

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
July 3, 2024 ..... 9:00 A.M.**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tim Eubanks – Administrator, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council, Mayor Rosa Privette, Jacqueline Hough – The Link, Sherby Blakeney, Ben Roberts – Project Palmetto, Loni Riley, Ken Riley and C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator. 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 Butler welcomed everyone and Council Member Todd Smallwood opened the meeting with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chairman Butler advised that there was a need to strike Agenda Item 12.a, which will be taken up at a later date.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to adopt the July 3, 2024 meeting agenda, with said amendment. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. June 5, 2024 – Regular Meeting**

Council Member Rivers made a motion to approve the June 5, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**b. June 12, 2024 – Special Meeting**

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the June 12, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes. Council Member Conklin 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 COMMENTS**

### **Loni Riley:**

Appeared before Council regarding Ordinances that come before Council to be voted on, and how the public could view these Ordinances before final reading.

### **Mayor Rosa Privette:**

Appeared before Council regarding a Veterans Memorial Park that the Town of Patrick is working planning.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **a. GO Bond Ordinance – Public Hearing**

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

### **b. Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Property from and Sale of Property to the Town of Chesterfield – Public Hearing**

Council Member Burns made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Council Member Smallwood 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 Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

## **ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **a. GO Bond Ordinance – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Rivers made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

### **b. Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase from sale of Property to the Town of Chesterfield – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Burns made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**c. Noise Ordinance Amendment – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

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

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Finance Committee Report – Committee Burns**

Committee Chair Burns advised that the Finance Committee met on June 24, 2024, regarding allocation of ARPA Funds to each Rescue Squad. It is the Committee's recommendation that Council allocate \$5,000.00 to each Rescue Squad as a one-time allocation.

Council Member Burns made a motion to allocate \$5,000.00 to each Rescue Squad as a one-time allocation. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF**

**a. Mobile Home Cap – Derrick Outen**

This item was struck from Agenda.

**b. Bid Award Gravel Based Material – Stanley**

Ms. Stanley advised an invitation for bids was issued for gravel-based material and only one responsive bid was received from Georgia Stone Products in the amount of \$12.00 per ton. It is the recommendation of staff that the bid be awarded to Georgia Stone Products in the amount of \$12.00.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to award the bid to Georgia Stone Products in the amount of \$12.00 per ton. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**c. Early Voting – Eubanks**

Mr. Eubanks presented Council with information regarding the possibility of adding other early voting locations as well as the staff and funding necessary to do so. Council agreed to the Voter Registration Office in Chesterfield being the only location for early voting.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

**a. Employee Grievance Committee**

Council Member Rivers made a motion to re-appoint Kevin Thurman to the Employee Grievance Committee. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Council Member Miller made a motion to re-appoint Tyrone Miles to the Employee Grievance Committee. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Council Member Foard made a motion to re-appoint Susie Jordan to the Employee Grievance Committee. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

- Advised the Town of Pageland, Jefferson and Chesterfield will no longer be using the County Codes Enforcement Office for their inspections.
- Advised the Alpha Center will now have access to Everbridge which is a notification system for citizens, which will show areas of heavy of concern regarding drugs.
- A grant was awarded to Chesterfield County for the Hillian Edwards Road Water Extension.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

**Vice-Chair Anderson:** Advised Mr. John James was awarded Deputy Coroner of the year for South Carolina.

#### **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: Project Palmetto

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 other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, regarding the following:

- i. Transfer Station
- ii. Municipal Inmates

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 Foard made a motion to exit executive session. Council Member Rivers 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 19**

**Project Palmetto Inducement Resolution**

Chairman Butler called for a motion to adopt the Project Palmetto Inducement Resolution. Hearing none, no action was taken on this item.

**ADJOURN**

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

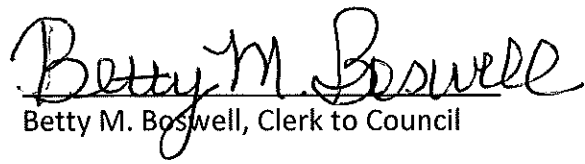
**APPROVED:**



Wm. Rhett Butler, Chairman

Date: August 14, 2024

**ATTEST:**



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council