

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

January 2, 2019 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, Wm. Rhett Butler and Ben Teal.

ABSENT: Council Member Ralph E. Watson.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks – Interim Administrator/Public Works Director, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Office Manager, Lisa Gainey – Human Resource Director, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Interim Assistant Administrator, Andrew Frick – Sandblast Rally, Timothy Griffin – Pageland Chamber of Commerce, Mildred Raley – Pageland Garden Club, Jasmine Dixon, Patricia A. Dixon, Gail Ingram – Probate Judge, Cody Harvey – I.T. Department, Mayor Andy Ingram – Town of Cheraw, Councilman Jim Crawford – Town of Cheraw, Sheriff James A. Dixon, Kip Kiser – Coroner, Jeff Field – Sandblast Rally, Marion Anderson 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 advised that Council Member Ralph Watson had a bad accident and he asked Vice-Chair Curtis to give an update on Council Member Watson.

Vice-Chair Curtis: Advised that Council Member Watson sustained a very bad injury falling off a ladder and broke his leg in three places. He gave Council an update on Council Member Watson's condition.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers opened the meeting with prayer.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Wanda Miles, Clerk of Court for Chesterfield County administered the Oath of Office for Gail Ingram, Probate Judge; James Dixon, Sheriff; Council Member Gerald L. Miller, Council District 2; Council Member Kenneth A. Johnson, Council District 3; Council Member Douglas A. Curtis, Council District 4; and Council Member Mary D. Anderson, Council District 8.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Anderson made a motion to adopt the January 3, 2018 meeting agenda. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

C. Heath Ruffner, County Attorney/Interim Assistant Administrator:

Advised that, per the Standing Rules, the election of the Chair and Vice Chair will now be for a two year term.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to elect Council Member Johnson as Chair for a two year term and Council Member Curtis as Vice-Chair for a two year term. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

a. Employee Length-of-Service Recognition

Staff has implemented a Service Recognition that is designed to honor the County’s Employees. The program will recognize years of service beginning at five years and following in five year increments. The following employees were recognized and presented with their Certificates:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Number of Years</u>
Cody Harvey	I.T. Department	5 Years
Jimmy Cato (Not Present)	Convenience Center	5 Years
David Rose (Not Present)	Public Works	15 Years

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. December 5, 2018– Regular Meeting

Council Member Butler made a motion to approve the December 5, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

a. Andrew Frick – 2019 Sandblast Rally

Appeared before Council seeking the approval of Council to run the annual 2019 Sandblast Rally on March 2, 2019. This event is run each year in Chesterfield County with the approval of Council to use certain County Roads.

Council Member Butler made a motion to approve the run of the 2019 Sandblast Rally on March 2, 2019. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Small Business Main Street – Resolution

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

b. Project Season Incentive and MCP Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

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

c. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – 1st Reading, by title only

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

d. Project Centerfield Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

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

e. Second Master MCP Ordinance Amendment (Project Centerfield) – 1st Reading, by title only

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee – Committee Chair Curtis

Advised at last month's meeting in executive session, Council discussed personnel and the need for an administrator that is not interim administrator. The Chairman charged the Finance Committee which is myself, Mr. Butler and Ms. Burns, to come up with a recommendation and we met and met with the potential candidate and vetted him pretty hard. I think the gentlemen would be a great fit for this County. He's got two years' experience and he's shown me personally, and I would hope the rest of you that he is capable of doing the job, has done a good job and will continue to do a good job so it is the committee's suggestion that Council ask Mr. Eubanks if he would accept the position of Administrator and not Interim Administrator, is that what you would like to do sir?

Interim Administrator Eubanks: Yes, sir.

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to remove the interim title from Mr. Eubanks position and make him formally the administrator of Chesterfield County. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Administrator Eubanks: I appreciate y'all having the confidence in offering me this position and I'll do my very best to fulfil it and hope y'all are happy with it.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Gave Council an update on the water damage at the Judicial Center. Reminded Council of the Employee Appreciation luncheon.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Chairman Johnson: Recognized Council Member Anderson in being elected to the SCAC Board of Directors.

Vice-Chair Curtis: Reminded Council of the Mayor's Association meeting tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. at the YMCA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. C. Heath Ruffner, County Attorney/Interim Assistant Administrator announced that pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70-(a)(2), Council had a need to enter 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: Project Season.

b. C. Heath Ruffner, County Attorney/Interim Assistant Administrator announced that pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2), Council had a need 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: Ambulance Service, and that Council may take action by voting upon the matter referenced in Agenda Item 20b after exiting executive session.

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

Council Member Miller made a motion to exit executive session. Council Member Burns 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 motions were made and no action was taken in Executive Session.

Chairman Johnson: Advised that Council Member Rivers talked to him earlier and he's going to be having some surgery coming up in the next week or so and he would like for everyone to be thinking Council Member Rivers and keeping him in their prayers. Thanked everyone for their confidence in him and that he appreciated it.

Vice-Chair Curtis: Advised he wanted to echo the same sentiment as Chairman Johnson and he appreciated the confidence everyone had in him and that he was going to make a pledge to everyone that he was going to try the next four years to be an even better council member than what he hopefully had been.

ADJOURN

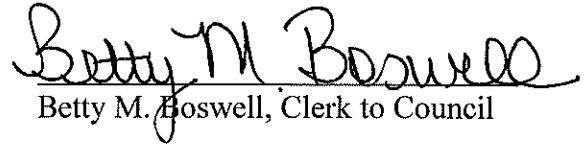
Council Member Teal made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVED:



Al Johnson, Chairman
Date: February 6, 2019

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council