

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CHESTERFIELD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
August 12, 2020 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 Ben Teal and Bruce E. Rivers.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks – Administrator, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Administration Office Manager, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Kim Burch – Director, CCEDB, Cherry McCoy - Special Projects Coordinator, CCEDB, Chad Arant – Emergency Services Director, Kevin Thurman - Voter Registration and Elections, Tim Griffin – Pageland Chamber of Commerce, David Sides, LREC, Ruthie Tarlton – Mother’s Board, Wanda Miles – Clerk of Court, James Dixon – Sheriff, Jamie Frost – SC Power Team, Brian Broughton, LREC, James Chavez – SC Power Team, Warren Darby – SC Power Team, Brian Broughton – LREC, Vanessa Tyson – The Pageland Progressive 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). In addition it was made available to the newspapers and concerned citizens (*upon request*). Members of the press present: Robert Monnie – The Link and Vanessa Tyson, The Pageland Progressive Journal.

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Chairman Johnson welcomed everyone and advised that Mr. George Franklin Plyer, a former council member, had passed away and asked for a moment of silence. Council Member Ralph Watson opened the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Miller made a motion to adopt the August 12, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. July 1, 2020 – Regular Meeting

Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the July 1, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. July 22, 2020 – Special Meeting

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the July 22, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Project Kitchen Ordinance Amendment – Public Hearing

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

a. Development Agreement Ordinance (Belk Property Site) – Public Hearing

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

b. Sunday Alcohol Sales Referendum Ordinance – Public Hearing

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

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Project Kitchen Ordinance Amendment – 3rd Reading

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

b. Development Agreement Ordinance (Belk Property Site) – 3rd Reading

This item was removed from agenda.

c. Sunday Alcohol Sales Referendum Ordinance – 3rd Reading

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

d. Lease-Purchase Ordinance – 2nd Reading

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

e. Tennis Court Property NETC Ordinance – 1st Reading, *by title only*

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

f. Project Model Ordinance – 1st Reading, *by title only*

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

g. Project Model MCP Ordinance – 1st Reading, *by title only*

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

STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Building Committee Meeting – Committee Chair Rivers

Committee Chair Rivers advised that the Committee met on July 22, 2020 and there was discussion regarding the property located on Highway 9 in Chesterfield (TMS#: 171-004-007-021) and property located in Chester Park (TMS#: 170-000-000-139).

Committee Chair Rivers advised it was the recommendation of the Building Committee to sell the property located on Highway 9 in Chesterfield (TMS#: 171-004-007-021). With regard to the property known as Chester Park Play Area (TMS#: 170-000-000-139), he further advised that it had been determined that a provision in the deed to the County in 1962 restricts use to “park purposes” such that development of the property is almost certainly not an option.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to market and sell the property located on Highway 9 in Chesterfield (TMS#: 171-004-007-021). Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Committee Chair Rivers advised the Building Committee also discussed leasing a county building to the Solicitor's Office. The Solicitor has requested a four-year lease on the former Economic Development building located on Greene Street at \$850.00 per month, not to include utilities. The monthly utilities will be the financial responsibility of the Solicitor's Office. It is the recommendation of the Building Committee to lease said building to the Solicitor's Office.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to lease the former Economic Development building to the Solicitor's Office. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Road Committee Meeting – Committee Chair Miller
Motor Grader – Bid Award

Committee Chair Miller advised it is the recommendation of the Road Committee to award the bid to Flint with a three year buy back of \$280,000.00.

Council Member Miller made a motion to award the bid to Flint with a three year buy back of \$280,000.00. Council Member Teal seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

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

Ms. Stanley advised the Sheriff's Department has two vehicles they would like to surplus so they may be removed inventory and sold pursuant to the County Procurement Policy with the monies being used to purchase another caravan.

The two vehicles are: 1D4GP25E86B750031 2006 Dodge Caravan
1B4GP25372B662843 2002 Dodge Caravan

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to declare the property as surplus. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

a. Pee Dee Workforce Development Board – Eubanks

Chairman Al Johnson received a letter from Ms. Joette R. Dukes, Workforce Development Director, advising that Dr. Jimmie Williamson's term expired on June 30, 2020 and requesting that Council appoint William Hogge to the Pee Dee Workforce Investment Board for a three year term.

Council Member Miller made a motion to reappoint William Hogge to the Pee Dee

Workforce Investment Board. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Nothing at this time.

COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Council Member Anderson: Advised she attended the SCAC Annual Conference and attended several very informative meetings, one of which was regarding the Census.

Vice-Chair Curtis: Advised that information from Sandhill Telephone Cooperative had been placed at each council members seat and it was for information only.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Chairman Johnson advised that pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(5), Council needed 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 Property Site Development.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to enter into executive session. Council Member Butler 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 Butler 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.

APPOINTMENTS

a. **Chad Arant, Emergency Services Director**

Mr. Arant appeared before Council and gave an update on COVID-19.

b. **Kevin Thurman, Voter Registration and Elections – Absentee Voting**

Mr. Thurman appeared before Council and presented information concerning plans for absentee voting.

Council Member Watson made a motion to allow Mr. Thurman to do as he sees fit in regards to absentee voting in a reasonable perimeter. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

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

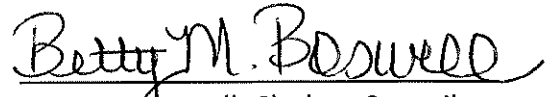
APPROVED:



Al Johnson, Chairman

Dated: September 2, 2020

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council