

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
March 2, 20229:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Chairman Al Johnson, Vice-Chair Douglas Curtis, Council Members: Rhett Butler, Mary Anderson, Bruce E. Rivers, Gerald L. Miller, Ralph Watson, Ben Conklin and Hattie Burns, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Tim Eubanks - Administrator, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Administration Office Manager, Cherry McCoy – Interim Economic Development Director, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Sheriff James Dixon, Chief Deputy Chris Page, Tim Griffin – Pageland Chamber of Commerce, John James – Coroner’s Office, Charlie Gray – CCRWC, Loni Riley, Ken Riley, Matthew Koch – Manufacturing Housing Institute of SC and Robert Monnie – The Link. There were others who did not sign the sign-in-sheet.

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Chairman Al Johnson welcomed everyone and Council Member Bruce E. Rivers opened the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to adopt the March 2, 2022 meeting agenda. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. February 2, 2022 - Regular Meeting

Council Member Butler made a motion to approve the February 2, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. February 22, 2022 - Special Meeting

Council Member Watson made a motion to approve the February 22, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

a. Heather Dresser (Rodeo Complaint)

Did not attend the meeting.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Redistricting Ordinance – Public Hearing

Council Member Rivers made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Council Member Butler 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 Rivers made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Mobile Home Park Ordinance – Public Hearing

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

Matthew Koch, Manufactured Housing Institute of South Carolina

Stated he was happy to see the County move forward with this Ordinance for the safety of citizens and he enjoyed working with Derrick Outen on this Ordinance.

Vice-Chair 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. Redistricting Ordinance – 3rd Reading

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

County Attorney Heath Ruffner noted that the map and data which are attached to the ordinance were also attached to the ordinance at the February 2, 2022, regular council meeting, were included in the packet provided to the media and were reported on by The Link newspaper. This was 20 days prior to the special council meeting on February 22, 2022, which was held for the purpose of an additional public hearing on the issue of redistricting. Additionally, Mr. Ruffner noted that the Voter Registration and Election Director had met and spoken with various members of the public to not only review the map but also the data used to prepare the map.

b. Mobile Home Park Ordinance – 3rd Reading

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

c. Lease-Purchase Ordinance (2 dump trucks and 1 roll off truck) – 2nd Reading

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

d. Wal-Mart FILOT Ordinance Amendment – 2nd Reading

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

e. Alligator Fire District – Conveyance of Land to Town of McBee – Resolution

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

This matter was postponed.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

None

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. 2021-2022 Accommodations Tax Grant Committee Recommendations – Stanley

Michelle Stanley, Finance Director, advised that the Accommodations Tax Committee met on February 16, 2022 to review the grant applications from the towns. The Committee reviewed each application to make a determination if the money spent was in compliance with the Accommodations Tax requirements. A list of the total funding recommended was presented to Council.

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to approve the funding recommended by the Accommodations Tax Grant Committee as set forth on the list provided to Council. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

a. Letter of Support – Eubanks

Mr. Eubanks advised that Sandhill Telephone Cooperative has requested a letter of support from Council concerning the provision of broadband service within Chesterfield County.

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to approve the letter of support. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Letter of Support – Eubanks

Mr. Eubanks advised that Lynch River Electric Cooperative has requested a letter of support from Council concerning the provision of broadband service within Chesterfield County.

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Advised the Judicial Center roof work is finished. He also advised that he was going to lift the mask mandate for county buildings.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Anderson: Advised the Sandblast Rally is this weekend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Johnson advised that:

- a. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(5), it was necessary for Council to enter 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: Belk Site – Phase 2 Road.
- b. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(1), it was necessary for Council to enter into executive session for discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of employees.
- c. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2), it was necessary for Council to enter into executive session for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, 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: American Rescue Plan Act – Final Rule for the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF).

Council Member Watson 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 Conklin 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.

Agenda Item 18.a

Council Member Watson made a motion to allow Mr. Eubanks and his staff to go ahead and proceed with Phase 2 on the roads at the Belk Site. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 18.c

Council Member Butler made a motion to commit to allocate \$1.8 million dollars to the Town of Pageland to be used as a grant match for water system improvements that will benefit the industrial park located on the Belk Property, emergency taps for the Town of Cheraw and fire suppression in certain rural areas. No money will be transferred until execution of an intergovernmental agreement between the County and Town specifying the manner in which the funds are to be used. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Butler, Burns, Anderson, Rivers, Miller, Curtis and Watson. Council Member Conklin voted in opposition. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 18.b

Council Member Rivers made a motion that Council approve a one-time supplement in the amount of \$7,500.00 to Kevin Thurman as a one-time supplement for the work he has done on redistricting. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.


Agenda Item 18.c

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to authorize the Finance Director, in consultation with the Administrator, to use the ARP funds for permissible county expenditures in accordance with the Final Rule issued by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.


ADJOURN

Council Member Conklin made a motion to adjourn. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

APPROVED:


Al Johnson, Chairman
Date: April 6, 2022

ATTEST:


Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council