

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
September 6, 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, Wm. Rhett Butler and 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, Kim Burch – Economic Development Director, Amber Starnes – Clemson Extension, Arthur Bays, R.P. Presson 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 Bruce E. Rivers opened the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Johnson advised that Mr. Kemp McLeod was unable to attend, therefore, he would like to strike Agenda Item 4a.

Council Member Butler made a motion to adopt the September 6, 2017 meeting agenda with any amendments approved by Council. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. August 9, 2017 – Regular Meeting

Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the August 9, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arthur Bays: Stated that everyone should stay aware of Hurricane Irma and stay informed.

Amber Starnes: Advised Council she was with the Clemson Extension and that they are located upstairs at the old jail and were expanding and running out of space. Ms. Starnes advised Council that the Clemson Extension would like to take over the upstairs and downstairs when DJJ moves out of the building they are currently in, which is the old jail.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Project Tape FILOT Ordinance – Public Hearing

Council Member Burns made a motion to open public hearing. Vice-Chair Curtis 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.

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

b. Project Tape MCIP Agreement – Public Hearing

Council Member Miller made a motion to open public hearing. Council Member Butler 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 public hearing. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Project Tape FILOT Agreement Ordinance – 3rd Reading

Kim Burch, Economic Development Director: Advised Council that Stanley Tools had expanded and that 60 jobs will be generated from this expansion.

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

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

a. Chesterfield Rural Fire Protection District – Tax Refund – Curtis

Vice-Chair Curtis: You are aware, we had some problems last year when we went from a fee to millage and it created some disparity in the taxation process. The Committee decided to go back to a fee but what the Committee decided to do was incorporate all parcels instead of just parcels with buildings on it but there was a lot of disparity between what they actually paid. You had some residents that paid a couple of hundred dollars and some residents that paid up to five hundred dollars for fire protection and what I want to do is get the discussion started, which now Mr. Ruffner called me on this and I'm going to have to take the blame for it and I'll take the blame for the problem we've had because I'm mainly the only one still here. Instead of a tax refund, what I would like the Committee to look at is a tax credit as a way of getting these folks their monies back that they overpaid and I want to let Council know that is what the Finance

Committee is going to be working on along with staff to come up with a way that's fair and equitable to everybody. These funds were generated by that fee so it's not coming out of any other monies other than what was collected but I did want the entire Council to know what we were going to be working on. The Committee will be meeting shortly and come back with some information to Council.

Chairman Johnson: Now, Mr. Curtis, that's Mrs. Burns, you and Ralph and Mrs. Anderson involved in this?

Vice-Chair Curtis: Yes, sir.

Chairman Johnson: And it's just a small amount that y'all contract with the Town of Chesterfield, is that correct?

Vice-Chair Curtis: Correct, it's that small entity.

Chairman Johnson: Well, that suits me if it suits the rest of Council for y'all to meet on it and bring back a recommendation.

Vice-Chair Curtis: Yes, sir. I just want the general public to know that we are working on it.

b. Ruby Fire Department – Concrete Pad – Curtis

Vice-Chair Curtis: This is a project for the Ruby Fire Department. They have got some property right there in town and it's my understanding that they want to improve it and make some type of memorial park. It's an older building. It's got a concrete pad outside in front of it and I think Mr. Eubanks has been up there and looked at it. They would like to have it broken up and removed. It's more or less going to be removed because there's probably not a place on it that's not already broken up any bigger than this right here. It's not going to take a lot of County resources. The Fire Departments are very vital to us and if we could do this small thing for them, I would really appreciate it. I know Mr. Watson and perhaps Ms. Anderson too has got a piece of that but we would like permission to move forward with that. Mr. Eubanks, you have any idea how long that little project would take?

Tim Eubanks, Interim Administrator: We could probably do it in a day with probably 2 or 3 dump truck loads of material to take off.

Chairman Johnson: Mr. Curtis, to my knowledge we don't need to vote on this. We normally do small things like that for other Fire Departments in this County. So, with the Council's blessing, let's let Mr. Eubanks handle it.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Health Department Roof – Bid Award – Eubanks

Tim Eubanks, Interim Administrator: We bid out the Health Department roof and we had two people turn in bids, which I felt were high, so I took it to the Building Committee. The

Building Committee also thought the bids were high. We would like for Council to reject these bids and bid it again and hopefully we will get a lot more local participation out of it.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to reject the two bids received and to allow staff to bid the Health Department Roof again. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Detention Center – Health Care Bid Award – Eubanks

Council was advised that staff issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for inmate health care services for the Detention Center. Staff received the following two bids: 1) Hartsville Medical Enrichment Services and 2) Southern Health Partners. It was the recommendation of staff that Council award the bid to Southern Health Partners, Option 2.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to award the bid to Southern Health Partners, Option 2. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Economic Development Office Building Project – Eubanks

Tim Eubanks, Interim Administrator: We formed a Selection Committee and brought in five different engineering outfits and the Selection Committee prioritized them from 1-5. I was able to negotiate a contract with the first one, which is GMK out of Columbia.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

a. Condemnation – McDonald Circle - Ruffner

Heath Ruffner, County Attorney/Interim Assistant Administrator: Explained that this condemnation is for a paving project that involves several parcels that are heir property, with unknown heirs or heirs that cannot be located and, such being the case, the only way to proceed is to file a condemnation action.

Council Member Burns made a motion to authorize a condemnation action on the necessary parcels on McDonald Circle. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Advised that two vehicles would be purchased for Economic Development on State Contract. He also advised that Emergency Management was scheduling a meeting this afternoon to get everyone together to discuss preparations for Hurricane Irma.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Butler: Congratulated the Sheriff's Department on recovering an ATV for a neighbor of his and doing it in a timely manner.

Council Member Teal: Mr. Eubanks, what is the status on County Line Road?

Tim Eubanks, Interim Administrator: Still waiting on a couple of right-of-ways on that one.

Council Member Teal: Gave an update on the Patrick issues as far as fire department information. He also advised that he was asked to get information on current builders to get estimates or bids for a substation.

Vice-Chair Curtis: Mr. Teal, I would talk with Tommy Catoe and Robert Hancock. Both of those departments have probably been the most aggressive in adding substations and dealing with buildings. I think they would be a great resource for you.

Chairman Johnson: Last month we passed it to help pay for the physicals with our local fire departments. We are having some issues with that and I would like to ask Mr. Curtis if the Finance Committee would look at that some time during this month and come back with a suggestion on that. That suit you Mr. Curtis?

Vice-Chair Curtis: Yes, sir. I'll do what you want me to do.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council did not enter Executive Session.

ADJOURN

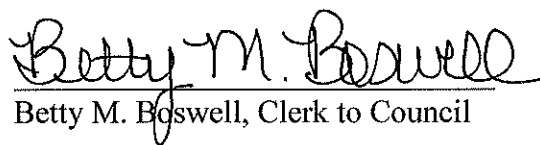
Council Member Rivers made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVED:



Al Johnson, Chairman
Date: October 4, 2017

ATTEST:


Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council