County Council Meeting
Beaufort County, SC

Hilton Head Island Branch Library
Beach City Road
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

Monday, January 26, 2026
6:00 PM

AGENDA

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Alice Howard, Chair
David P. Bartholomew
Logan Cunningham
York Glover
Lawrence McElynn
Thomas Reitz
Anna Maria Tabernik, Vice-Chair
Paula Brown
Gerald Dawson
Mark Lawson
Joseph Passiment

1. CALL TO ORDER: Alice Howard, Chair
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION: Anna Maria Tabernik, Vice-Chair
3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FOIA: Alice Howard, Chair
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
    a. Minutes from Caucus and Council January 12, 2026.
6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - 30 MINUTES TOTAL
8. LIAISON AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
    - Community Services Committee
    - Natural Resources Committee
    - Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee
    - Public Facilities Committee
9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Items Originating from the Executive Committee

1. Appointment and Reappointments to the Airports Board for a two-year term with the expiration date of February 2028.

    - Eli Roth - Term to be served: 1st (Appointed by the Town of Hilton Head)
    - Mark Bailey - Term to be served: 4th
    - Rich Sells - Term to be served: 2nd
    - James Starne s- Term to be served: 2nd

2. Reappointments to the Bluffton Township Fire District for a four-year term with the expiration date of February 2030.

    - Rick Krob - Term to be served: 3rd
    - Joseph Paolo - Term to be served: 4th

3. Reappointment to the Design Review Board for a four-year term with the expiration date of February 2030.

    - James Atkins - Term to be Served: 6th

4. Reappointments to the Keep Beaufort County Beautiful Board for a four-year term with the expiration date of February 2030.

    - Ford Bartholow - Term to be served: 2nd
    - Jean Fruh - Term to be served: 3rd
    - Brenda McFee - Term to be served: 2nd
    - Christopher Campbell - Term to be served: 4th
    - Pamela Floyd - Term to be served: 4th
    - Eugene Zapfel - Term to be served: 2nd

5. Reappointments to the Parks and Recreation Board for a four-year term with the expiration date of February 2030.

    - Christian Kata - Term to be served: 2nd
    - Ariel Perry - Term to be served: 2nd

6. Reappointments to the Stormwater Management Utility Board for a four-year term with the expiration date of February 2030.

    - Dennis Ross - Term to be served: 2nd
    - Ronald Buchanan - Term to be served: 2nd
    - Steven Andrews - Term to be served: 2nd

7. Reappointment to the Accommodations Tax (2% State) Board for a four-year term with the expiration date of February 2030.

    - Anita Singleton-Prather - Term to be served: 5th

8. Reappointments to the Planning Commission for a three-year term with an expiration date of February 2029.

    - Jonathan Henney - Term to be served: 2nd

- Gail Murray - Term to be served: 3rd
- Dennis Ross - Term to be served: 2nd
- Glenn Miller Jr. - Term to be served 2nd

9. Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term with the expiration date of February 2029.

    - Kevin Mack - Term to be served: 7th

b. Items Originating from Public Facilities Committee

1. Approval of a change order to O'Quinn Marine Construction Inc for the Melrose Dock Repairs for additional work ($161,315)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

10. AGENDA ITEM

a. Replacement of the Welcome to Beaufort County sign along US 278 by Keep Beaufort County Beautiful Board.

b. In accordance with Resolution 2025/70, approval of Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Appointments

11. ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:

a. 2025/53: An Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance and Possible Eminent Domain Associated with a Drainage Easement located in Rivers End Subdivision Identified as Open Area in Plat Book 59 at page 118.

The vote at Public Facilities Committee on November 17, 2025 - 8:0
The vote at First Reading on December 8, 2025 - 9:0
The vote at Second Reading and Public Hearing on January 12, 2026 - 11:0

12. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

a. 2026/01: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Map for 231.58 Acres (R100 025 000 0084 0000, R100 025 000 0110 0000, R100 020 000 047A 0000, R100 026 00A 0260 0000, R100 026 00A 0261 0000, R300 028 000 0016 0000, R300 028 000 016A 0000, R300 015 000 076B 0000, R100 033 00A 0022 0000, R600 009 000 0030 0000, R600 013 000 0048 0000, R600 009 000 0003 0000, R600 005 000 004D 0000, R600 021 000 0078 0000, R600 029 000 0054 0000, R600 021 000 0819 0000) from S1, T2R, T3HN, T4HC, C4CCMU, and C5RCMU to T1NP.

The vote at Natural Resources Committee on November 3, 2025 - 6:2
The vote at First Reading and Public Hearing on January 12, 2026 - 7:4
At their October 6 meeting, the Planning Commission voted unanimously (9:0) to recommend approval.

13. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

a. 2026/02: An Ordinance Authorizing the County Administrator to Execute the Necessary Documents and Provide Funding for the Purchase of Real Property Located at 1451 Ribaut Road (TMS No. R110 009 000 0031 0000) from Drayton-Parker Companies LLC in the amount of $700,000 plus closing costs

The vote at Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee on January 20, 2026 -

9:0

14. RESOLUTIONS:

    a. 2026/01: A Resolution of Beaufort County Council adopting a step pay scale, amending section 4.1 of the Beaufort County Personnel Handbook (Compensation Plan), and authorizing implementation with a retroactive effective date.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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