

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
May 4, 20229:00 A.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Tim Eubanks - Administrator, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Administration Office Manager, Economic Development Director, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Sheriff James Dixon, Chief Deputy Chris Page, Tim Griffin, Pageland Chamber of Commerce, Ken Riley, Loni Riley, Ethan Foard, Stephanie Atkinson Coln, CPA – McAbee, Schwartz, Halliday & Company, Fred Harris - Treasurer 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 May 4, 2022 meeting agenda. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. April 6, 2022 - Regular Meeting

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the April 6, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

a. Stephanie Atkinson Coln, CPA – McAbee, Schwartz, Halliday & Company, Audit Report

Ms. Stephanie Atkinson Coln presented Council with the Chesterfield County Independent audit of fiscal year 2021-2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Wal-Mart FILOT Ordinance – Public Hearing

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

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Wal-Mart FILOT Ordinance Amendment – 3rd Reading

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

b. \$620,000 GO Bond Ordinance – 2nd Reading

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

c. 2022-2023 Cash RFD Budget Ordinance – 2nd Reading

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

d. 2022-2023 Harris Creek RFD Budget Ordinance – 2nd Reading

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

e. 2022-2023 Alligator RFD Budget Ordinance – 2nd Reading

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

f. 2022-2023 General Fund Budget Ordinance – 2nd Reading

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Bid Award – Lease Purchase Agreement (2 dump trucks and 1 roll off truck) – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that a Request for Proposals was issued and were due back on April 7, 2022. Staff received the two following proposals:

- 1) First Citizens Bank & Trust Company with an interest rate of 2.90%
- 2) Truist Financial Corporation with an interest rate of 2.89%.

Upon advice from our bond attorney, staff recommends that the proposal from Truist Financial Corporation be accepted.

Council Member Butler made a motion to accept the proposal of Truist Financial Corporation at a rate of 2.89%. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Derrick Outen is going over the punch list on the Judicial Center roof this week and hopefully it will be completed next week.

COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Council Member Anderson: The Taste of Pageland was wonderful. It was hosted by the Garden Club ladies.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(1), Council may enter into Executive Session for discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of employees.

Council Member Butler made a motion to enter into executive session. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to exit executive session. Council Member Burns 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.

ADJOURN

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

APPROVED:



Al Johnson, Chairman

Date: June 1, 2022

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council