

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

October 5, 20229:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Al Johnson, Council Members: Rhett Butler, Bruce E. Rivers, Gerald L. Miller, Ben Conklin, Mary Anderson and Hattie Burns.

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Douglas Curtis.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks - Administrator, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Office Manager, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, James Dixon – Sheriff, Jane Pigg – WCRE/The Link, Stacey Short – Pee Dee Coalition, Ethan Foard, Adam Foard, Tim Griffin, Ethel Moore, Loni Riley, Ken Riley, Tyrone Miles, George Black, Terrie Curtis – Benefits Coordinator, Libby Lear – CCEDB, Cherry McCoy – CCEDB, Kim Wilkes – Human Resource 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

Chairman Al Johnson welcomed everyone and Council Member Gerald L. Miller opened the meeting with prayer and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Johnson advised there was a need to amend the Agenda to add an item to Executive Session, Item 19b, concerning issuance of building permits and advised that no action would be taken on this matter after exiting executive session.

Council Member Butler made a motion to adopt the October 5, 2022 meeting agenda as amended. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

a. Employees Years-Of-Service Recognition

Staff has implemented a Service Recognition Program that is designed to honor the County's Employees. The program will recognize years of service beginning at five years and following in five year increments. The following employees were recognized and presented with their Certificates:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Date of Hire</u>	<u>Number of Years</u>
Elizabeth Eslick	Animal Services	09/05/2017	5 Years
Clarence Francis	Sheriff's Department	07/10/2017	5 Years
Andrew Smith	Codes Enforcement	09/03/2012	10 Years
Tyrone Miles	Public Works	07/09/2012	10 Years

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. September 7, 2022 - Regular Meeting

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

APPOINTMENTS

a. Stacey Short, Pee Dee Coalition against Domestic & Sexual Assault – Proclamation Declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Ms. Short appeared before Council to brief Council and presented statistics regarding domestic violence in Chesterfield County.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to proclaim October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness month. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Jane Pigg, WCRE/The Link

Ms. Pigg appeared before Council regarding litter control and presented the Sheriff with permanent litter bags from Palmetto Pride for all deputy vehicles and presented Administrator Eubanks with permanent litter bags for all county vehicles.

She also advised Council that Susan Gilmore, who covered county council meetings for many years and was a member of the Emergency Management Task Force had passed away.

c. Kevin Thurman, Voter Registration and Elections Director

Appeared before Council to provide an update on anticipated additional costs for the upcoming election and space issues that may need to be addressed in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tim Griffin

Appeared before Council to update Council on events and things that are happening in Pageland. He also asked Council to consider passing a Resolution honoring Mack Nicholson.

Ethan Foard

Appeared before Council regarding transparency and executive session issues.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Building Codes Ordinance Amendment – Public Hearing

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

b. Economic Development Board Ordinance – Public Hearing

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

Adam Foard: Appeared before Council and asked that they reconsider the dissolution of the Economic Development Board.

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

c. Budget Ordinance Amendment – Public Hearing

Council Member Conklin 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 Conklin 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. Building Codes Ordinance Amendment – 3rd Reading

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

b. Economic Development Board Ordinance – 3rd Reading

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

c. Budget Ordinance Amendment – 3rd Reading

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

d. Project Sandhills FILOT Ordinance – 2nd Reading

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

e. Second Master MCP Ordinance Amendment (Project Sandhills) – 2nd Reading

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

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

Council Member Conklin 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.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

a. Operation Green Light for Veterans – Council Member Anderson

Council Member Anderson advised the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO) have invited the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes, and boroughs to join Operation Green Light and show support for veterans by lighting our buildings green from November 7 to November 13. By shining a green light, county governments and our residents will let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported.

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

b. SC American Revolution 250th Anniversary – Council Member Anderson

Council Member Anderson presented Council with information concerning participation in this program. Council Member Anderson will present additional information regarding this program at the November council meeting.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

13a. Bid Acceptance for CDBG Tanker Grant (Cash Rural Fire Department) – Hicks

Ms. Hicks advised that Invitation for Bids for a Tanker Truck for Cash Rural Fire Department was issued and two bids were received. The two bids received were as follows:

Fouts Brothers Fire Equipment in the amount of \$480,063.00

Williams Fire Apparatus Representing Southeast Apparatus in the amount of \$384,549.97

It is the recommendation of staff that the bid be awarded to Fouts Brothers Fire Equipment in the amount of \$480,063.00. A letter from Brandon C. Wilson, Fire Chief, Cash Rural Fire Department was presented to Council stating the reason for awarding the bid to Fouts Brothers Fire Equipment.

Council Member Conklin made a motion to award the bid to Fouts Brothers Fire Equipment in the amount of \$480,063.00. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

16a. Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments – Chairman Johnson

Advised there was a need to appoint someone to the Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments Board to fill Council Member Ralph Watson's seat on the Board. He advised Council Member Anderson had advised she was interested in serving on this Board.

Council Member Butler made a motion to appoint Council Member Mary Anderson to the Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments Board. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Reminded Council of the Employee Luncheon.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Anderson: Jazz Festival will be the second weekend in October in Cheraw.

Chairman Johnson: Advised that Council Member Conklin had some concerns regarding lot sizes for building of homes and that he had advised Council Member Conklin that he would refer this matter to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Chairman Johnson advised that pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(1), Council needed to enter into executive session for the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of county employees.

b. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2), Council needed to enter 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: fire protection and the issuance of building permits.

Council Member Burns made a motion to enter into executive session. Council Member Anderson 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.

After executive session, the Chair noted that the Administrator's current contract term expires at the end of calendar year 2023. Although the Administrator may continue to serve after that date, the Chair announced that the Personnel Committee was to explore the possibility of hiring a full time Assistant Administrator.

ADJOURN

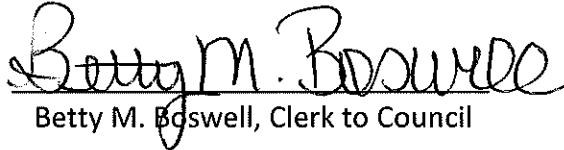
Council Member Conklin made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

APPROVED:



Al Johnson, Chairman
Date: November 2, 2022

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council