

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
June 5, 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 Ethan Foard.

ABSENT: Council Member Gerald L. Miller.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks – Administrator, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council, Libby Lear – Economic Development Director, Lisa Gainey – Economic Development, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Sheriff Cambo Streater, Ken Riley, John Bittle – Mayor, Town of Chesterfield, Magistrate John Melton, Jane Pigg WCRE/The Link, Steevenson Pierre, Kip Kiser – Coroner, Jasmine Watts – CCEMD, Chad Arant – CCEMD, Pastor Johnnie McLendon, Brent Taylor, Wilbert Burns, Brenda Gilmore-Ratliff, Sherby Blakeney, James Fleming, III, Mayor Rosa Lee Millsaps Privette and Delphenia Rollins. 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 Butler welcomed everyone and Council Member Bruce E. Rivers 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 Agenda to strike Agenda Item 12.c. Bid Award Gravel Based Material and add as a new Agenda Item 12.c. for the sale of excess fill material at the Lynches River Industrial Park and that exigent circumstances exist in that the fill material is taking up needed space and now if the optimum time to move and sell it.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to adopt the June 5, 2024 meeting agenda, with said amendments. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. **May 1, 2024 – Regular Meeting**

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the May 1, 2024 Regular 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.

APPOINTMENTS

a. **Ms. Jane Pigg, WCRE/The Link**

Appeared before Council regarding the countywide litter pick up day which was held on May 10, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Brent Taylor

Appeared before Council regarding the Coroner's Office and funeral homes having access to them on the weekends.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. **Wal-Mart FILOT Ordinance – Public Hearing**

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

b. **2024-2025 Cash RFD Budget Ordinance – Public Hearing**

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

c. **2024-2025 Harris Creek RFD Budget Ordinance – Public Hearing**

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

d. 2024-2025 Alligator RFD Budget Ordinance – Public Hearing

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

e. 2024-2025 General Fund Budget Ordinance – 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. Wal-Mart FILOT – 3rd Reading

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

b. 2024-2025 Cash RFD Budget Ordinance – 3rd Reading

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

c. 2024-2025 Harris Creek RFD Budget 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.

d. 2024-2025 Alligator RFD Budget Ordinance – 3rd Reading

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

e. 2024-2025 General Fund Budget Ordinance – 3rd Reading

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

f. GO Bond Ordinance – 2nd Reading

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

g. Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase from sale of Property to the Town of Chesterfield – 2nd Reading

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

h. Noise Ordinance Amendment – 1st Reading, *by title only*

Council Member Conklin 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.

i. Emergency Ordinance Declaring a Temporary Moratorium on Issuance of Permits for Establishment of Mobile Home Parks and Subdivisions

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

j. State Insurance Benefits Program – Resolution

Council Member Conklin made a motion to adopt the Resolution to provide that Council Members continue to be treated as county employees for insurance eligibility purposes. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

k. Capital Project Sale Tax Commission – Resolution

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

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Surplus Property (Sheriff's Department – Vehicles) – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that the Sheriff's Department had requested that Council declare the following as surplus property, so that it may be removed from inventory and sold and the monies from the sale of these vehicles be returned to the Sheriff's Department.

2019 Dodge Durango	CG80838	1C4RDJFG2KC692611
2019 Dodge Charger	CG808850	2C3CDXAT9KH604538

Council Member Conklin made a motion to declare the two vehicles listed above as surplus property and the monies from the sale of these vehicles be returned to the Sheriff's Department to be used to purchase at least one or more used vehicles for the department. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Manufactured Home Parks) – Ruffner

Mr. Ruffner presented Council with proposed amendment for the Zoning Ordinance regarding manufactured home parks. He explained that the Zoning Ordinance provides that any proposed amendments must be submitted to the Planning Commission for review for a period of thirty (30) days.

Council Member Conklin made a motion to submit the proposed amendment to the Planning Commission. Vice-Chair Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Fill Material - Eubanks

Mr. Eubanks advised he had been approached regarding the sale of excess fill material at the Lynches River Industrial Park and that now the optimum time to move it.

Council Member Conklin made a motion to move forward with bidding out the sale of the fill material. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. ARPA Funds (Rescue Squads) – Eubanks

There was discussion regarding the ARPA Funds and the possible allocation of funds to Rescue Squads.

Chairman Rhett Butler referred this matter to the Finance Committee.

b. The Pee Dee Local Workforce Area SC Works System – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Ruffner

Mr. Ruffner advised the Pee Dee Local Workforce Area SC Works System Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) designates certain partner programs and entities responsible for workforce development, education, and other human resources programs designed to enhance access to the program's services.

It was requested that Council vote to authorize the Chairman to execute the MOU.

Council Member Curtis made a motion to authorize Chairman Butler to execute the MOU. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Housing of Municipal Inmates – Eubanks

Mr. Eubanks advised there was a need for possible changes concerning the housing of municipal inmates.

Council Member Smallwood made a motion to authorize Attorney Ruffner to make revisions to the housing of municipal inmates agreement. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

a. Pee Dee Workforce Development Board – Chairman Butler

Chairman Butler advised that it has been requested that Ms. Mel West be re-appointed to the Pee Dee Workforce Development Board and that Dr. Derk Riechers be appointed to the Board to replace Dr. Kyle Wagner

Vice-Chair Anderson made a motion to re-appoint Ms. Mel West to the Pee Dee Workforce Development Board and to appoint Dr. Derk Riechers, each for a three year term. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS:

- Stated he thought public works did a great job on the corner lot at the Judicial Center and thanked Representative Yow and Mayor John Bittle for their help with the Veteran’s Memorial Park project.
- Advised the CDBG Grant for the Cash RFD would soon be coming off and that the County would be eligible for another CDBG Grant and he would like to use that grant to resurface the Health Department parking lot.

COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS:

Vice-Chair Anderson:

Updated Council on information she received while attending the SCAC Board meeting.

Chairman Butler:

- Please go out and vote.
- Advised that a Special Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

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: Lynches River Industrial Park - potential sale of property

b. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(1), Council entered into executive session for the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of employees.

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

Council Member Smallwood 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.b.

Chairman Butler advised that Administrator Eubanks will be retiring next year and that he would like for the Rules-Personnel Committee to begin working on his replacement. The Rules-Personnel Committee now consists of Council Members Hattie Burns, Chairman Rhett Butler and Vice-Chair Mary Anderson. Chairman Butler advised since he will not be here another term, he would like to appoint Council Members Ethan Foard and Todd Smallwood to the Rules-Personnel Committee.

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.

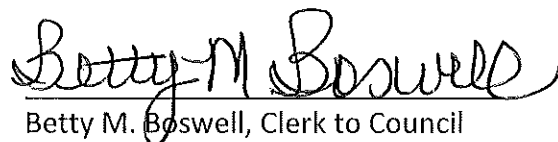
APPROVED:



Wm. Rhett Butler, Chairman

Date: July 3, 2024

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council