



**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JANUARY 8, 2025**

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**PRESENT:** Vice-Chair Mary Anderson; Council Members: Hattie Burns, Ethan Foard, Todd Smallwood (Via Zoom) Brandon Price, Bishop Johnnie McLendon, Eddie Kirkley and Douglas Curtis.

**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, John Bittle – Mayor, Town of Chesterfield, Lauren Griggs – Duke Energy, John James – Coroner’s Office, Libby Lear – CCEDB, Lisa Gainey – CCEDB, Shirley Kirkley, Donnie Kirkley, Anitra Kirkley, Helen Palmer, Wilbur Burns, Donna Fulton, Larry Fulton, Sarah Frick, Ernest Hooks, Sr., Andrew Frick, Cynthia Hooks, Brad Turley, Elese Foard, Karen Short – Chesterfield County Opioid Abatement Coalition Director, The Honorable Paul Burch, Campbell Douglas, Sophia Turner – Pee Dee COG, Sherby Blakeney, Kim Douglas, Emily Blackwell, Terry Cranford, Jack Hurst, Delphenia Rollins Ashlon Baker, Lindsey Privette – Pee Dee COG, Stevenson Pierre, Bonnie Jackson, Loretta McNeil, Jessica Locklear – Tri-County, Rev. Lou Esther Brown, Jimmy Brown, Irene Avery and 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 Office, 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**

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

**OATH OF OFFICE**

The Honorable Paul M. Burch administered the Oath of Office for Council Member Elect Brandon Price, District 1; Council Member Elect Eddie Kirkley, District 5; Council Member Hattie Burns, District 6 and Council Member Elect Bishop Johnnie McLendon, District 9.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Vice-Chair Anderson advised that the Agenda Items 10.h and 11.h would be struck from the agenda and taken up at a later date.

Council Member Foard made a motion to adopt the January 8, 2025 meeting agenda. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

Vice-Chair Anderson advised at this time she would accept nominations from the floor for election to the position of Chair for the two (2) year term ending December 31, 2026.

**Chair:**

Council Member Smallwood made a motion to nominate Council Member Mary Anderson as Chair. No other nominations were received. Council Member Foard seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed and Council Member Anderson was elected as Chair by acclamation.

**Vice-Chair:**

Chair Mary Anderson advised at this time she would accept nominations from the floor for election of Vice-Chair for the two (2) year term ending December 31, 2026.

Council Member Foard nominated Council Member Smallwood.

Council Member Curtis nominated Council Member Burns.

Council Members then cast written ballots and the results were published as follows. Ballots are attached to these minutes and incorporated herein by reference.

**Ballots:**

Council Member Bishop McLendon voted for Burns.

Council Member Burns voted for Burns.

Council Member Curtis voted Burns.

Chair Anderson voted for Smallwood.

Council Member Foard voted for Smallwood.

Council Member Price voted for Smallwood.

Council Member Kirkley voted for Smallwood.

Council Member Smallwood voted for Smallwood.

Vote totals: Smallwood - 5 and Burns – 3.

Council Member Smallwood was declared Vice-Chair.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **a. December 4, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting**

Council Member Curtis made a motion to approve the December 4, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Foard seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed. Council Member Kirkley exempted himself from voting as he was not on Council at the December 4, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

#### **b. December 18, 2024 – Special Council Meeting**

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the December 18, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes. Council Member Foard seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed. Council Member Kirkley exempted himself from voting as he was not on Council at the December 18, 2024 Special Council Meeting.

### **SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL AND AUTHORIZATIONS**

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

### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### **a. Andrew Frick – 2025 Sandblast Rally**

Mr. Frick appeared before Council seeking the approval of Council to run the annual 2025 Sandblast Rally on February 28 – March 1, 2025. This event is run each year in Chesterfield County with the approval of Council to use certain County Roads.

Council Member Curtis made a motion to approve the run of the 2025 Sandblast Rally on February 28 – March 1 2025. Council Member Kirkley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

#### **b. Karen Short, Chesterfield County Opioid Abatement Coalition Director**

Ms. Short appeared before Council and gave Council an end of the year update on things that were accomplished in 2024 by the Chesterfield County Opioid Abatement Coalition. She also advised Council of some plans she has for the year 2025.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Irene Avery:** Appeared before Council regarding Teals Mill Fire Department fire dues.

**Jack Hurst:** Appeared before Council regarding fire dues on a piece of property he owns which he described as wet lands.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **a. Comprehensive Plan Ordinance – Public Hearing**

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

### **Lindsey Privette, Pee Dee COG:**

Appeared before Council to brief new Council Members on the Comprehensive Plan and answer any questions they may have.

### **Brad Turley:**

Appeared before Council and advised Council of some concerns he has regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

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

### **b. Planning Commission Ordinance – Public Hearing**

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

### **c. Project Seaboard FILOT Ordinance – Public Hearing**

Council Member Curtis made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Council Member Bishop McLendon seconded the motion. Council Member Kirkley recused himself and did not vote on this matter. A copy of Recusal Statement is attached. 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 Bishop McLendon seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**d. Second Master MCP Park Ordinance (Project Seaboard) – Public Hearing**

Council Member Curtis made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Council Member Kirkley recused himself and did not vote on this matter. A copy of the Recusal Statement is attached. 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.

**e. Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of Property I – Public Hearing**

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

**Stevenson Pierre:**

Advised he would like to know why the actual property name was not given and that he felt like citizens should know what the county is purchasing.

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

**f. Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of Property A – Public Hearing**

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

**g. Ordinance Authorizing Sale of Property L – Public Hearing**

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

**h. Flood Prevention Program Ordinance Amendment – Public Hearing**

Stuck from Agenda.

**ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**a. Comprehensive Plan Ordinance – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Burns made a motion to table this matter until a later date. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**b. Planning Commission Ordinance – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Foard made a motion to table this matter until a later date. Council Member Kirkley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**c. Duke Energy Progress, LLC FILOT Ordinance – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Foard made a motion to table this matter until a later date. Council Member Bishop McLendon seconded the motion. Council Member Kirkley recused and absented himself from the meeting, and did not vote on this matter. A copy of the Recusal Statement is attached. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**d. Second Master MCP Park Ordinance (Project Seaboard) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Foard made a motion to table this matter until a later date. Council Member Price seconded the motion. Council Member Kirkley recused and absented himself from the meeting, and did not vote on this matter. A copy of the Recusal Statement is attached. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**e. Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of Property I – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

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

**f. Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of Property A – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

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

**g. Ordinance Authorizing Sale of Property L – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

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

**h. Flood Prevention Program Ordinance Amendment – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

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**i. No-Thru Trucks Sign – Sowell Town Road – Resolution**

Council Member Kirkley made a motion to adopt said Resolution. Council Member Foard seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF**

**a. Surplus Property (Sheriff's Department) - Stanley**

Ms. Stanley advised that the Sheriff's Department has requested that Council declare a Tow Truck, Model F650 4x2, VIN # 3FRNX65F85V112533 as surplus so that it may be removed from inventory and that the sale of this vehicle be used to purchase another vehicle.

Council Member Curtis made a motion to declare the requested item as surplus. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**b. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Executive Summary – Ruffner**

Attorney Ruffner advised that Bridgette P. Coates, GCDF, Workforce Development Director, Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments, had requested that a copy of the Regional and Local Plans for workforce development along with Executive Summaries of each be provided to Council. Mr. Ruffner advised that Council had received a copy of these documents.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Council Member Kirkley advised that he would like to appoint Derrick Rhode to the Alligator Fire District Board to replace him on this Board, as he can no longer serve on this Board after being sworn in as a Council Member.

Council Member Kirkley made a motion to appoint Derrick Rhode to the Alligator Fire District Board. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Eubanks welcomed all new Council Members.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

### **Council Member Burns:**

Advised there was a program through SC Works called STAYS (Stay to Apply your Skills in SC). This is a program to encourage Veterans to stay in South Carolina. The program is for all Veterans and military spouses. For more information you can contact SC Works in Florence, SC.

### **Council Member Curtis:**

Welcomed new Council Members.

### **Chair Anderson:**

Appreciates confidence of everyone for appointing her as Chair and stated she will be working on Standing Committees and will get the Committee list out soon.

### **Council Member Bishop McLendon:**

Thanked his district for voting for him.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

a. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(1) and 30-4-40(a)(13), Council entered into executive session for the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline or release of employees.

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

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

## **REGULAR SESSION**

Chair Anderson 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.

Council Member Foard made a motion to authorize the Administrator and Finance Director to review a couple of salary adjustments as they see fit for remainder of this fiscal year in the amount of \$5,000.00. Council Member Kirkley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

## **ADJOURN**

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



APPROVED:

*Mary D. Anderson*

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Mary Anderson, Council Chair  
Date: February 5, 2025

ATTEST:

*Betty M. Boswell*

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Betty M. Boswell, Clerk of Council

VICE-CHAIR

COUNCIL MEMBER HATTIE BURNS

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VICE-CHAIR

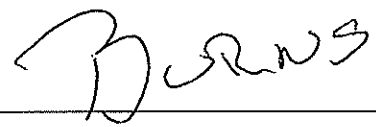
Bishop Johnnie McClellan

COUNCIL MEMBER ~~ETHAN BOARD~~

Hattie Burns

VICE-CHAIR

COUNCIL MEMBER DOUGLAS CURTIS

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# VICE-CHAIR

COUNCIL MEMBER MARY ANDERSON

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VICE-CHAIR

COUNCIL MEMBER ETHAN FOARD

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COUNCIL MEMBER BRANDON PRICE

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COUNCIL MEMBER EDDIE KIRKLEY

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# RECUSAL STATEMENT

## CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL

Member Name: Eddie Kirkley

Meeting Date: January 8, 2025

Agenda Item No.: 10c and 11c

Topic: Project Seaboard FILOT Ordinance - Public Hearing  
Duke Energy Progress, LLC FILOT Ordinance - 3rd Reading

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### Justification to Recuse:

Professionally employed by or under contract with principal

Owns or has vested interest in principal or property

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 1/8/2025

Member 

Printed Name: Eddie Kirkley

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Printed Name: Eddie Kirkley