

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**August 9, 2023 .....9:00 A.M.**

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

**ABSENT:** Council Members Douglas Curtis and Todd Smallwood.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tim Eubanks – Administrator, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Administration Office Manager, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Libby Lear – Economic Development Director, Lisa Gainey – Economic Development, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Kip Kiser – Coroner, Tim Griffin, William Keith, Ken Riley, Sheriff Cambo Streater, Gina Molter – Chesterfield County Library System 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 Council Member Miller opened the meeting with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chairman Butler advised that Agenda Item 9.e. needs to be stricken from the Agenda.

Council Member Burns made a motion to adopt the August 9, 2023 meeting agenda, with said amendment. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. July 5, 2023 - Regular Meeting**

Council Member Foard asked that the audio/video of his request for livestream/video of Committee Meeting from the July 5, 2023 be reviewed, as the minutes stated that Council Member Rivers was opposed to the motion, and Mr. Foard advised Council Member Rivers voted in favor of the motion.

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the July 5, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, with any necessary corrections, should there be any. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Karen Martini, Executive Director, Chesterfield County First Steps**

Ms. Karen Martini was unable to attend.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to appoint Ms. Gina Molter, Director, Chesterfield County Library System to the First Steps Board. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Tim Griffin:** Appeared before Council and gave an update on things that are happening in Pageland.

**Kip Kiser, Coroner:** Appeared before Council and introduced his new Deputy Coroner, Mr. Billy Keith.

**Gina Molter:** Appeared before Council and introduced herself as the new Library Director.

**SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS**

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**a. Project Juniper FILOT Ordinance – Public Hearing**

Council Member Miller made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Council Member Anderson recused herself and did not vote on this matter. A copy of Recusal Statement is attached. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Conklin, Burns, Foard, Miller and Rivers. 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 Conklin seconded the motion. Council Member Anderson recused herself and did not vote on this matter. A copy of Recusal Statement is attached. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Conklin, Burns, Foard, Miller and Rivers. Motion passed.

**ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**a. National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day – Proclamation**

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

**b. Project Juniper FILOT Ordinance – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Conklin made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Council Member Anderson recused herself and did not vote on this matter. A copy of Recusal Statement is attached. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Conklin, Burns, Foard, Miller and Rivers. Motion passed.

**c. Alligator Fire District Lease-Purchase Ordinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

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

**d. Lease-Purchase Ordinance (6 motor graders and 1 tractor) –2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Miller made a motion to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**e. Project Furnace FILOT Ordinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

This item was struck from the Agenda.

**f. Project Granite Inducement Resolution – Resolution**

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

**g. Project Blue Granite FILOT Ordinance – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Council Member Burns made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**h. Second Master MCP Park Ordinance (Project Blue Granite) – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, *by title only***

Council Member Anderson made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, *by title only*. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**i. Project Delson Inducement Resolution – Resolution**

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

**j. Second Master MCP Park Ordinance (Project Delson) – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, *by title only***

Council Member Anderson made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, *by title only*. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**k. Project Rango Inducement Resolution – Resolution**

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

**I. Second Master MCP Park Ordinance (Project Rango) – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, by title only**

Council Member Burns made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, *by title only*. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF**

**a. Reconnection of Power – Outen**

Codes Enforcement Director Derrick Outen appeared before Council regarding the procedure for the reconnection of power to structures.

Council Member Foard made a motion to authorize Mr. Outen to send a letter to all power companies advising that the county would no longer issue permits or reinstate power. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**b. 2022-2023 Accommodations Tax Grant Committee Recommendations – Stanley**

Michelle Stanley, Finance Director, advised that the Accommodations Tax Committee met on July 11, 2023 to review the grant applications from the towns. The Committee reviewed each application to make a determination if the money spent was in compliance with the Accommodations Tax requirements. A list of the total funding recommended was presented to Council.

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the funding recommended by the Accommodations Tax Grant Committee as set forth on the list provided to Council. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**c. Welcome to Chesterfield County Sign – Eubanks**

Mr. Eubanks advised that Council Member Conklin had requested that a “Welcome to Chesterfield County” sign be placed at Highway 1 entering from Kershaw County. The County has grant funds remaining to pay for the cost of construction of the sign and the property owner has indicated a willingness to grant the County the necessary easement to place the sign.

Council Member Conklin made a motion authorizing staff to send out for bid a “Welcome to Chesterfield County” sign to be placed at Highway 1 entering from Kershaw County. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Nothing at this time.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS**

No comments from Council.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

a. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(5), Council entered into executive session for the discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the county regarding the following:

- i. Project Juniper
- ii. Project Furnance
- iii. Project Blue Granite
- iv. Project Delson
- v. Project Rango
- vi. North Park Lane (Lynches River Industrial Park)

b. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2), Council entered 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 matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, regarding the following:

- i. Social Media Litigation
- ii. Sandhills Tower Agreement (Radios)

Council Member Conklin 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 Miller made a motion to exit executive session. Council Member Conklin 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.

**Agenda Item 18.v.i. – North Park Lane (Lynches River Industrial Park)**

Council Member Rivers made a motion to authorize the purchase of property from PDQ at the Lynches River Industrial Park at the \$9,500.00 per acre price that has been used for other property purchased by the County at this industrial park. This property will be used for an entrance road off of Dove Sutton Road. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 18.b.i. - Social Media Mitigation**

Council Member Rivers made a motion to authorize Administrator Eubanks to execute an agreement and pursue this matter. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 18.b.i. – Sandhills Tower Agreement (Radios)**

Council Member Rivers made a motion to authorize Administrator Eubanks to execute a Tower Agreement with Sandhills Telephone Cooperative. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ADJOURN**

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

**APPROVED:**



Rhett Butler, Chairman  
Date: September 6, 2023

**ATTEST:**



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council