinson, Assistant County Administrator - Public Safety*

21. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT A FEDERAL SUBAWARD GRANT FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR $23,229.60. (**FISCAL IMPACT:** ***No fiscal impact. No matching funds are required)*** *- John Robinson, Assistant County Administrator - Public Safety*

22. DISCUSSION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK MITCHELL OR MARK PRESNELL TO THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM WITH THE EXPIRATION DATE OF NOVEMBER 2028.

23. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

24. ADJOURNMENT

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