

# JUDICIAL COMMITTEE MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS

March 5, 2025 . . . . . . . . . . 10:00 A.M.

<u>PRESENT</u>: Committee Chair Hattie Burns, Committee Members Eddie Kirkley, Ethan Foard and Bishop Johnnie McLendon.

OTHERS PRESENT: Council Chair Mary Anderson; Council Members Brandon Price, Dr. Lawrence Brand, Douglas Curtis and Todd Smallwood; Timothy L. Eubanks, Administrator; Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council; Michelle Stanley, Finance Director/Assistant Administrator, Nathan Scales, Public Defender, Paul M. Burch, Jr., Solicitor and C. Heath Ruffner, County Attorney/Assistant Administrator.

<u>PRESS</u>: 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 (<u>www.chesterfieldcountysc.com</u>). In addition it was made available to the newspapers and concerned citizens (*upon request*).

#### CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Burns welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Committee Member McLendon made a motion to adopt the March 5, 2025, meeting agenda. Committee Member Kirkley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

## a. September 25, 2024 - Committee Meeting

Committee Member Kirkley made a motion to approve the September 25, 2024, Committee Meeting Minutes. Committee Member McLendon seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

## Nathan Scales, Public Defender and Paul M. Burch, Jr., Solicitor

Nathan Scales, Public Defender and Paul M. Burch, Jr., Solicitor, appeared before the Committee and presented the Committee with information which pertained to both their offices. They also presented the Committee with their budget request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. There was much discussion regarding each request.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

#### a. Capital Project Sales Tax

There was discussion regarding the County pursuing the Capital Project Sales Tax this year for the building of a detention Center. There was discussion regarding this matter. It was the consensus of the Committee to recommend to full Council to wait until the year 2026 to pursue the Capital Project Sales Tax.

#### **ADJOURN**

Committee Member McLendon made a motion to adjourn. Committee Member Kirkley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**APPROVED:** 

Hattie Burns, Committee Chair

Judicial Committee

Dated: March 14, 2025

ATTEST:

Betty M. Roswell Clerk to Council

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