County Council Meeting
Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, March 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: Thomas Reitz, Council Member
3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FOIA: Alice Howard, Chair
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
    a. Minutes from Caucus and County Council March 9, 2026.
6. PROCLAMATION
    a. Proclamation recognizing March as Disabilities Awareness Month - *Council Member David Bartholomew*
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 Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee

1. Approval of a contract amendment to Fraser Construction for the construction portion of the Sun City Fire/EMS Station 39 ($5,348,446)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

11. AGENDA ITEMS

a. Consideration of options to fund USCB's Convocation Center
Finance, Administration, & Economic Development Committee voted to deny approval - 4:4
(FISCAL IMPACT: It will be dependent on which option the Council chooses.) - Pinky Harriott, CGFO
Chief Financial Officer

12. ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:

a. 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
The vote at First Reading on February 23, 2026 - 8:2:1
The vote at Second Reading and Public Hearing on March 9, 2026 - 8:2:1
At their November 3, 2025 meeting, the Planning Commission voted 8-0 recommending approval of the rezoning.

13. 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 exceptions and limitations thereto.

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
Public Hearing was held on March 9, 2026
The vote to postpone Second Reading until the March 23, 2026 County Council Meeting - 10:0

14. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

a. 2026/08: An ordinance to amend Ordinance 2023/26 to reallocate funds previously appropriated for Daufuskie Island Ferry embarkation points to Sun City Joint Fire/EMS Station (Station #39).

The vote at Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee on March 16, 2026 - 8:0

b. 2026/09: An Ordinance to reallocate the funds from the 2025 Series GO Bond for Passive Parks projects. **(FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact. The same dollar amount is going from two projects to four projects of $5,940,912.)** - Pinky Harriott, CGFO - Chief Financial Officer
Stefanie Nagid- Land Preservation Director

15. RESOLUTIONS:

a. 2026/09: A Resolution authorizing acceptance of an adjusted compensation plan for public safety

pay bands 400 through 414 - detention center.

b. 2026/10: A Resolution ratifying the findings and recommendations of the supplemental compensation and classification study for an Elected Office as part of the Beaufort County Employee Classification and Compensation Plan.
This item is being brought straight to council.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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