

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
January 4, 20239:00 A.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks – Administrator, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Office Manager, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, John Bittle – Mayor, Town of Chesterfield, Cherry McCoy – Economic Development, Libby Lear – Economic Development, Dustin Catoe – CCRWC, Cambo Streater - Sheriff, Ken Riley, Tim Griffin – Pageland Chamber, Adam M. Foard, Linett Burr, Elese Foard, Augusta Foard, Kip Kiser – Coroner, Loni Riley, Andrew Frick – Sandblast Rally, Jeff Field – CCRWC, Douglas Anderson, Kim Ethridge – PDCOG, John James – Coroner’s Office, Honorable Richie Yow – SC House, Jason Evans – Mayor, Town of Pageland, Christy Gaddy – Clerk of Court, John Bittle – Mayor, Town of Chesterfield, Honorable Paul Burch – Chief Administrative Judge, Fourth Circuit, Bryan Harper – Coroner’s Office, Augustine Benton, 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*). Members of the press present: Robert Monnie – The Link.

CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair welcomed everyone and Council Member Gerald L. Miller opened the meeting with prayer and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Richie Yow, House Representative District 53, administered the Oath of Office for Council Members Ethan Thomas Foard, District 3; Gerald L. Miller, District 2; Douglas A. Curtis, District 4 and Mary D. Anderson, District 8.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Butler made a motion to adopt the January 4, 2023 meeting agenda. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Douglas Curtis, Acting Chairman, advised at this time he would accept nominations from the floor for election to the position of Chair for the two (2) year term ending December 31, 2024.

Chair:

Council Member Anderson made a motion to nominate Council Member Rhett Butler as Chairman. No other nominations were received. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed and Council Member Butler was elected as Chair by acclamation.

Vice-Chair:

Chairman Butler advised at this time he would accept nominations from the floor for election of Vice-Chair for the two (2) year term ending December 31, 2024.

- Council Member Miller nominated Council Member Burns.
- Council Member Conklin nominated Council Member Curtis.
- Council Member Foard nominated Council Member Anderson.

Council Members then cast written ballots and the results were published as follows (Ballots are attached to these minutes and incorporated herein by reference. First ballots are marked by a numerical 1 in the top right hand corner and second ballots are likewise marked with a numerical 2).

First Ballot

- Council Member Anderson voted for Anderson.
- Council Member Burns voted for Burns.
- Council Member Conklin, Jr. voted Burns.
- Council Member Curtis voted for Curtis.
- Council Member Foard voted for Anderson.
- Council Member Miller voted for Burns.
- Council Member Rivers voted for Anderson.
- Council Member Smallwood voted for Anderson.

Vote totals: Anderson – 4, Burns – 3, Curtis – 1

Second Ballot

- Council Member Anderson voted for Anderson.
- Council Member Burns voted for Burns.
- Council Member Conklin, Jr. voted Burns.
- Council Member Curtis voted for Anderson.
- Council Member Foard voted for Anderson.
- Council Member Miller voted for Burns.

Council Member Rivers voted for Anderson.
Council Member Smallwood voted for Anderson.

Vote totals: Anderson – 5, Burns – 3

Council Member Anderson was declared Vice-Chair.

a. December 7, 2022 - Regular Meeting

Council Member Rivers made a motion to approve the December 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. December 28, 2022 - Special Meeting

Council Member Rivers made a motion to approve the December 28, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes. Council Member Burns 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. Andrew Frick – 2023 Sandblast Rally

Mr. Frick appeared before Council seeking the approval of Council to run the annual 2023 Sandblast Rally on March 4, 2023. This event is run each year in Chesterfield County with the approval of Council to use certain County Roads.

Council Member Curtis made a motion to approve the run of the 2023 Sandblast Rally on March 4, 2023. Vice-Chair Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tim Griffin, Pageland Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Griffin appeared before Council requesting a letter of support in reference to the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Dove Sutton Road and Highway 601 North in the Pageland area.

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Project Pack FILOT Agreement Ordinance – 2nd Reading

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

b. Lease-Purchase Ordinance (Sheriff's Vehicles) – 1st Reading, *by title only*

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

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Grant Award (Fire Truck) – Brocks Mill Fire Department – Hicks

Ms. Courtney Hicks, Grants Coordinator, advised the County was awarded a Block Grant in the amount of \$500,000 for Brocks Mill Station #3 fire truck.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to accept grant award. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Lynches River Industrial Park – Eubanks

Ms. Kim Ethridge from the Pee Dee Council of Governments (COG) appeared before Council to explain and answer questions concerning a CDBG grant to fund infrastructure development at the Lynches River Industrial park. There was discussion regarding this CDBG grant. Mr. Dustin Catoe, Chesterfield County Rural Water, also spoke on this matter.

Council Member Foard made a motion to approve application for this grant. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Chesterfield County Needs Assessment Survey – Eubanks

Ms. Kim Ethridge from the Pee Dee Council of Governments (COG) appeared before Council to explain and answer questions concerning a Needs Assessment Survey that may be used for future CDBGs. There was discussion regarding this matter.

Chairman Butler referred this matter to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

d. K-9 Dino – Sheriff Cambo Streater

Sheriff Streater appeared before Council and advised that K-9 Handler/Deputy Clay Sikes returned to work with the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office and his partner, K-9 "Dino", was approved by Council to retire since Clay Sikes had been the only handler. Dino is six years old and has several years remaining to work. Sheriff Streater asked that Dino be considered to come out of retirement so that he can continue his remaining years to work.

Council Member Foard made a motion to allow K-9 Dino to come out of retirement to continue his remaining years to work. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

a. Land Use and Planning Commission – Council Member Conklin

Council Member Conklin advised there was a need to appoint someone to the Land Use and Planning Commission to represent District 5. He advised he would like to appoint Emory Mixon, III to serve on this Board.

Council Member Conklin made a motion to appoint Emory Mixon, III to the Land Use and Planning Commission. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Land Use and Planning Commission – Council Member Curtis

Council Member Curtis advised there was a need to appoint someone to the Land Use and Planning Commission to represent District 4. He advised he would like to appoint Sammie Copeland to serve on this Board.

Council Member Curtis made a motion to appoint Sammie Copeland to the Land Use and Planning Commission. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Reminded Council of the Mayors Meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2023.

COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Council Member Foard: Advised that the Town of Pageland had joined in with the County and other municipalities on the countywide Comprehensive Plan.

Council Member Anderson: Reminded Council there was a NESAs Event on January 24, 2023 in Columbia.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. 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 matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, regarding the following: Contract negotiations with American Medical Response of South Carolina, Inc.

- b. 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.

Council Member Burns 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 Burns 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

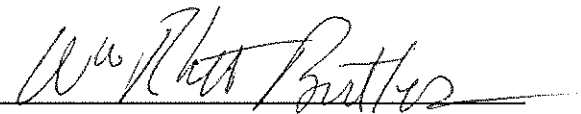
Chairman Butler reported Council is back in regular session and that no action was taken and no motions were made in executive session other than to exit executive session.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to authorize administration to pursue negotiations with American Medical Response of South Carolina, Inc. as discussed in Executive Session. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.


ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED:


Wm. Rhett Butler, Chairman
Date: February 1, 2023

ATTEST:


Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council

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VICE-CHAIR

COUNCIL MEMBER MARY D. ANDERSON

Mary Anderson



VICE-CHAIR

COUNCIL MEMBER HATTIE BURNS

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COUNCIL MEMBER ETHAN THOMAS FOARD

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COUNCIL MEMBER GERALD L. MILLER

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