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Board of Commissioners
Organizational/Regular Meeting
6:00 PM Monday, December 11, 2023
Beaufort Fire Department
506 Live Oak Street

Presentation of the Colors, Beaufort Fire Department Honor Guard

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

Mayor Sharon Harker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Elizabeth Lewis, Town Clerk, called the roll.

PRESENT:

Mayor Harker
Mayor Pro Tem Hagle
Commissioner Cooper
Commissioner Hollinshed
Commissioner Oliver
Commissioner Terwilliger

Agenda Approval

Commissioner Hagle made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Items of Consent

1. Meeting Minutes- November 13th
2. FY 2024 Budget Amendment #5
3. Acceptance of the 2023 Town of Beaufort Municipal Election Results

Commissioner Hagle made a motion to approve the Items of Consent.

The motion carried unanimously.

Administration of Oaths

Town Clerk, Elizabeth Lewis, administered the oaths of office as follows:

1. Sharon E. Harker, Mayor Elect

    I, Sharon E. Harker, do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Mayor for the Town of Beaufort, so help me God.

2. Paula Gillikin, Commissioner Elect

    I, Paula Gillikin, do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Commissioner for the Town of Beaufort, so help me God.

3. Sarah Spiegler, Commissioner Elect

    I, Sarah Spiegler, do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Commissioner for the Town of Beaufort, so help me God.

4. John LoPiccolo, Commissioner Elect

    I, John LoPiccolo, do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Commissioner for the Town of Beaufort, so help me God.

Recognition of Outgoing Commissioners

Mayor Harker recognized the three outgoing Commissioners as follows: Bob Terwilliger, Marianna Hollinshed, and John Hagle.

Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore

Commissioner Cooper opened the floor for nominations of Mayor Pro Tem.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner LoPiccolo nominated Commissioner Oliver.

Commissioner Spiegler nominated Commissioner Cooper.

Commissioner Cooper closed the floor for nominations of Mayor Pro Tem.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lewis called the roll:

Commissioner Spiegler voted for Commissioner Cooper
Commissioner LoPiccolo voted for Commissioner Oliver
Commissioner Oliver voted for Commissioner Cooper
Commissioner Gillikin voted for Commissioner Oliver
Commissioner Cooper voted for Commissioner Cooper.

Commissioner Cooper was selected to serve as Mayor Pro Tem with a 3-2 vote.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments

The newly elected Commissioners shared excitement to serve Beaufort in their new role.

Both Commissioner Oliver and Commissioner Cooper welcomed the new Board members and shared kind words about Bob Terwilliger, John Hagle, and Marianna Hollinshed.

Mayor Harker thanked staff for organizing the meeting. She also welcomed the new Board and noted the importance of working together to achieve goals in the upcoming year.

Adjourn

Commissioner Oliver made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Sharon E. Harker, Mayor

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 Elizabeth Lewis, Town Clerk