

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
May 3, 20239:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Chairman Rhett Butler, Council Members: Bruce E. Rivers, Douglas Curtis, Gerald L. Miller, Todd Smallwood, Hattie Burns, Ben Conklin and Ethan Foard.

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Mary Anderson.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks – Administrator, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Administration Office Manager, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Cherry McCoy – Economic Development, Libby Lear – Economic Development Director, Lisa Gainey – Economic Development, Kip Kiser – Coroner, Richard Zuendt, John James – Coroner’s Office, Marty Horton, D. Sanford – AmeriPro, R.S. Tarlton, Dustin Catoe- CCRWC, John Melton – Chief Magistrate, Blake Jacobs – Communications Technology, Jessica Hammonds – Solicitor’s Office, Kernard Redmond – Solicitor’s Office, Justin Kerns – Communications Technology, Cambo Streater – Sheriff, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Ken Riley, Lon Riley, John Bittle – Mayor, Town of Chesterfield and Robert Monnie – The Link. There were others 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). In addition it was made available to the newspapers and concerned citizens (*upon request*).

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Chairman Rhett Butler welcomed everyone and Council Member Bruce E. Rivers opened the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Burns made a motion to adopt the May 3, 2023 meeting agenda. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. April 5, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the April 5, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

a. **Richard Zuendt**

Appeared before Council regarding the over-growth and Impact Fees in the Town of Pageland.

b. **Tim Griffin, President, Pageland Chamber of Commerce**

Appeared before Council requesting a letter of support regarding the closing of Atrium Health Primary Care Pageland Family Medicine.

Council Member Foard made a motion to approve the letter of support. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

Bonds, payroll and authorizations were distributed to Council for approval by signatures.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. **Project Pack Special Source Credit Agreement Ordinance – 3rd Reading**

Council Member Conklin made a motion to pass 3rd Reading. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. **Wal-Mart FILOT Ordinance Amendment – 2nd Reading**

Council Member Curtis made a motion to pass 2nd Reading. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. **Road Maintenance Fee Ordinance – 2nd Reading**

Council Member Burns made a motion to pass 2nd Reading. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

d. **2023-2024 Cash RFD Budget Ordinance – 2nd Reading**

Council Member Burns made a motion to pass 2nd Reading. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

e. **2023-2024 Harris Creek RFD Budget Ordinance – 2nd Reading**

Council Member Conklin made a motion to pass 2nd Reading. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

f. 2023-2024 Alligator RFD Budget Ordinance – 2nd Reading

Council Member Conklin made a motion to pass 2nd Reading. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

g. 2023-2024 General Fund Budget Ordinance – 2nd Reading

Council Member Burns made a motion to pass 2nd Reading. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

h. \$620,000 Bond Ordinance – 2nd Reading

Council Member Conklin made a motion to pass 2nd Reading. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

i. Project Juniper FILOT Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

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

j. Ordinance Authorizing Conveyance of Real Property to High Point Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. – 1st Reading, by title only

Council Member Foard made a motion to pass 1st Reading, *by title only*. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

k. Cash Fire Department GO Bond Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee – Committee Chair Burns

i. Ambulance Franchise Renewal

Committee Chair Burns advised the Finance Committee met on April 17, 2023, at which time staff advised they had received an Ambulance Franchise Renewal request from Heartline Transport Services. Staff has reviewed the documentation for this request and found everything to be in order. It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Council approve this Franchise Renewal.

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the Ambulance Franchise Renewal from Heartline Transport Services. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ii. Purchase of Gurney (Coroner's Office)

Committee Chair Burns advised that at the April 17, 2023, there was discussion regarding a request from the Coroner for the County to purchase a gurney for his department at a cost of \$4,000 from ARPA funds. It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Council allow the Coroner to purchase a gurney using ARPA funds.

Council Member Conklin made a motion to approve the purchase of a gurney for the Coroner's Office at a cost of \$4,000 from ARPA funds. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

iii. Purchase of Backhoe (Public Works) - Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that the Finance Committee discussed the purchase of a backhoe for Public Works at the April 17, 2023 Finance Committee meeting. It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Council allow Public Works to purchase a backhoe using Tribal funds and that the old backhoe be sold.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the purchase of a backhoe for Public Works using Tribal funds and approval for the old backhoe to be sold. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Ambulance, Fire and Rescue Committee – Committee Chair Curtis

i. Request for Proposals – County Emergency Medical and Ambulance Services (ID NO. 03-22/23)

Committee Chair Curtis advised that the Ambulance, Fire and Rescue Committee met on April 26, 2023 and reviewed submission in response to Request for Proposals for County Emergency Medical and Ambulance Services, and conducted interviews with AmeriPro EMS and Lifeguard Emergency Medical Services. It was determined by unanimous vote of the Committee that Lifeguard Emergency Medical Services was the most qualified proposer and it was, therefore, the recommendation of the Committee that Council authorize negotiation of a contract with that entity.

Council Member Curtis made a motion to authorize negotiation of a contract with Lifeguard Emergency Medical Services. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Central Place Lane Bid Award – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for C-Fund Roadway improvements to Central Place Lane was issued. Staff received a bid from Furr Grading and Paving in the amount of \$299,291.25, which was the only bid received.

It was staff's recommendation that Council accept and approve the base bid of Furr Grading and Paving in the amount of \$299,291.25.

Council Member Miller made a motion to accept and approve the base bid of Furr Grading and Paving in the amount of \$299,291.25. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Surplus Property (Sheriff's Department) – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that the Sheriff's Department has requested that Council declare the following as surplus property so that it may be removed from inventory:

2006 Jayco Camper
2014 Chevrolet 1500 VIN 3GCUKREXEG121026
2009 Dodge Durango VIN 1D8HD38P69F712065
2011 Chevrolet 1500 VIN 3GCPKSE36BG304195
2009 Dodge Charger VIN 23BKA43TX9H638981
2019 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN 1GN5CBK6KR197393
2009 Dodge Charger VIN 2B3KA43T19H638982
2009 Dodge Charger VIN 2B3KA43T49H638975

Council Member Rivers made a motion to declare the above listed property as surplus property. Council Member Foard seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Motorola Repeater System – Eubanks

Administrator Eubanks presented Council with a quote from Motorola to furnish and install new Motorola Repeater System radio coverage north of Pageland for the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office.

There was discussion regarding this matter. This matter was referred back to staff.

d. Lynches River Industrial Park – Protective Covenants Variance – Ruffner

Council was presented with a Second Grant of Variances to the Declaration of Protective Covenants for the Lynches River Industrial Park. It was requested that Council pass this proposed Second Grant of Variances.

Council Member Foard made a motion to pass the proposed Second Grant of Variances. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

a. Pee Dee Workforce Development Board (WDB) – Eubanks

Administrator Eubanks advised that he had received a request from Pee Dee Workforce Development Board asking that Council re-appoint Mr. Billy Hogge to the Pee Dee Workforce Development Board (WDB). It was requested that Council approve this re-appointment.

Council Member Curtis made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Billy Hogge to the Pee Dee Workforce Development Board. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Foard:

Thanked everyone for taking their time to come to the council meeting and for being involved.

Council Member Burns:

Acknowledged she was glad to see that there was a security guard at the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(5), Council entered into executive session for the discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the county regarding the following: Project Rango

b. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2), Council entered into executive session for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, and proposed sale or purchase of property, 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: Sale of Leppard Building

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

Council Member Rivers made a motion to exit executive session. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

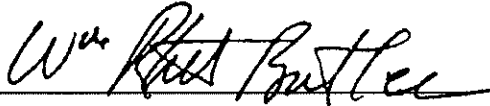
REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Butler 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

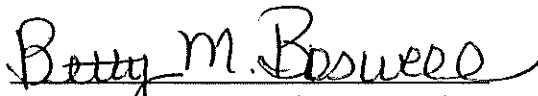
Council Member Rivers made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVED:



Rhett Butler, Chairman
Date: June 7, 2023

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council