



County Council Meeting Beaufort County, SC

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

Monday, May 11, 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: Mark Lawson, Council Member
3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FOIA: Alice Howard, Chair
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Minutes from County Council Budget Workshop on April 20, 2026, Caucus, and County Council Meeting on April 27, 2026.
6. PROCLAMATION
 - a. Proclamation recognizing May 6–12 as National Nurses Week.
 - b. Proclamation recognizing May 10-16 as National Hospital Week.
 - c. Proclamation recognizing May 3-9 as National Correction Officers Week.
 - d. Proclamation recognizing May 17-23 as Emergency Medical Services Week.
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. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Presentation of Sales Tax Recommendations by the Transportation Advisory Committee

11. AGENDA ITEM

- Consideration of the Real Property Covenant and Land Use Restrictions provided by the Town of Bluffton for their Green Space Program application (Buckwalter PUD Tracts – Parcels 5A & 5B), located in the Town of Bluffton

12. ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:

- 2026/10: An Ordinance to reallocate remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$739,108.13 towards existing projects as obligated to the Department of Treasury.

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

The vote at First Reading on April 13, 2026 - 11:0

The vote at Second Reading and Public Hearing on April 27, 2026 - 10:0

- 2026/11: An Ordinance Authorizing the County Administrator to Execute the necessary documents and provide funding for the purchase of real property located at 641 Sea Island Parkway.

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

The vote at First Reading on April 13, 2026 - 11:0

The vote at Second Reading and Public Hearing on April 27, 2026 - 10:0

- 2026/12: An Ordinance authorizing the County Administrator to execute the necessary documents to convey five parcels of real property TMS Nos. R120 005 000 0105 0000, R120 005 000 0127 0000, R120 005 000 0132 0000, R120 005 000 132A 0000, R120 005 000 0133 0000, to the Beaufort Jasper Housing Trust for development of attainable housing in partnership with Beaufort Memorial Hospital and other matters related thereto.

The vote at Public Facilities Committee on March 16, 2026 - 7:0

The vote at First Reading on April 13, 2026 - 11:0

The vote at Second Reading and Public Hearing on April 27, 2026 - 10:0

- 2026/13: An Ordinance to amend Beaufort County's Ordinance Chapter 38 Environment, Article VII Green Space Program, Section 38-196 Method of Program and Procedures of the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances.

The vote at Natural Resources Committee on April 06, 2026 - 7:0

The vote at First Reading on April 13, 2026 - 11:0

The vote at Second Reading and Public Hearing on April 27, 2026 - 10:0

- 2026/14: 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 civil penalty pertaining to such violations, and to provide certain exceptions and limitations thereto.

The vote at Community Services and Public Safety Committee on April 6, 2026 - 9:0

The vote at First Reading on April 13, 2026 - 11:0

The vote at Second Reading and Public Hearing on April 27, 2026 - 10:0

- f. 2026/16: An Ordinance authorizing the County Administrator to execute the necessary documents to convey a parcel of real property TMS No. R100 033 00A 021B 000 to the Habitat for Humanity of the Lowcountry for development of workforce/affordable housing and other matters related thereto.

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

The vote at First Reading on April 13, 2026 - 11:0

The vote at Second Reading and Public Hearing on April 27, 2026 - 10:0

13. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

- a. 2026/17: An Ordinance to amend Beaufort County's Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2026 (ordinance no. 2025/29) to appropriate General Fund Fund Balance for the purpose of purchasing a helicopter for BCSO; redemption of certain General Obligation Bonds; and fully fund the Buckwalter Recreation Athletic Complex Expansion project.

The vote at Finance, Administration, and Economic Development Committee on April 20, 2026 - 9:0

The vote at First Reading on April 27, 2026 - 8:2

- b. 2026/18: An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property from the Town of Hilton Head Island for the St. James Baptist Church Relocation Project.

The vote at Public Facilities Committee on April 20, 2026 - 10:0

The vote at First Reading on April 27, 2026 - 10:0

- c. 2026/19: An Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance of Real Property to St. James Baptist Church Following Completion of the Relocation Project.

The vote at Public Facilities Committee on April 20, 2026 - 10:0

The vote at First Reading on April 27, 2026 - 10:0

- d. 2026/22: An Ordinance to amend the current Disaster Recovery Ordinance.

The vote at Public Facilities Committee on April 20, 2026 - 10:0

The vote at First Reading on April 27, 2026 - 10:0

- e. 2026/23: An Ordinance authorizing the County Administrator to execute all necessary documents to convey the County's Right of Way Interest in a segment of Scheper Lane to SCDOT and to accept the SCDOT Right of Way Interest in a segment of Roosevelt Avenue into the County Road Inventory.

The vote at Public Facilities Committee on April 20, 2026 - 10:0

The vote at First Reading on April 27, 2026 - 10:0

- f. 2026/24: An Ordinance authorizing the County Administrator to execute any and all necessary documents for the acceptance of a portion of Airport Circle (S-776) which is to be abandoned by SCDOT.

The vote at Public Facilities Committee on April 20, 2026 - 10:0

The vote at First Reading on April 27, 2026 - 10:0

- g. 2026/25: An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of an undeveloped portion of real property adjacent to Nanny Cove Road located in a section of Palmetto Beach in Bluffton Township, Beaufort County.

The vote at Public Facilities Committee on April 20, 2026 - 10:0

The vote at First Reading on April 27, 2026 - 10:0

14. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

- a. 2026/26: An Ordinance amending Chapter 38 Environment, Article VI Single Use Plastic Bags; Article VI Section 38-161 Purpose and Intent; Section 38-162 Definitions; Section 38-163 Regulations; Section 38-164 Exemptions; and Section 38-166 Effective Date and Review of the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances.

The vote at Natural Resources Committee on April 6, 2026 - 5:2

15. ADJOURNMENT

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