

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
September 6, 20239:00 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, Todd Smallwood and Ethan Foard.

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, Sheriff Cambo Streater, Mara Jones – ALPHA Behavioral Health Center Director, Sara Ruth Owens – ALPHA Behavioral Health Center, John James – Coroner’s Office, Chad Arant – Emergency Management Director, Patrick Zypancic – Project Blue Granite, Lindsay Johnston – Project Blue Granite, Ruthie Tarlton, Gina Molter, Director, Library System, Brenda Gilmore Ratliff, John Bittle – Mayor, Town of Chesterfield 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*).

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Chairman Rhett Butler welcomed everyone, opened the meeting with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Conklin made a motion to adopt the September 6, 2023 meeting agenda. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. August 9, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the August 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Council Member Curtis did not vote, as he was not in attendance at the August 9, 2023 meeting. Voting in favor of the motion were Vice-Chair Anderson, Council Members Foard, Rivers, Miller, Smallwood, Burns and Conklin. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

Mara Jones, LPCS, LPC, LAC, AADC, CS, Executive Director, ALPHA Behavioral Health Center

Ms. Mara Jones appeared before Council and presented information about partnering with ALPHA to apply for funding to promote opioid abatement strategies within Chesterfield County. These funds are a result of the opioid litigation settlement in which Chesterfield County participated, and application for funds must be made to and approved by the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund Board.

Council Member Foard made a motion to approve the partnership with ALPHA and authorize the Chairman to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the same. Vice-Chair Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Alligator Fire District Lease Purchase Ordinance – Public Hearing

Council Member Conklin made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Vice-Chair Anderson 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. Vice-Chair Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Lease-Purchase Ordinance (6 motor graders and 1 tractor) – Public Hearing

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

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Alligator Fire District Lease-Purchase Ordinance – 3rd Reading

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

b. Lease-Purchase Ordinance (6 motor graders and 1 tractor) –3rd Reading

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

c. Project Blue Granite FILOT Ordinance – 2nd Reading

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

d. Second Master MCP Park Ordinance (Project Blue Granite) –2nd Reading

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

e. Second Master MCP Park Ordinance (Project Deison) –2nd Reading

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

f. Second Master MCP Park Ordinance (Project Rango) – 2nd Reading

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

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Bid Award (Gravel Based Material) – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that an Invitation for Bids (IFB) was issued for gravel based material for Public Works. Staff received the following bid:

Buckhorn	MBC	\$11.00 per ton
	Non Spec 1.5CR	\$10.50 per ton

It was staff's recommendation that the bid be awarded to Buckhorn.

Council Member Conklin made a motion to accept and approve the bid of Buckhorn. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Bid Award (Re-Surfacing of Roads) – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that an Invitation for Bids (IFB) was issued for the resurfacing of Rolling Hills Lane, June Burch Lane, Henry Powe Lane, Linton Shop Road, Wilson Road, Farmer Road and Bethel Church Road. Staff received the following bids:

Lynches in the amount of \$710,850.00
Lineberger in the amount of \$754,556.18

CR Jackson in the amount of \$870,601.00

It was the recommendation of Vaughn & Melton that the bid be awarded to Lynches in the amount of \$710,850.00, which was the lowest bid.

Council Member Curtis made a motion to accept and approve the bid of Lynches in the amount of \$710,850.00, which was the lowest bid. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Bid Award (GO Bond, Series 2023 – Cash Fire Protection District – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that a Request for Proposals was issued to six banks and were due back on August 23, 2023. Staff received the following proposal:

First Citizens Bank & Trust Company with an interest rate of 5.25%.

Upon advice from our bond attorney, staff recommended that the proposal from First Citizens Bank be accepted.

Council Member Burns made a motion to accept the proposal of First Citizens Bank at an interest rate of 5.25%. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

d. Bid Award (Alligator Fire District (Equipment) – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that a Request for Proposals was issued to six banks and were due back on August 23, 2023. Staff received the following proposals:

- 1) First Citizens Bank & Trust Company with an interest rate of 5.14%
- 2) Community Leasing Partners with an interest rate of 5.54%

Upon advice from our bond attorney, staff recommended that the proposal from First Citizens Bank be accepted.

Council Member Conklin made a motion to accept the proposal of First Citizens Bank at an interest rate of 5.14%. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

e. Bid Award (Lease-Purchase – Public Works – 6 motor graders and 1 tractor) – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that a Request for Proposals was issued to six banks and were due back on August 23, 2023. Staff received the following proposals:

- 1) First Citizens Bank & Trust Company with an interest rate of 4.88%
- 2) Community Leasing Partners with an interest rate of 5.28%

Upon advice from our bond attorney, staff recommended that the proposal from First Citizens Bank be accepted.

Council Member Miller made a motion to accept the proposal of First Citizens Bank at an interest rate of 4.88%. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

f. 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:

218 2009 Dodge Charger VIN 23BKA43T79H638985
241 2015 Ford Explorer VIN 1FM5K8AR0FGA78236
259 2011 Dodge Charger VIN 2B3CL1CG7BH550606

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

NEW BUSINESS

a. Retirement of K-9 Kombo – Sheriff Streater

Sheriff Streater appeared before Council and requested that K-9 Kombo be retired and that he be offered to someone for assumption of custody and future care.

Vice-Chair Anderson made a motion to authorize the retirement of K-9 Kombo. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Everbridge – Chad Arant, Emergency Management Director

Mr. Arant appeared before Council and presented information to Council concerning EverBridge, a public safety mass notification system, to inform Chesterfield County citizens of events. He advised there was a one year and three year contract option. The cost for this service was approved as part of the E-911 Technical Support budget.

Council Member Conklin made a motion to authorize the Administrator to enter into a three year contract with EverBridge. Vice-Chair Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Administrator Eubanks advised that he was contacted by Ms. Sherri Honeycutt regarding having a Chesterfield County Fair and she wanted to get the County's blessing. The first will be in Pageland.

- Administrator Eubanks advised that the State DOT said no to the County putting a welcome sign on their right-of-way, so this is on hold for now.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Foard: Advised he would like for Mayor John Bittle to address Council regarding the sign stating that there will be no public parking in the parking lot at the old Economic Development Office beginning September 18, 2023.

Mayor John Bittle: Advised Council that the Town Council decided that the parking lot will be closed for all public parking, including the church and The Bank Restaurant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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. Pageland Fire Department Communication System
- ii. Public Defender Funding Requirements

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

Council Member Curtis 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.

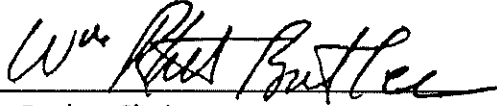
Agenda Item 18.b.i. – Pageland Fire Department Communication System

Council Member Rivers made a motion to authorize Administrator Eubanks to execute agreement with Pageland Fire Department, with no cost to the County. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

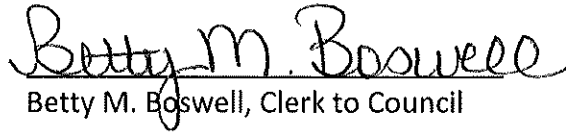
Council Member Rivers made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVED:



Rhett Butler, Chairman
Date: October 4, 2023

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council