

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JUNE 28, 2023 .....9:00 A.M.**

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

**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, Sheriff Cambo Streater, Blake Jacobs, Wayne Jordan – Sheriff’s Department, Justin Kerns, Spence Vaughn - Sheriff's Department 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](http://www.chesterfieldcountysc.com)). In addition it was made available to the newspapers and concerned citizens (*upon request*).

**CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER**

Chairman Rhett Butler welcomed everyone and Vice-Chair Anderson opened the meeting with prayer.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Council Member Conklin made a motion to adopt the June 28, 2023 meeting agenda. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**a. Wal-Mart FILOT Ordinance – Public Hearing**

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

**b. 2023-2024 Cash RFD Budget Ordinance – Public Hearing**

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

**c. 2023-2024 Harris Creek RFD Budget Ordinance – Public Hearing**

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

**d. 2023-2024 Alligator RFD Budget Ordinance – Public Hearing**

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

**e. 2023-2024 General Fund Budget Ordinance – Public Hearing**

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

**f. Ordinance Authorizing Conveyance of Real Property to High Point Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. – Public Hearing**

Council Member Rivers 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 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.

**ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**a. Wal-Mart FILOT Ordinance Amendment – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Rivers made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. Vice-Chair Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**b. 2023-2024 Cash RFD Budget Ordinance – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

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

**c. 2023-2024 Harris Creek RFD Budget Ordinance – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Curtis made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**d. 2023-2024 Alligator RFD Budget Ordinance – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Conklin made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**e. 2023-2024 General Fund Budget Ordinance – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Burns made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Burns, Curtis, Smallwood, Anderson, Miller, Conklin and Rivers. Voting in opposition of the motion was Council Member Foard. Motion passed by a 7-1 vote.

**f. Ordinance Authorizing Conveyance of Real Property to High Point Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Rivers made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. Council Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL**

**a. Rural Initiative Grant (SC Department of Commerce) - Anderson**

Vice-Chair Anderson presented information concerning a \$500,000.00 Rural Initiative Grant which requires a plan formulation place and matching funds for the grant. If approved, there would be no cost to the County and the Town would be responsible for administration. Vice-Chair Anderson made a motion to support the use of the grant by and assign the grant to the Town of Cheraw for expansion of the recreation complex located on Market Street. Council

Member Rivers seconded the motion. After discussion, voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF**

**a. County Radio Coverage - Eubanks**

Administrator Eubanks updated Council on the status of the radio coverage for the County. There was discussion regarding this matter. Blake Jacobs and Justin Kerns were in attendance to answer any questions.

The Administrator advised it was his recommendation that the County move forward with the McBee repeater. Administrator Eubanks advised that the Town of McBee officials advised him that they would be pursuing payment from the contractor who performed the work on the tower. The County would pay the cost to repair the repeater estimated at approximately \$18,000.00 subject to an agreement from the Town of McBee to reimburse that cost. He also recommended proceeding with the repeater at High Point.

Council Member Rivers made a motion that Council proceed with the Administrator's recommendation that he be allowed to pursue the repairs of the McBee repeater with the Town of McBee, with the County paying for the repairs and the Town of McBee reimbursing the County after negotiations with the contractor and to try to eliminate problem spots between McBee and Cheraw. The Administrator's recommendation also included proceeding with the High Point repeater. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Council Member Miller 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 Conklin 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**

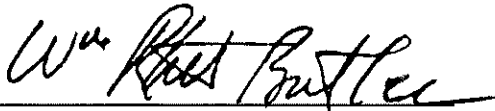
Chairman Butler reported Council is back in regular session and that no action was taken and no motions were made in executive session other than to exit executive session.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to increase the salary of the employee discussed in executive session to \$75,000.00. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ADJOURN**

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

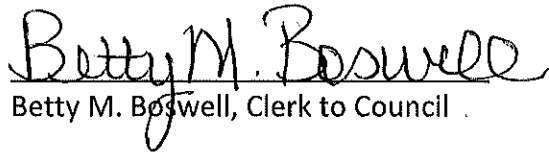
**APPROVED:**



Rhett Butler, Chairman

Date: July 5, 2023

**ATTEST:**



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council