

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
November 1, 20239:00 A.M.**

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

ABSENT: Council Member Bruce E. Rivers

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks – Administrator, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Libby Lear – Economic Development Director, Lisa Gainey – Economic Development, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Sheriff Cambo Streater, Seth Taylor – The Post and Courier, Kip Kiser – Coroner, Ken Riley, Loni Riley, Deputy Coroner John James, Jasmine Watts – Emergency Management, Chad Arant – Emergency Management Director, Christy Gaddy – Clerk of Court 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 and opened the meeting with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Butler advised there was a need to amend the order of the Agenda in that Agenda Items 9d, 9e and 9f would be taken up after Executive Session.

Council Member Foard made a motion to adopt the November 1, 2023 meeting agenda, with said amendment. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. October 4 2023 - Regular Meeting

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the October 4, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

a. Senator Penry Gustafson

Appeared before Council and advised Delegation was looking for a full time magistrate and for a Voter Registration Board Member. She also gave an update on top items which have been accomplished in the Senate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kip Kiser, Coroner

Appeared before Council and advised that the Coroner's Office and Sheriff are dealing with fentanyl within the County and would like to speak with Council at some point on moving forward.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Ordinance Granting Temporary Easement to Town of Pageland – Public Hearing

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

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Ordinance Granting Temporary Easement to Town of Pageland – 3rd Reading

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

b. Reassessment Postponement 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.

c. Project Furnace FILOT Ordinance – 2nd Reading

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

g. Standing Rules Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

Council Member Burns made a motion to pass 1st Reading, *by title only*. Vice-Chair Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

h. Family Court Awareness Month – Proclamation

Council Member Conklin made a motion to proclaim November as Family Court Awareness Month. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

a. Subdivisions/Mobile Home Parks – Council Member Foard

Council Member Foard brought attention to Council regarding county roads that go from dirt to pavement and county takes ownership. Council discussed the acceptance of subdivision roads and mobile home parks.

Council Member Foard made a motion to adopt an Emergency Ordinance Declaring a Temporary Moratorium on the Acceptance of Applications and Issuance of Permits for the Establishment of Mobile Home Parks and Subdivisions with the Unincorporated Areas of Chesterfield County. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Convenience Center Closing (Christmas Holiday) – Eubanks

Administrator Eubanks advised that staff would like to request that Council consider closing the Convenience Centers either Saturday, December 23rd or Tuesday, December 26th in observance of the Christmas holiday for the operators. There was discussion regarding this request.

Council Member Smallwood made a motion to allow Convenience Centers to close on Saturday, December 23rd in observance of Christmas holiday. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Smallwood, Burns, Curtis, Conklin and Miller. Voting in opposition of the motion were Council Member Foard and Vice-Chair Anderson. The motion passed 5-2.

b. Surplus Property – 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:

Thinkcentre Computer	11S45K6600ZVJJ689257206
HP Printer	IC: 466D-SGG081392
Acer LCD Monitor	ETLAT0C025841172034007
Apple Ipad (Dead)	F9FS9074GHMK
Compaq 610 Laptop	CNU9240WWZ
Asus K53E Laptop	BSNOASO17245228
Dell Precision M6300 Laptop	COQRDH1
Dell Precision M6300 Laptop	9ZKRDH1
Samsung Tablet T378V	A3LSMT378V

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

c. 911 Addressing – Eubanks

Administrator Eubanks informed Council of an issue with addresses that incorporate letters into the numerical address and the potential problems this may cause with E911. He stated it is likely that this can be handled on the administrative level but staff did want to bring it to Council’s attention. Administrator Eubanks advised he had informed Codes not to issue any permits until 911 address is posted at home.

d. Shape Files – Eubanks

Administrator Eubanks advised that staff would like to request Council to allow staff to insert a GIS option on the county website for the public to export their parcels to build their own GIS layers. Currently, our county is one of the last counties to have this available online for the public.

Council Member Smallwood made a motion to allow staff to insert a GIS option on the county website for the public to export their parcels to build their own GIS layers. Council Member Foard seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

e. Bid Award (Bush Cutter) – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised an Invitation for Bid was issued to purchase a bush cutter. Staff received the following bid:

Quality Equipment	\$193,995.78
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It was the recommendation of staff that the bid from Quality Equipment in the amount of \$193,995.78 be accepted.

Council Member Miller made a motion to accept and approve the bid of Quality Equipment. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

f. Bid Award (Roll-Off Truck) – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised an Invitation for Bid was issued to purchase a roll-off truck w/hoist. Staff received the following two bids:

Florence Truck Center	With Galfab Hoist	\$268,437.00
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	With Galbreath Hoist	\$268,212.00
Joe Johnson Equipment		\$307,486.00

Council Member Conklin made a motion to accept and approve the bid of Florence Truck Center with Galfab hoist in the amount of \$268,437.00. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

a. Grievance Committee Appointments

Grievance Committee appointments/reappointments were made at this time. The terms are staggered so that one-third (1/3) of the appointments will expire each year. The terms for the following appointments/reappointments will be for three (3) years and will expire December 2, 2026, with the exception of Council Member Hattie Burn’s representative, whose term will expire September 7, 2025, due to the replacement of a retired employee.

Council Member Burns, District 6, made a motion to appoint Troy Ellerbe to the Grievance Committee. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Council Member Smallwood, District 7, made a motion to reappoint Robert Gordon to the Grievance Committee. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Vice-Chair Anderson, District 8, made a motion to reappoint Michelle Stanley to the Grievance Committee. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Chairman Butler made a motion to appoint Mike Hyduke to the Grievance Committee. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

b. First Steps Partnership Board

With the departure of the previous County Library Director, the Chesterfield County Public Library System Board of Directors has recommended the Interim County Library Director Kathryn Cress for appointment to the First Steps Partnership Board. Ms. Cress previously served on this board from November, 2022 to August, 2023.

Vice-Chair Anderson made a motion to appoint Interim County Library Director Kathryn Cress to the First Steps Partnership Board. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Chairman Rhett Butler:

- Thanked Ms. Burns for representing our County at the SCAC Fall Advocacy meeting.
- Asked that the Rules/Personnel Committee meet regarding the Coroner's request.

Council Member Burns:

- Advised she would like to thank Council Member Conklin for presenting her with an apple during the Council Fall Advocacy Meeting.

Vice-Chair Anderson:

- Advised that Council Member Burns did a great job representing the County and SCAC.
- Advised she would like for the County to support Operation Green Light for Veterans again this year. Council Member Burns stated she was also in favor of this too.
- Population change, the County dropped, need to stay on top of Friday Reports.

Council Member Foard:

- Advised he would like for Ms. Stanley and Mr. Eubanks to look at decreasing the cost of advertising.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Butler advised pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(5), Council had a need to enter into executive session for the discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location of expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the county regarding the following: Project Apollo.

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

Vice-Chair Anderson made a motion to exit executive session. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 9.d. - Project Apollo Inducement Resolution

Council Member Burns made a motion to adopt Resolution. Vice-Chair Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Vice-Chair Anderson, Council Members Burns, Miller, Curtis, Smallwood and Conklin. Voting in opposition of the motion was Council Member Foard. Motion passed 6-1.

Agenda Item 9.e. – Project Apollo FILOT Ordinance – 1st Reading, *by title only*

Vice-Chair Anderson made a motion to pass 1st Reading, *by title only*. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Vice-Chair Anderson, Council Members Burns, Miller, Curtis, Smallwood and Conklin. Voting in opposition of the motion was Council Member Foard. Motion passed 6-1.

Agenda Item 9.f. – Second Master MCP Ordinance (Project Apollo) – 1st Reading, by title only

Council Member Conklin made a motion to pass 1st Reading, *by title only*. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Burns, Miller, Smallwood, Conklin and Vice-Chair Anderson. Voting in opposition of the motion were Council Members Curtis and Foard. Motion passed 5-2.

REGULAR SESSION

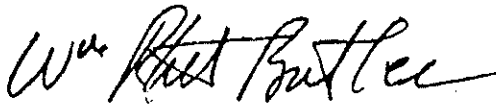
Chairman Butler reported Council is back in regular session and that no action was taken and no motions were made in executive session other than to exit executive session.

ADJOURN

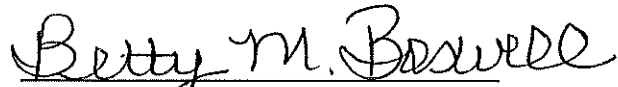
Council Member Curtis made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Foard seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Rhett Butler, Chairman
Date: December 6, 2023


Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council