

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
February 7, 2024 ..... 9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Rhett Butler, Vice-Chair Mary Anderson, Council Members: Douglas Curtis, Hattie Burns, Ben Conklin, Bruce E. Rivers, Todd Smallwood and Ethan Foard.

**ABSENT:** Council Member Gerald L. Miller.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tim Eubanks – Administrator, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Libby Lear – Economic Development Director, Lisa Gainey – Economic Development, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Elsee Foard, Linette Burr, Caleb Funkhauser – ATI, David Berry – ATI, Kimberly Lomphier, Jack Hurst, Rodney Berry – Berry Strategies, John Bittle – Mayor, Town of Chesterfield, James Dixon and Jacqueline Hough – 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](http://www.chesterfieldcountysc.com)). In addition, it was made available to the newspapers and concerned citizens (*upon request*).

**CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER**

Chairman Butler welcomed everyone and Council Member Bruce E. Rivers opened the meeting with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chairman Butler advised there was a need to add two vehicles to the surplus property listed in Agenda item 12.b.

Council Member Conklin made a motion to adopt the February 7, 2024 meeting agenda, with the addition of two vehicles to Agenda Item 12.b. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. January 3, 2024 – Regular Meeting**

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the January 3, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS**

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

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **a. Jack Hurst**

Appeared before Council regarding a tract of property he owns in which he states he does not have access to due to a solar farm being placed on a portion of this property. He advised he felt he should not have to pay fire dues on property to which no one has access.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **a. Project Furnace FILOT Ordinance – Public Hearing**

Council Member Curtis made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

There were no oral comments from the public made nor were any written comments received.

Council Member Curtis made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

## **ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **a. Project Furnace FILOT Ordinance – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Anderson made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

### **b. Lease-Purchase Ordinance (Roll Off Truck and Bush Cutter – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Curtis 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.

### **c. Standing Rules Ordinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Vice-Chair Anderson made a motion to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

### **d. Emergency Ordinance Declaring Temporary Moratorium on issuance of permits for establishment of mobile home parks and subdivisions**

Council Member Conklin made a motion to adopt the Emergency Ordinance. Council Member Foard seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

### **e. Ordinance Granting Easement to Dominion Energy – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

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

## **ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL**

### **a. Recording of Meetings – Council Member Smallwood**

Council Member Smallwood advised Council he would like for Council to consider the recording and broadcast of public meetings involving county business. There was discussion regarding this request.

Council Member Smallwood made a motion to consider the recording and broadcast of public meetings involving county business with committee meetings being posted five (5) business days after conclusion. Vice-Chair Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Smallwood, Anderson, Foard and Rivers. Voting in opposition of the motion were Council Members Burns and Conklin. Council Member Curtis abstained. Motion passed 4-2.

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF**

**a. Surplus Property (Sheriff's Department – Computers) - Stanley**

Ms. Stanley advised the Sheriff's Department has requested that Council declare the attached list of items as surplus property, so that it may be removed from inventory.

Council Member Curtis made a motion to declare the attached list of items as surplus property. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

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

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

2015 Ford Explorer 2.7 4x4	CG73262	1FM5K8AR2FGA78237
2019 Dodge Durango	CG80848	2C4RDJFG0KC692610
2014 Chevrolet Impala	MSW695	2G1125S32E9110587
2015 Ford Explorer 3.7 4x4	CG73267	1FM5K8AR9FGA78235
2014 Ford F150 4x4	NWR822	1FTFW1EF0EKF78297

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

**c. Surplus Property (Public Works) – Stanley**

Ms. Stanley advised that Public Works has requested that Council declare the following as surplus property, so that it may be removed from inventory.

2000 Mack GH613 1M1AA13Y5YW126131 Low Boy Truck  
2012 Mack GU713 1M2AX04C8CM012877 Dump Truck  
2004 Mack GU713 1M2AG11C24M011915 Dump Truck  
2018 CAT 420F2 Back-Hoe CAT0420FAHWC03346 Back-Hoe

Vice-Chair Anderson made a motion to declare the above listed equipment as surplus property. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**d. Surplus Property (Public Works – Backhoe) – Eubanks**

Administrator Eubanks advised that Public Works has requested that Council declare the following as surplus property, so that it may be removed from inventory and sold.

2018 Caterpillar      Model 420F2ST

Council Member Curtis made a motion to declare the 2018 Caterpillar Backhoe, Model 420F2ST as surplus property to be bid out to municipalities with a reserve. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**e. Bridge Repair – Elmo McFarlin Road – Eubanks**

Administrator Eubanks updated Council concerning the repair of the bridge on Elmo McFarlin Road.

**f. South Carolina Power Team Grant Award – Libby Lear, Director, Economic Development**

Ms. Lear appeared before Council to announce the award of a South Carolina Power Team Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.

Council Member Curtis made a motion to approve acceptance of this grant. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

Advised the Book Mobile was delivered on February 6, 2024.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS:**

**Vice-Chair Anderson:**

- Reminded everyone about Sandblast Rally
- Advised that she, Ms. Burns, Mr. Conklin and some others will be attending the Counties Connect Legislative Day in Columbia on February 21, 2024
- The next Comprehensive Plan meeting will be the last Thursday of this month in Council Chambers

**Council Member Foard:**

Thanked Ms. Lear for bringing something to the table that all of Council agreed on. He also expressed how much he appreciated Mr. Smallwood and Ms. Anderson for bringing the recording of committee meetings back before Council.

**Chairman Butler:** Reminded everyone that The Link would like to take individual pictures of Council after the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

a. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(1), Council entered into executive session for discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of employees.

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, 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: potential locations for Detention Center.

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

Council Member Conklin 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.

**Agenda Item 18.b. – Potential locations for Detention Center**

Chairman Butler advised he would like for the Building Committee to work with Administrator Eubanks in selecting a site for the future Detention Center.

**Heath Ruffner, County Attorney/Assistant Administrator:**

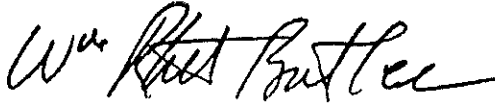
Mr. Ruffner advised that Council Member Curtis recused himself from all discussions regarding Agenda Item 18.b, as he has an interest in one of the potential sites and, upon recusing himself, he left the building.

Mr. Curtis executed a Recusal Statement which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**ADJOURN**

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

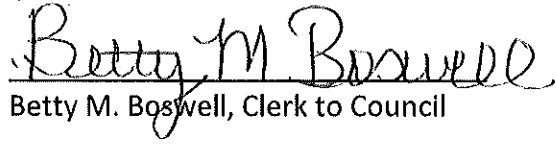
**APPROVED:**



Rhett Butler, Chairman

Date: March 6, 2024

**ATTEST:**

  
Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council