

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks - Administrator, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Office Manager, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Chris Page – Chief Deputy, James Dixon – Sheriff, Ethan Foard, Tim Griffin – Pageland Chamber of Commerce, Rodney Nicholson, George Black, John Bittle – Mayor, Town of Chesterfield, Betty Lynn Watson, Karen Watson, Candace Watson, Cherry McCoy – Economic Development and Libby Lear – Economic Development 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 Wm. Rhett Butler opened the meeting with prayer and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Butler made a motion to adopt the November 2, 2022 meeting agenda. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

a. In Honor of Council Member Ralph Watson – Resolution

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

Chairman Johnson and Vice-Chair Curtis presented Karen Watson, wife of Council Member Ralph Watson, with the Resolution in honor and memory of Council Member Ralph Watson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. October 5, 2022 - Regular Meeting

Council Member Conklin made a motion to approve the October 5, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Vice-Chair Curtis did not vote, as he was not present at the October 5, 2022 regular meeting. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Bittle, Mayor, Town of Chesterfield

Appeared before Council regarding the paving of the parking lot of the old Courthouse and advised the town would like to pave the parking lot behind the Solicitor's Office on Green Street and would like the County to share in the cost of paving the parking lot behind the Solicitor's Office.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Project Sandhills FILOT Ordinance – Public Hearing

Council Member Miller 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. Second Master MCP Ordinance Amendment (Project Sandhills) – Public Hearing

Vice-Chair 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.

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. Project Sandhills FILOT Ordinance – 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. Second Master MCP Ordinance Amendment (Project Sandhills) – 3rd Reading

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

c. Resolution Supporting the South Carolina American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission – Resolution

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

d. Resolution of Appreciation – Robert “Mack” Nicholson - Resolution

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

Chairman Johnson, along with Tim Griffin, President, Pageland Chamber of Commerce, presented the Resolution to Mr. Nicholson’s son, Rodney Nicholson, since Mr. Nicholson was unable to be present.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Planning and Zoning Committee – Committee Chair Rivers

Issuance of Building Permits to Local Governmental Entities

Committee Chair Rivers advised the Committee met on October 27, 2022, to discuss the custom practice of not charging fees to local governmental entities for the issuance of building permits. It is the recommendation of the Committee that, effective immediately, Codes Enforcement begin charging local governmental entities for the issuance of building permits.

Council Member Rivers made a motion that, effective immediately, Codes Enforcement begin charging local governmental entities for the issuance of building permits. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Finance Committee – Committee Chair Butler

Employees – Christmas Supplement and Additional Holiday

Committee Chair Butler advised the Finance Committee would like to make a proposal to Council for a one-time net salary supplement of \$75.00 to County employees and, additionally, that observance of the Juneteenth Holiday begin in the 2023 calendar year (June 19, 2023).

Council Member Butler made a motion to pay a one-time net salary supplement of \$75.00 to County employees and, that observance of the Juneteenth Holiday begin in the 2023 calendar year (June 19, 2023). Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Economic Development Committee – Committee Chair Anderson
Structure of Economic Development

Committee Chair Anderson advised that the Economic Development Committee met on November 1, 2022 regarding the structure of the Economic Development Office. The proposal to Council is that representatives from municipalities and industries will rotate and meet quarterly, beginning January 17, 2023. Libby Lear, Director of Economic Development, will send a letter to former Board members thanking them for their service on the Board. She also advised there was an urgency to hire a Project Manager/Existing Industry Coordinator to help with incoming projects and with the existing industries. She stated we will be losing Ms. Connie Spencer, Administrative Assistant, in six months, so that is another position that will need to be filled.

Chairman Johnson referred these matters to the Economic Development Committee.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

a. Fire Departments/Rescue Squads – Independent Auditor Recommendation – Council Member Anderson

Council Member Anderson advised upon recommendation of the County's independent auditor, that Council consider requiring the submission of information concerning the expenditure of County funds by fire departments and rescue squads for inclusion in the County's Annual Audit Report. Council Member Anderson clarified that this was not a request that each fire department and rescue squad obtain its own independent audit.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to require the submission of information concerning the expenditure of County funds by fire departments and rescue squads for inclusion in the County's Annual Audit Report. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Surplus Property (Public Works) – Stanley

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

1999 Ford F150 1FTRX17W3XNB46795
1998 Ford F150 1FTRF1765WNC27671
2002 Ford F250 1FDNX20L43EA63337
2004 Ford Ranger 1FTYR14U14TA19379

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

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

Ms. Stanley advised that the Sheriff's Department has requested that Council declare the following as surplus property so that it may be removed from inventory and that the funds generated from the sale of the 2013 Chevy Truck 3GCUKREC9EG133586 be designated for the upfit costs for three Ford Explorers that were purchased through a grant.

2013 Chevy Truck 3GCUKREC9EG133586
Thinkcentre Computer 11S0C00149ZVJ7FY3192WP
HP CE 989A M500 Printer CNBCD8Z1MG
Brother Printer

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to declare the above listed property as surplus property and that the funds generated by the sale of the 2013 Chevy Truck 3GCUKREC9EG133586 be designated for the upfit costs for three Ford Explorers that were purchased through a grant. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. \$596,000 General Obligation Bond – Bid Award – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued to over ten local and regional banks, and responses were received on October 12, 2022. Staff received two proposals: First Citizens Bank & Trust Company with an interest rate of 4.27% and Truist with an interest rate of 3.75%. Upon advice from our bond attorney, staff recommends that the proposal from Truist with an interest rate of 3.75% be accepted.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to award the bid to Truist with an interest rate of 3.75%. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

a. Zoning Board of Appeals – Council Member Rivers

Council Member Rivers advised there was a need to appoint someone to the Zoning Board of Appeals to represent District 1. He advised he would like to appoint Tim Griffin to serve on this Board.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to appoint Tim Griffin to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Land Use and Planning Commission – Council Member Anderson

Council Member Anderson advised there was a need to appoint someone to the Land Use and Planning Commission to represent District 8. She advised she would like to appoint Ronald Beck to serve on this Board.

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

c. 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 Richard Zuendt to serve on this Board.

Council Member Conklin made a motion to appoint Richard Zuendt to the Land Use and Planning Commission. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Nothing to report on.

COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Council Member Rivers: Asked was there an update on the roof repairs.

Administrator Eubanks: Advised we are waiting on the bids.

ADJOURN


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

APPROVED:



Al Johnson, Chairman
Date: December 7, 2022

ATTEST:


Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council