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Beaufort County Northern Regional Plan Implementation Committee Agenda

Friday, June 23, 2023 9:00 AM

Executive Conference Room, Administration Building

Robert Smalls Complex, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort

CALL TO ORDER

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. FOIA – PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PUBLISHED, POSTED, AND DISTRIBUTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.
3. APPROVAL OF [MINUTES](#) – MAY 26, 2023
4. CITIZEN COMMENTS (*Comments are limited to 3 minutes.*)

OLD BUSINESS

5. UPDATE ON EX-OFFICIO MILITARY SEAT ON COMMITTEE

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

6. VOTE TO MOVE PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS REGARDING THE THREE EXISTING MILITARY BASES TO THIS MEETING – MAYOR JOE DeVITO
7. WOODS MEMORIAL BRIDGE MODIFICATION TO OPENING SCHEDULE – MAYOR STEPHEN MURRAY AND COUNCIL MEMBER DAVID BARTHOLOMEW
8. REPORT BACK FROM SOLOCO ON GROWTH BOUNDARIES – COUNCIL MEMBER ALICE HOWARD
9. DISCUSSION ABOUT COORDINATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY

DISCUSSION ITEMS - UPDATES

10. LIST OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
11. SELECTION OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEM(S)

ADJOURNMENT

12. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, JULY 28, 9:00 A.M. ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE.



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The regular meeting of the Beaufort County Northern Regional Plan Implementation Committee (hereinafter “Committee”) was held in Executive Conference Room on Friday, May 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Pappas, Chair
Sue Cosner, Vice Chair
Jerry Ashmore
David Bartholomew
Joe DeVito
York Glover
Alice Howard
Mike McFee
Stephen Murray

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Earl Campbell
Gerald Dawson
Mitch Mitchell
Colin Moore

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Robert Merchant, Planning and Zoning Director
Mrs. Chris DiJulio-Cook, Senior Administrative Specialist
Ms. Kristen Forbus, Long Range Planner

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Ed Pappas called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Pappas led those assembled in the pledge of allegiance.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES: Council Member York Glover made a motion to approve the April 28, 2023 minutes. Mayor Joe DeVito seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Mr. Pappas asked if there were any non-agenda citizen comments. There were none.

PRESENTATION:

Ms. Stephanie Rossi, LCOG, explained that she had set up a virtual meeting with SCDOT and FHWA representatives, Christina Lewis, Lyle Reed, Joe Stearn, Jim Wilden, and Mark Pleasant, at the request of the members of NRPIC, to discuss the potential of an additional MPO. She mentioned that there was not a formal presentation, but she had included some discussion questions in the agenda packets.

After much discussion, the overall decision was to not create a new MPO but remain together in the current MPO.

DISCUSSION ITEMS - UPDATES:

Mayor Stephen Murray gave an update on the Metropolitan Planning Commission. He stated that the City of Beaufort is going to stand up its own Planning Commission and combine it with the City's Design Review Board to develop a more comprehensive review for development projects. He also mentioned they are making staff changes and bringing in architects and senior planners and working on 140+ code changes over the next nine months. Council Member Alice Howard made a comment, for the record, that she didn't think that it was a good idea.

Mayor Murray brought up the idea of having a spot on the committee for the military. Mrs. Howard mentioned that they'd previously held an ex-officio seat. Mayor Joe DeVito confirmed that the military had an ex-officio seat in the past but wasn't sure why they no longer came. Mary Ryan Krieger was asked to look further into it, with the military, for next month.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Pappas adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Future Agenda Items:

- ❖ Review the original plan and see what's left to accomplish (e.g.: critical setback lines, environmental standards) – readdress five-year updates as discussed in plan
- ❖ Public safety, north of the Broad (Fire/EMS)
- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Review of growth boundaries
- ❖ Potential traffic challenges if/when Woods Memorial Bridge closes to vehicular traffic / Potential need for a new bridge, not as a third bridge but as a replacement for the second (if left with only McTeer)
- ❖ John O'Toole, Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation
- ❖ BJWSA – Capacity Concerns and Development Coordination
- ~~❖ Request Mr. Merchant give a presentation/abridged history lesson of the plan for the next meeting~~
- ~~❖ Additional MPO~~