

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

October 4, 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, Kim Burch – Economic Development Director, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Interim Assistant Administrator, Beth Wallace – Pee Dee Coalition, Stacey Short – Pee Dee Coalition, Tommy Ballard, Tyrone Miles, Walter Bruner, Andy Smith, Jennifer White, Faye Jenkins, Fred Harris – Treasurer, Honorable Jay Brooks – Sheriff, Honorable Kip Kiser – Coroner, Dick Young, Representative Richie Yow, Representative Pat Henegan 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 asked that everyone stand and have a moment of silence for the victims and their families involved in the Las Vegas shooting. Council Member Wm. Rhett Butler opened the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to adopt the October 4, 2017 meeting agenda. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

a. Alexander “Kemp” Mcleod

Chairman Johnson advised that Mr. McLeod was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

b. Dick Young – The Honorable Kip Kiser, Coroner

Chairman Johnson advised that this item would be postponed until the Coroner arrived.

c. Employee Years of Service

Staff has implemented a Service Recognition Program 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 Year</u>
Tyrone Miles	Public Works	5 Years
Terrance Jowers (Not present)	Detention Center	5 Years
Tommy Ballard	Sheriff's Department	5 Years
Walter Bruner	Public Works	5 Years
Andy Smith	Codes Enforcement	5 Years
Kim Burch	Economic Development	10 Years
Jennifer White	Treasurer's Office	20 Years
Faye Jenkins	Treasurer's Office	20 Years

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. September 6, 2017 – Regular Meeting

Council Member Rivers made a motion to approve the September 6, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

a. John M. Mitchell, AT&T – Infrastructure Credit Check Presentation

Mr. Mitchell from AT&T appeared before Council and presented an Infrastructure Credit check in the amount of \$50,000 to be used in connection with the Carolina Canners expansion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stacey Short, Pee Dee Coalition

Advised that she was the Volunteer Coordinator for Chesterfield County and that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Ms. Short gave an update on shelter changes and thanked Council for all of their support.

Beth Wallace, Pee Dee Coalition

Advised that she was the new County Coordinator for Chesterfield County. She also discussed some of the events that would be taking place throughout the County during the month of October.

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act – Resolution

Council Member Burns made a motion to adopt the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Resolution. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Building Committee – Judicial Center Update – Committee Chair Rivers

Committee Chair Rivers gave an update on the Judicial Center project. There was discussion regarding locating all of the Magistrates in the Judicial Center, with the exception of the Pageland Office. He stated that in his conversation with the Senator, the Senator wants to leave that office there for several reasons. He stated that at some point in time all Magistrate Offices will be located in the Judicial Center, even the Pageland Office. Committee Chair Rivers stated that he would like to retain the agreement with the Town of Pageland regarding the use of the building currently used by the Magistrates in case the Magistrates may need to use that office at some point in the future. He stated there was no cost to the County for using this building, other than the phone bill.

Chief Magistrate Dyches: Advised Council of her concerns in locating all Magistrates in the Judicial Center.

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to move forward with consolidating all Magistrates in the Judicial Center with the exception, for an amount of time, the office in Pageland, but all offices will be located in the Judicial Center in the future, and that plans will be made for them to have an appropriate office with an appropriate courtroom and security. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Chairman Johnson: Advised that the Coroner had arrived and would now make his presentation to Mr. Dick Young.

Kip Kiser, Coroner: Recognized Mr. Dick Young for his years of service to Chesterfield County and presented Mr. Young with a plaque.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

a. SCAC Annual Conference Location – Chairman Johnson

Advised that staff had received a copy of correspondence from the Kershaw County Administrator to the President of South Carolina Association of Counties (SCAC) requesting support from other member counties to request that SCAC consider locations other than Hilton Head Island for the Association's Annual Conference.

Council Member Miller made a motion to send a letter in support of the correspondence received from Kershaw County regarding the SCAC's Annual Conference at Hilton Head Island. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Reminded Council of the Employee Appreciation Luncheon.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Anderson: Stated that she had some good news to share. She advised that Jason Herring with Medshore had sent her an email on September 26 stating that Medshore is now offering a \$20,000 signing bonus for paramedics and a \$10,000 signing bonus for EMTs

which has increased their application pool significantly. Stated that Medshore had some part-time people that decided to go full time and they currently have eight full time medics and four that are in processing and a full staff of EMTs. Council Member Anderson advised the other good news was from Evans Tindal, the plant manager for Highland and that the whole story could be read in The Link this week and that she would just give the highlights. Stated there has been some issue in Cheraw with PCBs from a former industry that was owned where Highland is located and that the EPA has removed the contaminated soil, got backfilled and sodded but there wasn't any for the left side of the ditch and Huckleberry Park, so Highland has decided on their own to go above and beyond to take care of those and to also provide the playground equipment. She stated that she just wanted to publically thank Highland. Advised that the Jazz Festival is the third week this month.

Council Member Teal: Advised that there would be a meeting at the Patrick Fire Department station on Monday, October 23rd at 6:00 pm concerning the new substation land acquisition. Advised that he had gotten a call from a concerned McBee citizen regarding the tennis complex in McBee as to how or when there was going to be upgrades to the tennis complex and that he wasn't clear on who actually owned that property.

Council Member Rivers: Advised that he had a copy of a letter from the CCEDB Chairman Tommy Sellers that was sent to Mr. Eubanks stating that they have established a Building Committee which consists of Adam Foard, John Douglas, Kappie Griggs and Eddie Kirkley and this Committee was established to work with Council's Building Committee on the CCEDB Building Project and that he looked forward to working with them.

Vice-Chair Curtis: Advised that he would like to have the Clerk schedule a meeting with the Auditor and the Chesterfield Fire Protection District Committee within the next ten days and to also schedule a Finance Committee meeting within the next ten days. Stated that he felt sure the public was aware of the case of Equine Encephalitis in the County and that he thought Council acted proactively and did what DHEC required them to do. Vice-Chair Curtis thanked Representative Yow and Representative Henegan for coming to the meeting today.

Council Member Burns: Stated that she would like to piggy back on what Mr. Curtis said. She stated that the majority of the area that was affected was District 6, which is her district, so she wanted to thank Mr. Eubanks and Mr. Hainey and everybody else that handled this situation so well.

Chairman Johnson: Stated that he would like to add to this. Staff really worked hard on this to do the right thing and he wanted to thank them. Thanked Representative Henegan and Representative Yow for being at the meeting. Stated he didn't want to leave the Sheriff out, that he was glad to have him at the meeting today.

Representative Yow: There will be a Veteran's Fair at the Sheriff's Office on October 26.

Representative Henegan: Please do all we can to contribute to Pee Dee Coalition and support them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Johnson advised that pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70-(a)(2), Council would 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: Chesterfield County Detention Center.

Vice-Chair Curtis 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 Burns made a motion to exit Executive Session. Council Member Teal 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.

ADJOURN

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Al Johnson, Chairman
Date: November 1, 2017



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council