

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CHESTERFIELD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
December 15, 2021 9:00 A.M.**

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

ABSENT: Council Members Wm. Rhett Butler and Bruce E. Rivers.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks – Administrator, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Administration Office Manager, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director and C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator.

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*).

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Chairman Johnson welcomed everyone and Council Member Gerald L. Miller opened the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice-Chair Curtis advised he would like to Recuse himself from discussion and/or motions made regarding Agenda Item 4.b. See attached Recusal Statement.

Council Member Burns made a motion to adopt the December 15, 2021 special meeting agenda. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Chairman Johnson advised that pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2), it was necessary for Council 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, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the county in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the county of a claim, regarding the following: Opioid Litigation

b. Chairman Johnson advised that pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(1), it was necessary for Council to enter into executive session for the discussion of employment, appointment,

compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of employees.

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

Council Member Watson 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.

Agenda Item 4.a.

Council Member Conklin made a motion to authorize Administrator Eubanks to execute any documents necessary on behalf of the county regarding a possible settlement of a portion of the opioid litigation. If this occurs, there is a deadline of January 2, 2022, which is before the next regularly scheduled council meeting. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

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

APPROVED:



Al Johnson, Chairman
Dated: January 5, 2022

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council

RECUSAL STATEMENT

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL

Member Name: Douglas Curtis

Meeting Date: December 15, 2021

Agenda Item No.: 4.b.

Topic: S.C. Code 30-4-70(a)(1) - Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of employees.

The Ethics Act, SC Code §8-13-700, provides that no public official may knowingly use his office to obtain an economic interest for himself, a family member of his immediate family, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated. No public official may make, participate in making, or influence a governmental decision in which he or any such person or business has an economic interest. Failure to recuse oneself from an issue in which there is or may be conflict of interest is the sole responsibility of the council member (1991 Op. Atty. Gen. No. 91-37). A written statement describing the matter requiring action and the nature of the potential conflict of interest is required pursuant to SC Code §8-13-700(B).

Justification to Recuse:

Formerly Professionally employed by or under contract with principal

Owns or has vested interest in principal or property

Other: _____

Date: 12/15/2021

Member Douglas Curtis

Printed Name: Douglas Curtis