

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
August 9, 2017..... 9:00 A.M.**

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

ABSENT: Council Member Ben Teal.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks – Interim Administrator/Public Works Director, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Office Manager, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Interim Assistant Administrator, Justin Riner, Doug Jennings – Jennings Law Firm, Rick Sheets – Carolina Cannery, Inc. and Robert Monnie – The Link. There were others attending the meeting 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.

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Chairman Johnson welcomed everyone and Council Member Ralph E. Watson opened the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Miller made a motion to adopt the August 9, 2017 meeting agenda. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. July 12, 2017 – Regular Meeting

Council Member Rivers made a motion to approve the July 12, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Justin Riner, Riner's Heating and Air

Mr. Riner appeared before Council regarding theft of HVAC equipment in the county. He stated that he had personally been affected by it along with many other contractors in the county. He advised that he wanted to make Council aware of this situation and that hopefully someone could come up with a resolution to the problem.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Project Tape FILOT Agreement Ordinance – 2nd Reading

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

b. Project Tape MCIP Agreement Ordinance – 2nd Reading

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

c. 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan – Resolution

Council Member Burns made a motion to adopt the 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

a. Fire Department Physicals – Council Member Anderson

Council Member Anderson advised that she had been contacted by a fire department in her district regarding reimbursement for fire department physicals. She was advised that it was put in the budget and, at the time, the reimbursement was \$75 per fireman for the physicals that were being done and the physical was \$125. Since then, the cost for the physical has gone up to \$230. The fire department asked if there was any way to increase the reimbursement or cost sharing from \$75 to \$150. She stated that she had talked with the Finance Director and she said that Council did budget for this item.

There was discussion regarding this matter.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to increase the cost sharing reimbursement from \$75 to \$200 for the fire departments that are not under contract. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Bid Award – 2017 Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) – Stanley

Michelle Stanley, Finance Director, presented Council with the bids for the 2017 Tax Anticipation Note (TAN). Two bids were received: 1) First Citizens at 1.58 % with a final maturity on March 15, 2018 and 2) BB&T Government Finance with a fixed rate of 1.67% with

final maturity on March 15, 2018. It is the recommendation of our bond attorney to accept the bid from First Citizens Bank.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to award bid to First Citizens at 1.58% with final maturity on March 15, 2018. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

a. Zoning Board of Appeals – Watson

Administration was advised that a board position needs to be appointed/reappointed by Council Member Watson, District 7. Council Member Watson advised that he would like to appoint Calvin Cassidy to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Council Member Watson made a motion to appoint Calvin Cassidy to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Rivers: Advised that Kemp McLeod of McBee was recognized as the #1 farmer in South Carolina and is also competing for farmer of the year throughout the nation. Mr. Rivers stated he felt Council should pass a Resolution to recognize Mr. McLeod.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Johnson announced that, pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(1), it was necessary for Council to enter into executive session for discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, discipline, or release of employees, and, pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2), for 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: condemnation of property adjacent to the intersection of Oak Street and U.S. Highway 1, Cheraw, South Carolina.

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

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

REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Johnson reported Council is back in regular session. No action was taken and no motions were made in executive session. He advised that the County Attorney may have a recommendation to make.


The County Attorney recommended that Council vote to authorize condemnation of the property located at the intersection of Highway #1 and Oak Street necessary for turn outs at that intersection and that the County authorize the engagement of Spencer Law Firm to handle that condemnation action given that his firm would have a conflict in bringing an action against the property owners involved.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to authorize condemnation of the subject property located at the intersection of Highway #1 and Oak Street and to engage Spencer Law Firm to handle the condemnation action. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

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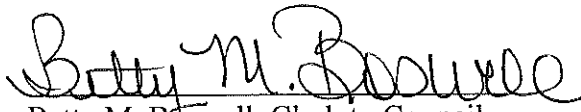
Council Member Rivers made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVED:



Al Johnson, Chairman
Date: September 6, 2017

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council