County Council Meeting
Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, March 9, 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: Gerald Dawson, Council Member
3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FOIA: Alice Howard, Chair
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
    a. Minutes from Caucus and Council February 23,2026.
6. PRESENTATION
    a. Presentation of the Time Capsule commemorating Beaufort's bicentennial celebration of the Marquis de Lafayette's historic visit to Beaufort in March 1825. - *Lise Sundrla*
7. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
8. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - 30 MINUTES TOTAL
9. LIAISON AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
    - Community Services Committee
    - Natural Resources Committee
    - Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee
    - Public Facilities Committee

10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Items Originating from the Public Facilities and Safety Committee

1. Approval of a Contract to Gulf Stream Construction Co. for the Rivers End Drainage Improvements Project ($1,419,054.63).

2. Approval of Contract to Low Country Commercial Services for Janitorial Services at Hilton Head Island Airport ($608,108.16).

3. Approval of a contract to W.M. Roebuck for Installation of Traffic Signal Mast Arm Poles at Bluffton Parkway at River Ridge Drive.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

11. DISCUSSION ITEM

a. Discussion of a Hate Crime Ordinance

12. AGENDA ITEMS

a. Appointment of Janet Shelley to the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees for a four-year term with an expiration date of February 2030.

b. Appointment of Alice Howard to the Southern Carolina Alliance Board of Directors and the Southern Carolina Alliance Board of Directors Executive Committee for a three-year term with an expiration date of February 2029.

c. Approval of Funding to allow for Subsidies of Impact Fees for Qualified Affordable Housing pursuant to Ordinance 2015/28 and Chapter 82 Section 33 of the Beaufort County General Code of Ordinances.

The vote at County Council on January 12, 2026 - 7:4
Council referred this item back to the Natural Resource Committee during the liaison and committee report at the County Council meeting on January 12, 2026
The vote at Natural Resources Committee on February 3, 2026 - 5:2

13. ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:

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

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
The vote at Second Reading and Public Hearing on February 23, 2026 - 11:0

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.

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
The vote at Second Reading and Public Hearing on February 23, 2026 - 11:0

14. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND 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. **PUBLIC HEARING**

   The vote at Community Services and Public Safety Committee on February 3, 2026 - 6:2
   The vote at First Reading on February 23, 2026 - 7:4

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. **PUBLIC HEARING**

   The vote at Natural Resources Committee on February 3, 2026 - 6:0:1
   The vote at First Reading on February 23, 2026 - 8:2:1
   At their November 3, 2025 meeting, the Planning Commission voted 8-0 recommending approval of the rezoning.

15. RESOLUTIONS:

a. 2026/06: A Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to enter a Memorandum of Agreement with Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island for Mutual Emergency Medical Services Response.

   The vote at Community Services and Public Safety Committee on March 2, 2026 - 7:0

b. 2026/07: A Resolution Recognizing April As Fair Housing Month

   The vote at Community Services and Public Safety Committee on March 2, 2026 - 7:0

c. 2026/08: A Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Port Royal Sound Foundation for collaboration on natural resource monitoring and outreach, including work on the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant awarded to the County.

   The vote at Community Services and Public Safety Committee on March 2, 2026 - 7:0

16. ADJOURNMENT

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