

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNTY MEETING ROOM  
March 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/Office Manager, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Interim Assistant Administrator, Sheriff Jay Brooks, Arthur Bays, Jr., Ralph Laney – DSS, Kim Burch – Economic Development Director, Cherry McCoy – Economic Development, Joan Yates – The Link, Amber Starnes – Clemson Extension, Honorable Diane Dyches – Magistrate, Christie Moore – Pee Dee Coalition, Tierra Cash – Pee Dee Coalition, Bill Crowther, Economic Developer, Congressman Tom Rice’s Office and Timothy Griggs. 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](http://www.chesterfieldcountysc.com)). In addition it was made available to the newspapers and concerned citizens (*upon request*). Members of the press present: Joan Yates – The Link.

**CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER**

Chairman Johnson welcomed everyone and Council Member Bruce E. Rivers opened the meeting with prayer.

Chairman Johnson advised that he would like to recognize Bill Crowther, Economic Developer, Congressman Tom Rice’s Office.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Council Member Burns made a motion to adopt the March 1, 2017 meeting agenda. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. February 1, 2017 – Regular Meeting**

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the February 1, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

- a. **Saundra Ligon, Senior Community Relations Consultant – SC Human Affairs Commission**

Ms. Ligon was unable to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

## **SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **Arthur Bays**

Thanked Council for the money that had been given to the Fire Departments and advised Council he would like for the Finance Committee to look at getting a fire fighter in every Fire Department in the County, which would be 15.

### **Timothy Griggs**

Advised that he is a self-employed forester and contracts loggers to do work for him. He advised Council he had received a bill from the Road Department for damage to a road and he did not feel it was his responsibility to fix the road, that he felt it was the logger's responsibility.

### **Christie Moore – Pee Dee Coalition**

Appeared before Council to invite Council to a Special Open House at the Chesterfield Satellite Crisis Center (Craig House) on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and also thanked Council for their support.

## **ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS**

- a. **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Chesterfield County Emergency Services E911 and Marlboro County Emergency Services E911 - Resolution**

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

- b. **Procurement Policy – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, by title only**

County Attorney Heath Ruffner advised that the proposed revisions to the Procurement Policy involve changes regarding certain "Small Purchases" and the acquisition of items through the South Carolina State Fiscal Accountability Authority Procurement Services, also known as State Contract. Both of the proposed revisions should result in cost savings.

Council Member Burns made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, *by title only*. 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 it was the recommendation of the Building Committee to issue an Invitation for Bids on Phase 1 of the Judicial Center Project.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to move forward and to send out Invitation for Bids on Phase 1 with the plans we have now. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**b. Committee on Chesterfield Rural Fire Protection District – Update**

Committee Chair Curtis advised that the Committee had met several times and they have several scenarios on how to correct and make the situation better. He advised he wanted to let the public know that they are actively working on it.

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF**

**a. Library Board Appointment**

Council Member Butler announced he had appointed Patricia Johnson to the Library Board as representative of District 9.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Advised that the County has met the U.S. Census deadline.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS**

**Council Member Butler:** Thanked Council and staff in helping the new members attend the Mid-Year Conference.

**Council Member Teal:** Stated that there was a lot of trash on the roads and that he would like to see some cleaner roads.

**Chairman Johnson:** Advised that we will be having our Budget Retreat after next month’s Council meeting and that the Employee Appreciation Luncheon will be that same day.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Johnson announced that it was necessary for Council to enter into executive session pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70-(a)(2) 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: Fire Protection Contract Renewal – Town of Cheraw.

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 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.

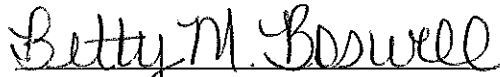
**ADJOURN**

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:**

  
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Al Johnson, Chairman  
Date: April 5, 2017

**ATTEST:**

  
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Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to  
Council