

**MINUTES
GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE**

February 25, 2019

Executive Conference Room, Administration Building
Beaufort County Government Robert Smalls Complex
100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, South Carolina 29902

The electronic and print media duly notified in
accordance with the State Freedom of Information Act.

ATTENDANCE

- Present: Committee Chairman Paul Sommerville, Committee Vice Chairman Mark Lawson, and members Brian Flewelling, Alice Howard and Lawrence McElynn.
- Ex-officio: Michael Covert, Gerald Dawson, York Glover, Chris Hervochon, Joseph Passiment and Stu Rodman. (Non-committee members of Council serve as *ex-officio* members and are entitled to vote.)
- Staff: Phil Foot, Assistant County Administrator-Public Safety; Chris Inglese, Assistant County Attorney; Tom Keaveny, County Attorney; Tallulah Trice, Director, Animal Services Department; and John Weaver, Interim County Administrator.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sommerville called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Mrs. Howard, seconded by Mr. McElynn, that Committee approve the agenda as presented. The vote: YEAS – Mr. Covert, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Flewelling, Mrs. Howard, Mr. McElynn, Mr. Passiment and Mr. Sommerville. Mr. Glover and Mr. Rodman were not yet present. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mrs. Howard, seconded by Mr. McElynn, that Committee approve the minutes as presented. The vote: YEAS – Mr. Covert, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Flewelling, Mrs. Howard, Mr. McElynn, Mr. Passiment and Mr. Sommerville. Mr. Glover and Mr. Rodman arrived late. The motion passed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Item: Text Amendments to the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14: Animals – Tallulah Trice & Chris Inglese

Discussion: The proposed amendments to the County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14: Animals are as follows:

- 1) Added definition of “provocation”
- 2) Removed Section 14-32 paragraph 6 down to a subset (b) and added language clarifying discretionary power of magistrate
- 3) Added language holding in abeyance the temporary restraints in instance when Animal Shelter takes temporary possession of a dangerous animal

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Flewelling, seconded by Mrs. Howard, that Committee recommend Council approve on first reading text amendments to the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14: Animals. The vote: YEAS – Mr. Covert, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Flewelling, Mr. Glover, Mr. Hervochon, Mrs. Howard, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Passiment, Mr. Rodman and Mr. Sommerville. The motion passed.

Recommendation: Mr. McElynn recommended Mr. Inglese to expound and be more specific about intentional and accidental provocation to allow Magistrate Judges to determine if incidents were provoked, unprovoked, accidental or deliberate.

Item: Consideration of Appointments and Reappointments / Burton Fire District Commission

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Flewelling, seconded by Mr. Lawson, that Committee recommend Council appoint Stan Ganshow to serve as a member on the Burton Fire District Commission. The vote: YEAS – Mr. Covert, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Flewelling, Mr. Glover, Mr. Hervochon, Mrs. Howard, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Passiment and Mr. Rodman and Mr. Sommerville. The motion passed.

Recommendation: Council appoint Stan Ganshow to serve as a member of the Burton Fire District Commission.

Item: Consideration of Appointments and Reappointments / Parks and Recreation Board

Motion: It was moved by Mr. McElynn, seconded by Mr. Flewelling that Committee recommend Council reappoint Arthur Middleton and Erac Priester to serve as members of the Parks and Recreation Board. The vote: YAYS – Mr. Covert, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Flewelling, Mr. Glover, Mr. Hervochon, Mrs. Howard, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Passiment, Mr. Rodman and Mr. Sommerville. The motion passed.

Recommendation: Council reappoint Arthur Middleton and Erac Priester to serve as members of the Parks and Recreation Board.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item: Update / Public Safety Division – Phil Foot

Discussion: Mr. Foot, Assistant County Administrator-Public Safety, announced the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the new County Animal Campus will be held Saturday, March 30, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Ms. Tallulah Trice, Director, Animal Services Director, presented to Committee the Animal Services Calendar Year 2018 Year-End Report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Ratified by Committee: March 25, 2019