

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

January 3, 2024 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Rhett Butler, Vice-Chair Mary Anderson, Council Members: Douglas Curtis, Hattie Burns, Ben Conklin, Bruce E. Rivers and Ethan Foard.

ABSENT: Council Members Gerald L. Miller and Todd Smallwood.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks – Administrator, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Administration Office Manager, Libby Lear – Economic Development Director, Lisa Gaaney – Economic Development, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Jacqueline Hough – The Link, Linette Burr, Sheriff Cambo Streater, Kip Kiser, Coroner, Andrew Frick, Ken Riley, Loni Riley, Andy Ingram – Mayor, Town of Cheraw, Lauren Baker- Duke Energy, Augustine Benton, John Bittle – Mayor, Town of Chesterfield, James Dixon – Solicitor’s Office, Kevin Thurman – Voter Registration, Kyle Davis – Voter Registration, John Melton – Chief Magistrate, Elese Foard and Jane Pigg – WCRE/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 AND PRAYER

Chairman Butler advised before the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, he would like to express sympathy to the family of Dr. Bill Owens. Dr. Owens served on County Council for over 12 years and served as Chairman for six years, as well as serving our county on many committees and boards

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 Agenda Item 10.d., Emergency Ordinance declaring a temporary moratorium on issuance of permits for establishment of mobile home parks and subdivisions and to strike Agenda Item 13.b., Surplus Property (Sheriff’s Department).

Council Member Curtis made a motion to adopt the January 3, 2024 meeting agenda. Vice-Chair Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

a. Mayor Andy Ingram – Chairman Rhett Butler

Chairman Rhett Butler made a motion to adopt a Resolution in appreciation of Cheraw Mayor Andrew R. Ingram. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Chairman Butler presented Mayor Ingram with a Resolution in appreciation of his service to Chesterfield County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. December 6, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the December 6, 2023 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. Andrew Frick – 2024 Sandblast Rally

Appeared before Council seeking the approval of Council to run the annual 2024 Sandblast Rally on March 1-2, 2024. This event is run each year in Chesterfield County with the approval of Council to use certain County Roads.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the run of the 2024 Sandblast Rally on March 1-2, 2024. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Stephanie Atkinson Coln, CPA – Schwartz & Halliday – Audit Report

Ms. Stephanie Atkinson Coln presented Council with the Chesterfield County Independent Audit of fiscal year 2022-2023. Chesterfield County has once again received a clean audit.

c. Lela Oakley – Noise Complaints

Did not attend meeting.

d. Augustine Benton – Elbert Baskins Road

Appeared before Council regarding the paving of Elbert Baskins Road.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jane Pigg, WCRE-The Link, appeared before Council and thanked Council for recognizing Mayor Andy Ingram and thanked Mayor Ingram for his many years of service.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Project Apollo FILOT Ordinance – Public Hearing

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

b. Second Master MCP Ordinance (Project Apollo) – 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.

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Project Apollo FILOT Ordinance – 3rd Reading

Council Member Anderson made a motion to pass 3rd Reading. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Anderson, Burns, Rivers, Curtis and Conklin. Voting in opposition of the motion was Council Member Foard. Motion passed 5-1.

b. Second Master MCP Park Ordinance (Project Apollo) – 3rd Reading

Council Member Anderson made a motion to pass 3rd Reading. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Anderson, Burns, Rivers, Curtis and Conklin. Voting in opposition of the motion was Council Member Foard. Motion passed 5-1.

c. Lease-Purchase Ordinance (Roll Off Truck and Bush Cutter) – 1st Reading, *by title only*

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

d. Emergency Ordinance Declaring Temporary Moratorium on issuance of permits for establishment of mobile home parks and subdivisions

Council Member Burns made a motion to adopt the Emergency Ordinance. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Bid Award – Water Line - Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised the County received four (4) bids from potential contractors for the Phase I Watermain Extension along Industrial Park Lane in the Lynches River Industrial Park. The following four (4) bids were received:

Dawn Development Company, Inc.	\$447,250.00
Driggers Construction, LLC	\$518,862.51
Carolina Civil, LLC	\$595,070.00
Site Concepts, Inc.	Not Responsive

Ms. Stanley advised it was the recommendation of Alliance Consulting Engineers and staff, that the bid be awarded to Dawn Development Company, Inc. in the amount of \$447,250.00, which is the lowest bid.

Vice-Chair Anderson made a motion to award the bid to Dawn Development Company, Inc. in the amount of \$447,250.00. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Surplus Property (Sheriff's Department) – Stanley

Was stricken from Agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Reminded Council of the Public Meeting regarding the Joint Comprehensive Plan which is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2024.
- Reminded Council of the Mayor's Legislative dinner which is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2024

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Vice-Chair Anderson: Advised Council that Ms. Joette Dukes, Pee Dee COG, had been hired as the new Executive Director for Pee Dee COG.

Chairman Butler: Thanked Council Member Burns for conducting the December meeting.

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 of expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the county regarding the following: Carolinas Centre Industrial Park – HS Growers

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

c. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2), Council may enter 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:

- i. Detention Center
- ii. Acquisition of property for county buildings/services

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 Conklin made a motion to exit executive session. Vice-Chair Anderson 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 19.b. – Personnel

Council Member Rivers made a motion to increase poll workers pay an additional \$50.00 from the County. Council Member Foard seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

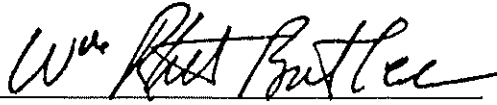
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Council Member Rivers made a motion to approve the hiring of an additional dump truck driver. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

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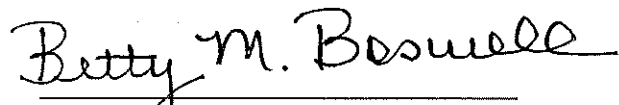
Council Member Curtis made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVED:



Rhett Butler, Chairman
Date: February 7, 2024

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council