

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
October 2, 2024 9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Chairman Wm. Rhett Butler, Vice-Chair Mary Anderson; Council Members: Hattie Burns, Doug Curtis, Ethan Foard, Todd Smallwood and Eddie Rivers.

Council Member Rivers said a few words in memory and honor of Council Member Gerald L. Miller

ABSENT: Council Member Ben Conklin.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks – County Administrator, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director/Assistant Administrator, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Kip Kiser – Coroner, Sheriff Cambo Streater, Betty Barrett – Pee Dee Coalition, Jane Pigg – WCRE/The Link, John James – Coroner’s Office, Julie Johnson – CCRWC, Stacey Short – Pee Dee Coalition, John Bittle – Mayor, Town of Chesterfield, Don Strickland – PDRTA, David Lee – Sheriff’s Office, James Dixon, Wilbur Burns, Ken Riley, Loni Riley, Libby Lear – CCEDB, Eddie Kirkley, Jacqueline Hough – 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

Chairman Butler welcomed everyone and Vice-Chair Anderson opened the meeting with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Butler advised there was a need to amend the agenda to add Agenda Item 12a RIA Grant for Alligator Rural Water and Agenda item 12b SC250 grant and that exigent circumstances exist due to time restraints for these grants.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Curtis made a motion to adopt the October 2, 2024 meeting agenda with said amendments. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. September 4, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the September 2, 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. **Clark Pennington, Executive Director for Independence Fund**

Did not attend meeting.

b. **Jane Pigg, WCRE/The Link**

Appeared before Council to give an update on Palmetto Pride.

c. **Don Strickland, PDRTA**

Appeared before Council to give a progress update on some of the things PDRTA is working on.

d. **Stacey Short, Pee Dee Coalition against Domestic & Sexual Assault – Proclamation Declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.**

Ms. Short appeared before Council to brief Council and presented statistics regarding domestic violence in Chesterfield County.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to proclaim October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness month. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. **Ordinance Authorizing Conveyance of Lynches River Industrial Park Water System to Chesterfield County Rural Water Company, Inc. – Public Hearing**

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

b. **Mobile Homes/Subdivision Ordinance – Public Hearing**

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

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Ordinance Authorizing Conveyance of Lynches River Industrial Park Water System to Chesterfield County Rural Water Company, Inc. – 3rd Reading

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

b. Mobile Homes/Subdivision Ordinance – 3rd Reading

Chairman Butler advised 3rd Reading on this Ordinance will be held at the November Council meeting.

c. Comprehensive Plan Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

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

d. Planning Commission Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

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

e. Budget Ordinance Amendment – 1st Reading, by title only

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

f. Alligator Fire District Ordinance Amendment – 1st Reading, by title only

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

g. Project Seaboard Solar Project – Resolution

Council Member Curtis made a motion to adopt said Resolution. Vice-Chair Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Vice-Chair Anderson, Council Members Curtis, Smallwood, Burns and Rivers. Voting in opposition of the motion was Council Member Foard. Motion passed 5-1.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee Reports – Committee Chair Burns

Committee Chair Burns advised that the Finance Committee met on September 25, 2024 and discussed the allocation of funds to the Sheriff's Department in order to fund two deputies' positions for which grant funding was expiring. The amount to fund the positions for the remainder of the fiscal year is \$90,000.00 and the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the funding of \$45,000.00.

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the funding of \$45,000.00 to the Sheriff's Department. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Judicial Committee Report – Committee Chair Burns

Magistrate John Davis appeared before Council regarding this matter.

Committee Chair Burns advised that the Judicial Committee met on September 215, 2024 to review a request by Magistrate John Davis concerning part-time service as a municipal judge for the towns of Jefferson and McBee. Chief Magistrate John Melton was present to address the matter with the Committee. Committee Chair Burns advised three members of the Committee voted not to recommend approval of the agreement and one member abstained.

Council Member Burns made a motion to deny the request of Magistrate John Davis. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Burns, Rivers, Curtis and Vice-Chair Anderson. Voting in opposition of the motion were Council Members Foard and Smallwood. Motion passed 4-2.

c. Economic Development Committee Report – Committee Chair Anderson

Committee Chair Anderson gave Council an update on the Solar Projects discussions. She advised the Economic Development Committee will be meeting soon to discuss Solar Projects.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. RIA Grant - Alligator Regional Capacity Increase Project - New Well – Libby Lear

Ms. Lear appeared before Council and presented Council with information concerning a RIA Grant for Alligator Regional Capacity Increase Project. There was some discussion regarding this matter.

Council Member Curtis made a motion to approve RIA Grant for Alligator Regional Capacity Increase Project. Vice-Chair Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. SC250 Grant - Stanley

Ms. Stanley presented Council with information pertaining to the SC250 Grant. There was discussion regarding this matter.

Council Member Foard made a motion to move forward with the SC250 grant in which the County will act as a pass thru. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting n favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

a. CHESCO Services Board

Administration was notified that a board position need to be appointed/reappointed to the CHESCO Service Board by Chairman Butler, District 9.

Chairman Butler made a motion to appoint Ms. Pam Baker to the CHESCO Services Board. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

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. Lynches River Industrial Park – potential sale of property
- ii. Alligator Industrial Park – Project Maple Leaf
- iii. Lynches Rivers Industrial Park – Project Gray Matter

Council may take action by voting upon the matters referenced in Agenda Items 18.ai.,18a.ii. and/or 18a.iii after exiting executive session.

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

Vice-Chair Anderson made a motion to exit executive session. Council 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.

ADJOURN

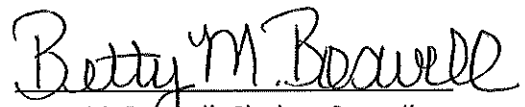
Council Member Rivers made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Foard seconded the motion. Voting in favor of motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVED:



Wm. Rhett Buter, Chairman
Date: November 6, 2024

ATTEST:


Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council