

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET WORKSHOP
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

April 10, 2024 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Hattie Burns, Committee Chair and Committee Members Todd Smallwood and Douglas Curtis.

OTHERS PRESENT: Council Chair Rhett Butler; Council Members Ethan Foard and Mary Anderson; Timothy L. Eubanks, Administrator; Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council; Michelle Stanley, Finance Director, C. Heath Ruffner, County Attorney/Assistant Administrator; Kip Kiser, Coroner; Gail Ingram, Probate Judge; Chad Arant, CC Emergency Services; Elese Foard; Kathryn Cress, Library; Gracyn Williamson, Library; Kyle Davis, Veterans Affairs/Voter Registration; Libby Lear, Economic Development; Cambo Streater, Sheriff; Lynn Shepherd, Public Works; Jeff McCarn, Public Works and John James, Coroner’s Office. There were others in attendance 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*).

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Burns called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Attorney Ruffner advised there was a need to amend the Agenda to enter into executive session pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-40(a)(2), and that will be to discuss a budgetary issue for training involving the Coroner’s Office and the reason for going into executive session is that it involves a case that is currently under an open investigation, some of the details of which will need to be discussed in executive session in relation to the requested training.

Committee Member Curtis made a motion to adopt the April 10, 2024 meeting agenda, with said amendment. Committee Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS

- **Kyle Davis, Veteran’s Affairs/Voter Registration**

Appeared before the Finance Committee regarding the salaries for the directors of Voter Registration and Veteran’s Affairs. Challenged Council if at all possible to compensate the directors for the compensation they have missed and include them in all future salary increases.

- **Gail Ingram, Probate Judge:**

Appeared before Council regarding her budget requests.

- **Kip Kiser, Coroner:**

Appeared before Council regarding his budget requests. Advised if he could hire a full-time person, that would be great. He advised paramedics have the credentials for work in the Coroner's Office and in Chester County, they use paramedics and pay them \$75.00 per night. Mr. Kiser proposes two weeks a month where paramedics catch calls at night and get paid \$75.00 a night. He stated he needed two things, personnel and a facility.

- **Libby Lear, Economic Development:**

Appeared before Council regarding her budget requests. She advised she was asking for a salary increase for all of her department, and if it couldn't be done for all of them, to not include her.

- **Chad Arant, Emergency Services:**

Appeared before Council regarding his budget requests.

- **Lynn Shepherd, Public Works:**

Appeared before Council regarding Public Works budget requests.

- **Cambo Streater, Sheriff:**

Appeared before Council regarding his budget requests.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-40(a)(2), The Committee entered into executive session to discuss a budgetary issue for some training involving the Coroner's Office and the reason for going into executive session is that it involves a case that is currently under investigation.

Committee Member Smallwood made a motion to enter into executive session. Committee Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Committee Member Smallwood made a motion to exit executive session. Committee Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Committee Member Smallwood made a motion to adjourn. Committee Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

APPROVED:

Hattie Burns
Hattie Burns, Committee Chair
Date: April 24, 2024

ATTEST:

Betty M. Boswell
Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council