

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY MEETING ROOM
February 1, 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, Ben Teal and Wm. Rhett Butler.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks – Interim Administrator/Public Works Director, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Lisa Gainey – Human Resource Director, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Interim Assistant Administrator, Sheriff Jay Brooks, Arthur Bays, Jr., Ralph Laney – DSS, Margaret Plettinger-Mitchell – Chesterfield County Coordinating Council, Hester Ellerbe, Andrew Frick – Sandblast Rally, Lonnie Roberts, Rose Gainey, Lynn Shepherd, Jim McGonigal, Kim Burch – Economic Development Director, Cherry McCoy – Economic Development, Lonnie Roberts 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 Watson opened the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Watson made a motion to amend the Agenda to include the following items:

16.b. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(5), 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 public body.

16.c. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(3), discussion regarding the development of security personnel or devices for certain County buildings.

(Note: no action was to be taken at this meeting regarding either of these items such that no finding was necessary that emergency or exigent circumstances existed in order to amend the agenda.)

Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. January 4, 2017 – Regular Meeting

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the January 4, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

a. Andrew Frick – 2017 Sandblast Rally

Mr. Andrew Frick appeared before Council seeking the approval of Council to run the annual 2017 Sandblast Rally on March 4, 2017. This event is run each year in Chesterfield County with the approval of Council to use certain County Roads. Mr. Eubanks has inspected the roads and has been in contact with Mr. Frick regarding any potential issues. Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the use of the specified roads to run the annual 2017 Sandblast Rally. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Margaret Plettinger-Mitchell, Chesterfield County Coordinating Council

Appeared before Council and shared the findings of a community data report regarding health issues facing our County.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arthur Bays

Advised Council that the Teals Mill Bridge is now open and thanked everyone who had a part in getting the bridge replaced.

Robert Williams

Appeared before Council regarding the paving of McDonald Circle.

Gladys Broom

Appeared before Council regarding the paving of McDonald Circle.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Master MCP Agreement Amendment Ordinance (Talley Metals) – Public Hearing

Council Member Butler made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Council Member Rivers 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 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. Master MCP Agreement Amendment Ordinance (Talley Metals) – 3rd Reading

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Building Committee – Judicial Center Project

Committee Chair Rivers gave Council an update on the Judicial Center Project. He advised that the Building Committee will be meeting again before bidding is let.

b. Finance Committee – Training and Travel

Committee Chair Curtis advised that there were unexpended funds available in the line item for Administration training and travel, and that it would be permissible under the Budget Ordinance to transfer funds from the Administration training and travel budget to the Council training and travel budget to permit council members to attend the Mid-Year Conference and Institute of Government courses. Committee Chair Curtis stated that the Finance Committee felt the new Council members should be able to attend the Institute of Government courses and Council's budget training and travel line item would not be sufficient. It was, therefore, the recommendation of the Finance Committee that funds be transferred from the Administration training and travel line item in the budget, which has sufficient funds, to Council's budget training and travel line item.

There was discussion regarding the use of Administration training and travel funds for training and travel for Council members.

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to transfer funds from Administration's training and travel line item to Council's training and travel line item within the fiscal year 2016/2017 budget. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Chesterfield County Coordinating Council Board Appointment

Council Member Butler made a motion to appoint Council Member Burns to the Chesterfield County Coordinating Council Board. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Library Board Appointment

Vice-Chair Curtis announced he was appointing Sara Lear to the Library Board as his representative.

Council Member Burns announced she was appointing Hester Ellerbe to the Library Board as her representative.

Council Member Butler advised he had contacted someone in regards to serving on the Library Board and would announce his appointee at the next meeting.

c. Grievance Committee Appointment

Council Member Curtis appointed Chad Arant to the Employee Grievance Committee.

Council Member Ralph Watson appointed Robert Gordon to the Employee Grievance Committee.

d. Pee Dee Regional Council of Government Board (COG) Appointment

Council Member Rivers made a motion to appoint Council Member Anderson to replace retired Council Member J. Matthew Rivers to on the Pee Dee COG Board. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

e. Belk Property Grant

Ms. Burch advised Council that a letter of support to the SC Power Team was needed in order to secure a \$220,000 grant to be used toward the purchase of the Belk Property on which the County has an option to purchase.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to authorize submission of a letter of support to the SC Power Team in order to secure the grant. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Advised that as of Monday the County now has an active online GIS, and thanked GIS Director Chad Arant for his work in getting this completed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Chairman Johnson: Thanked staff for everything they are doing and that everything is running smoothly.

Council Member Anderson: Advised that she along with Council Members Curtis and Rivers attended the Rescue Squad meeting and that she felt like everyone was on the same page.

Council Member Butler: Advised there was going to be a Legislative Breakfast on Friday at 8:00 am at Northeastern Tech.

Vice-Chair Curtis: Stated there was a murder case in Cheraw last week and he just wanted to thank the Sheriff's Department for what they do and he appreciated their hard work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Johnson announced that it was necessary for Council to enter into executive session for the following:

Agenda Item 16a – Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70-(a)(1), for discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of employees, and that Council may take action by voting upon the matter referenced in Agenda Items 16a after exiting executive session;

Agenda Item 16b – Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(5), for 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 public body; and

Agenda Item 16c – Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(3), for discussion regarding the development of security personnel or devices for certain County buildings.

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to enter executive session. Council Member Teal 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 except to exit executive session.

Council Member Burns made a motion to grant a supplemental salary increase of five percent (5%), retroactive to January 2, 2017 through the remainder of the fiscal year, to the Interim Administrator, Clerk to Council, Finance Director and Human Resource Director, the funding for which will be from the remaining amount budgeted for the salary of the Administrator; and to designate and assign the additional duties of Office Manager to the Clerk to Council; Committee Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

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

APPROVED:



Al Johnson, Chairman

Date: March 1, 2017

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to
Council/Office Manager