

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 11, 20219:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Chairman Al Johnson, Vice-Chair Douglas Curtis, Council Members: Rhett Butler, Mary Anderson, Bruce E. Rivers, Gerald L. Miller, Ralph Watson, Hattie Burns and Ben Conklin.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks – Administrator, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Administration Office Manager, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Bobby Bittle, The Honorable John Melton – Chief Magistrate, Jane Pigg – WCRE/The Link, Rosa Lee Privette, Mayor – Town of Patrick, Joan Yates – The Link, Andy Ingram, Mayor – Town of Cheraw, Billy Cassidy, Mayor – Town of Chesterfield, Jason Evans, Mayor – Town of Pageland, Robert Monnie – The Link, Sheila Buckman, Director – Detention Center, Sheriff James Dixon, Chief Deputy Chris Page, Sammie Copeland and Don Worthington The Pageland Progressive Journal. 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*). Members of the press present: Robert Monnie – The Link and Don Worthington – Pageland Progressive Journal.

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Chairman Al Johnson welcomed everyone and Council Member Gerald Miller opened the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Watson made a motion to adopt the August 11, 2021 meeting agenda. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

a. Sheila Buckman, Director, Chesterfield County Detention Center – Resolution

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to adopt the Resolution of Appreciation recognizing Sheila Buckman, Director, Chesterfield County Detention Center as being the recipient of the 2020 Detention Officer of the Year. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Council recognized Sheila Buckman, Director, Chesterfield County Detention Center, by presenting her with a Resolution of Appreciation honoring her for being the recipient of the 2020 Detention Officer of the Year Award during the South Carolina Sheriff's Association Annual Conference Awards Banquet.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. July 7, 2021 Regular Meeting

Council Member Butler made a motion to adopt the July 7, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. July 14, 2021 Special Meeting

Council Member Burns made a motion to adopt the July 14, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. July 22, 2021 Special Meeting

Council Member Miller made a motion to adopt the July 22, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

a. Jane Pigg, WCRE/The Link – Palmetto Pride

Appeared before Council to inform Council of Palmetto Pride's opportunities for the County.

b. The Honorable John Melton, Chief Magistrate

Appeared before Council to introduce himself as the newly appointed Chief Magistrate.

c. Bobby Bittle – Midway Church Road Rezoning

Appeared before Council concerning a request to possibly rezone an area adjoining Midway Church Road.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Honorable Gail Ingram, Probate Judge

Appeared before Council regarding the increased cases of COVID.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Transportation Referendum Ordinance – Public Hearing

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

The Honorable Jason Evans, Mayor of Pageland

Appeared before Council to express his support of the Transportation Referendum Ordinance.

Sammie Copeland

Appeared before Council to express his support of the Transportation Referendum Ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Transportation Referendum Ordinance – 3rd Reading

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

b. Road Fee Resolution

Council Member Anderson made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

None

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Advised that the Health Department roof was completed and that we are waiting on materials for the Courthouse roof. He also advised that construction had started on the road at the Belk Property.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Butler

Advised that he had attended a Pee Dee COG Board meeting and gave an update on what was discussed at the meeting.

Council Member Anderson

Advised that staff members had attended a class on the ARPA funds while at the SCAC Annual Conference and that they received some good information. She also advised that she attended a meeting regarding road fees while at the conference.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Chairman Johnson advised that pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2), it was necessary for Council to 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: Agreement to house federal inmates.

b. Chairman Johnson advised that pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2), it was necessary for Council to 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: American Rescue Plan Act.

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

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

REGULAR SESSION

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

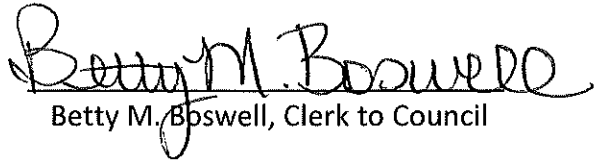
APPROVED:



Al Johnson, Chairman

Date: September 1, 2021

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council