

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CHESTERFIELD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
April 7, 2021 ..... 9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Al Johnson, Vice-Chair Douglas A. Curtis, Council Members: Hattie Burns, Gerald L. Miller, Ralph E. Watson, William R. Butler, Mary Anderson and Ben Conklin.

**ABSENT:** Council Member Bruce E. Rivers.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tim Eubanks – Administrator, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Administration Office Manager, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, James Dixon – Sheriff, Chris Page – Chief Deputy, Kip Kiser - Coroner, Stacey Short - Pee Dee Coalition, Charlotte Gaddy – Pee Dee Coalition, Jeff McCarn – Public Works, Rose Gainey – Recycling, Chad Arant – Emergency Management, John James, Deputy Coroner, Lori Holm, Ken Riley, Adam M. Foard - CCEDB, Tommy Sellers - CCEDB, Cherry McCoy – CCEDB, Roger Smith – Chesterfield County Soil and Water Conservation District, Dwight Johnson – Chesterfield County Soil and Water Conservation District, Don Worthington – Pageland Progressive Journal and Robert Monnie – The Link. There were others attending the meeting who did not sign the sign-in-sheet.

**PRESS:** Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 178 Mill Street, Chesterfield, SC, and the County Website ([www.chesterfieldcountysc.com](http://www.chesterfieldcountysc.com)). In addition it was made available to the newspapers and concerned citizens (*upon request*). Members of the press present: Don Worthington – The Pageland Progressive Journal and Robert Monnie – The Link.

**CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER**

Chairman Johnson welcomed everyone and Council Member Wm. Rhett Butler opened the meeting with prayer.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chairman Johnson advised that there was a need to amend the agenda to place Agenda Item 19 Budget Workshop before Agenda Item 18a Executive Session. There was also a need for Council to enter into Executive Session pursuant to S.C. Code § Section 30-4-70(a)(2) for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, regarding the following: Senate Bill 401.

Council Member Butler made a motion to adopt the April 7, 2021 regular meeting agenda with said amendments. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. March 3, 2021 – Regular Meeting**

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the March 3, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Butler, Anderson, Miller, Watson, Burns and Conklin. Vice-Chair Curtis did not vote, as he was not present at the March 3, 2021 Council meeting. Motion passed.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**a. Stacey Short and Charlotte Gaddy, Pee Dee Coalition – Declaring April Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention Month - Proclamation**

Ms. Stacey Short and Ms. Charlotte Gaddy appeared before Council to advise of plans in the County in recognition of April being designated as Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to declare the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention Month. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**a. Lease-Purchase Agreement Ordinance (motor grader, 2 dump trucks and roll off truck) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Miller made a motion to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**b. Wal-Mart FILOT Ordinance Amendment –1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Council Member Burns made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**c. 2021/2022 Cash RFD Budget Ordinance – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, by title only**

Council Member Burns made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, *by title only*. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**d. 2021/2022 Harris Creek RFD Budget Ordinance – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, by title only**

Council Member Burns made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, *by title only*. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**e. 2021/2022 Alligator RFD Budget Ordinance – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, by title only**

Council Member Conklin made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, *by title only*. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**f. 2021/2022 General Fund Budget Ordinance – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, by title only**

Council Member Butler made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, *by title only*. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**g. Ordinance Authorizing Conveyance of Property to SCDOT – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, by title only**

Council Member Anderson made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, *by title only*. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**h. \$613,000 GO Bond Ordinance – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, by title only**

Council Member Watson made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, *by title only*. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**i. Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of Property from PDQ South Injection Technologies, Inc. (Belk Property Site) – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, by title only**

Council Member Watson made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, *by title only*. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**j. Fair Housing Month - Resolution**

Council Member Conklin made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**k. Second Amendment Sanctuary - Resolution**

Council Member Conklin made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Finance Committee – Committee Chair Butler**

Finance Committee Chair Butler advised that the Finance Committee met on March 9, 2021, at which time they were presented with a request from the Sheriff's Department for the purchase of two trucks. The Finance Committee approved the purchase of one truck for the Sheriff's Department to be purchased at that time in accordance with the Procurement Policy. It is now the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Council approve the purchase of a second truck for the Sheriff's Department.

Council Member Butler made a motion to approve the purchase of one truck by the

Sheriff's Department. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

### **ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF**

#### **a. Inmate Food Services Bid Award – Stanley**

Ms. Stanley advised that the three bids were received for inmate food services (see attached Bid Tabulation). It is the recommendation of the Sheriff James Dixon that the bid be awarded to Skillet Kitchen, which is actually lower than the current food service contract.

Council Member Conklin made a motion to award the bid to Skillet Kitchen. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

#### **a. CHESCO Services Board Appointments – Eubanks**

Mr. Eubanks advised that a board position needed to be re-appointed/appointed to the CHESCO Services Board by Council Members Bruce E. Rivers, Council Member Ben Conklin, Council Member Hattie Burns, Council Member Ralph Watson and Council Member Rhett Butler.

The following recommendations were made to council for approval for appointment/re-appointment to the CHESCO Services Board:

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers – Robbie L. Robertson  
Council Member Ben Conklin – Billie G. Stoudemire  
Council Member Hattie Burns – Valencia Howard  
Council Member Ralph Watson – David Matthews  
Council Member Rhett Butler – Cherie Ann Porter

Council Member Butler made a motion to approve the CHESCO Services Board appointments/re-appointments. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

#### **a. Community Emergency Response Team**

Mr. Eubanks advised that Mr. Chad Arant, Emergency Services Director, advised that he would like to set up a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT Team) in case of a local disaster strikes. Council was presented with information regarding the CERT Team.

Council Member Watson made a motion to authorize Mr. Chad Arant to work with the Mr. Eubanks in forming the CERT Team. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

**Council Member Anderson:** Advised that the 601 property closed where the Loves Truck Stop will be built and that a ground breaking ceremony is scheduled for April 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

**Vice-Chair Curtis:** Asked Kip Kiser, to speak on the FEMA funds for funeral expenses for the families of COVID19 patients.

**Kip Kiser, Coroner:** Briefed Council on the information he had regarding the FEMA funds for COVID19 deaths.

## **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**Sheriff James Dixon:** Appeared before Council to present his budget requests.

**Kip Kiser, Coroner:** Appeared before Council to present his budget requests.

**Adam Foard, Cherry McCoy and Tommy Sellers:** Appeared before Council to present the CCEDB budget requests.

**Rose Gainey, Recycling/Convenience Centers:** Appeared before Council to present her budget requests.

**Jeff McCarn, Public Works Director:** Appeared before Council to present his budget requests.

**Chad Arant, Emergency Services Director:** Appeared before Council to present his budget requests.

**Roger Smith, Chesterfield County Soil and Water Conservation District:** Appeared before Council to present the budget request for Chesterfield County Soil and Water Conservation District.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

a. Chairman Johnson advised that pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2), Council needed to enter into executive session for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, regarding the following: Animal Services and Senate Bill 401.

Council Member Butler made a motion to enter into executive session. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to exit executive session. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Chairman Johnson reported Council is back in regular session and that no action was taken and no motions were made in executive session other than to exit executive session.

**ADJOURN**

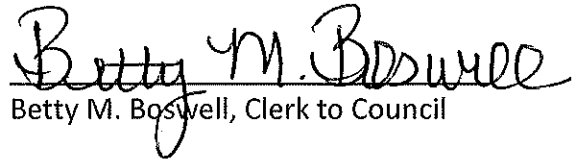
Council Member Conklin made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**



Al Johnson, Chairman  
Date: May 5, 2021

  
Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council