

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
May 1, 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, Loni Riley, John Bittle – Mayor, Town of Chesterfield, Magistrate John Melton, Linnett, Jane Pigg WCRE/The Link, Elsee Foard, Delphenia Rollins, Karen Short – Alpha Behavioral Health, Joette Dukes – Pee Dee COG and Steevenson Pierre. 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 Vice-Chair Anderson 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 add Karen Short, Alpha Behavioral Center under Agenda Item 6 Appointments.

Council Member Smallwood made a motion to adopt the May 1, 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. **April 3, 2024 – Regular Meeting**

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the April 3, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Smallwood 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. Brianna Bergamini and Ms. Morgan Warner, Carolina Wildlife Foundation**

Ms. Bergamini and Ms. Morgan Warner were unable to attend and will reschedule at a later date.

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

Appeared before Council regarding the countywide litter pick up day which is scheduled for May 10, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Steevenson Pierre

Appeared before Council expressing his concerns regarding comments that were made by a Council Member at a Finance Committee meeting held in May.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. **Ordinance Granting Easement to CC&W Development Group, LLC – Public Hearing**

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

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. **Ordinance Granting Easement to CC&W Development Group, LLC – 3rd Reading**

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

b. **Wal-Mart FILOT – 2nd Reading**

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

c. **2024-2025 Cash RFD Budget Ordinance – 2nd Reading**

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

d. **2024-2025 Harris Creek RFD Budget Ordinance – 2nd Reading**

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

e. 2024-2025 Alligator RFD Budget Ordinance – 2nd Reading

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

f. 2024-2025 General Fund Budget Ordinance – 2nd Reading

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

g. GO Bond Ordinance –1st Reading

Council Member Curtis made a motion to pass 1st Reading. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

h. Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase from sale of Property to the Town of Chesterfield –1st Reading, *by title only*

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

i. Mobile Home/Subdivision Ordinance –1st Reading, *by title only*

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

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

a. Pee Dee Council of Governments Update – Vice-Chair Mary Anderson

Vice-Chair Anderson gave Council an update on Pee Dee Council of Governments and the many grants that entities in Chesterfield County had received. She advised Ms. Joette Dukes with Pee Council of Governments was present at the meeting and thanked her for being at the meeting.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Bid Award – Savannah Drive & Boyd Lane – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised a Request for Proposal was issued to six local banks and responses were due back on April 18, 2024. Staff received the following two proposals:

First Citizens Bank with an interest rate of 4.68%

Community Leasing Partners with an interest rate of 5.86%

Ms. Stanley advised upon advice from our bond attorney, it is the recommendation of staff that Council approve the acceptance of the proposal from First Citizens Bank with an interest rate of 4.68%.

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the acceptance of the proposal from First Citizens Bank. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

a. CHESCO Services Board

Administration was notified that board positions need to be appointed/reappointed to the CHESCO Service Board by Council Members Ethan Foard, District 3; Council Member Douglas Curtis, District 4; and Vice-Chair Mary Anderson, District 8.

Council Member Ethan Foard, District 3

Council Member Foard made a motion to reappoint Mr. Jerry McManus to the CHESCO Services Board. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Council Member Douglas Curtis, District 4

Council Member Curtis made a motion to reappoint Mr. Henry Suggs to the CHESCO Services Board. Council Member Foard seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Vice-Chair Mary Anderson, District 8

Vice-Chair Anderson made a motion to reappoint Ms. Kay Spears to the CHESCO Services Board. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

Gave Council an update on a RIA Grant for Chesterfield County Rural Water.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Council Member Burns:

Advised that Dr. Mac Leppard will be attending the Chesterfield County Coordinating Council meeting on May 17, 2024 at the YMCA. The meeting time is 10:30 a.m.

Council Member Rivers:

Asked the Administrator to follow up on funds for Rescue Squads.

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. Project Synergy

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: Potential locations for Detention Center.

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

Vice-Chair Anderson 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.

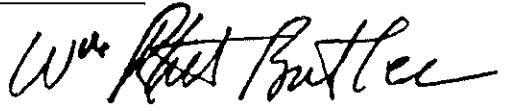
Agenda Item 18.a.i.

Vice-Chair Anderson made a motion to approve the letter of intent with the additions, changes and revisions that were discussed regarding Project PPL. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

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

APPROVED:



Wm. Rhett Butler, Chairman
Date: June 5, 2024

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council