County Council Meeting
Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, February 23, 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: Lawrence McElynn, Council Member
3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FOIA: Alice Howard, Chair
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
    a. Minutes from February 9, 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 Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee

1. Approval of Hawkers and Peddlers License Fees for 2026

   The vote at the Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee Meeting on February 17, 2026 - 8:0

b. Items Originating from the Public Facilities and Safety Committee

1. Beaufort County Historical Society is seeking permission to place a historical marker on County property at Bladen and Boundary Street.

   The vote at Public Facilities Committee on February 17, 2026 - 8:0

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

10. AGENDA ITEMS

a. Appointment of Michael Szczechowski to the Airports Board for a two-year term with an expiration date of February 2028.

b. Appointment of Glenn Williams to the Bluffton Township Fire District Board for a four-year term with an expiration date of February 2030.

c. Appointment of Bailey Kalvar to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board for a four-year term with an expiration date of February 2030, pending approval by the Governors Office.

d. Appointment of Marilyn Mitchell to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board for a four-year term with an expiration date of February 2030, pending approval by the Governors Office.

e. Appointment of Michael Glosque to the Keep Beaufort County Beautiful Board for a four-year term with an expiration date of February 2030.

f. Appointment of Angela Baldree, District 3 - to the Library Board for a four-year term with the expiration date of February 2030.

g. Appointment of Mary Olodun, District 7- to the Library Board for a four-year term with an expiration date of February 2030.

h. Appointment of Jaquelyn Howard, District 8 - to the Library Board for a four-year term with an expiration date of February 2030.

i. Appointment of Dahlia Handman, District 10 - to the Library Board for a four-year term with the expiration date of February 2030.

j. Appointment of Joseph Maiorano to the Zoning Board for a three-year term with an expiration date of February 2029.

11. ORDINANCES FOR THIRD 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. **PUBLIC HEARING**

   The vote at Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee on January 20, 2026 - 9:0
   The vote at First Reading on January 26, 2026 - 11:0
   The vote at Second Reading on February 9, 2026 - 10:0

12. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

    a. 2026/03: An Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a drainage easement located on Leo Green Rd. **PUBLIC HEARING**

       The vote at Public Facilities and Safety Committee on January 20, 2026 - 10:0
       The vote at First Reading on February 9, 2026 - 10:0.

    b. 2026/05: An Ordinance authorizing the abandonment of a drainage easement recorded in Deed Book 3695 at Pages 3345-3347 & Deed Book 3695 at Pages 3348-3350 located off Gumwood Drive in northern Lady's Island. **PUBLIC HEARING**

       The vote at Public Facilities and Safety Committee on January 20, 2026 - 9:0
       The vote at First Reading on February 9, 2026 - 10:0

13. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

    a. 2026/06: An Ordinance adding a new Section 54-8 to the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances so as to prohibit and make unlawful the discharge of firearms in certain unincorporated areas of the county, to provide the penalty pertaining to such violations, and to provide certain expectations and limitations thereto.

       The vote at Community Services and Public Safety Committee on February 3, 2026 - 6:2

    b. 2026/07: An ordinance amending the Zoning map for 5 acres (R300 016 000 0063 0000, R300 016 000 0064 0000, R300 016 000 0065 0000) from T3HN to T4VC.

       The vote at Natural Resources Committee on February 3, 2026 - 6:0:1

14. RESOLUTIONS:

    a. 2026/05: A Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute the documents necessary and to provide funds to contribute to the procurement by the applicant, the Open Land Trust, for a conservation easement on property located in the Town of Hilton Head Island known as the Simmons Tracts (pin# R510 010 000 0008 0000, R510 010 000 0647 0000), not to exceed ($1,545,000).

    b. 2026/04: A Resolution repealing Resolution 2024/54 and Resolution 2019/31 and replacing them with Resolution 2026/04 to revise the policies and procedures for processing applications for Beaufort County 3% Local Accommodations Tax Funds and 2% Hospitality Tax Funds.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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