

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

June 21, 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, Ben Teal and Wm. Rhett Butler.

ABSENT: Council Member Ralph E. Watson.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks – Interim Administrator/Public Works Director, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Office Manager, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Lisa Gainey – Human Resource Director, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Interim Assistant Administrator, Kim Burch – Economic Development Director, Cherry McCoy – Economic Development Senior Project Manager and Robert Monnie – The Link.

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 Bruce E. Rivers opened the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Burns made a motion to adopt the June 21, 2017 meeting agenda. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Freedom of Information Act Fee Schedule

Heath Ruffner, County Attorney/Interim Assistant Administrator: Advised Council that recently enacted legislation requires that Council adopt a fee schedule for FOIA requests and that this fee schedule has to be posted on the County's website.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the fee schedule for FOIA requests, a copy of which was included in the meeting packet. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Option Agreement Extension – +/- 1.5 acres, South of West Boulevard, Chesterfield, SC (portion of TMS No.: 171-4-7-1)

Heath Ruffner, County Attorney/Interim Assistant Administrator: Advised Council that the Optionor has previously agreed to an extension of the Option Agreement to July 13, 2017 for the +/- 1.5 acres, South of West Boulevard, Chesterfield, SC (portion of TMS No.: 171-4-7-1).

Council Member Rivers made a motion to approve and authorize execution of the Extension. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. 2017/2018 Budget Workshop

Finance Committee Chair Curtis: Thanked the Finance Committee for their hard work on the 2017/2018 Budget. He advised that we were \$2.4 million out to start with and that approximately \$300,000 had been cut from the budget. He advised that the Debt Service is going to require a 4 mil increase to fund and that's on all of the building improvements and construction that has been done since 2013. He stated that according to the CPI we could raise the millage 1.01 mils and that the Finance Committee had briefly talked about keeping that mil, but that would be entirely up to Council or just go with the debt service millage increase and no millage increase on the operations side. The Finance Committee discussed taking part of that 1 mil and looking at the employees \$30,000 and under, and the possibility of giving them a 2% raise to offset the increased employee contribution for retirement and insurance.

Chairman Johnson: Mr. Curtis, just one question I would like for you or Michelle to explain, why are we 2.4 million out to start with, it's not because the County has over spent money? It's my understanding that it's because the mil didn't bring in the amount of money it was projected to bring in last year, is that correct?

Finance Committee Chair Curtis: Yes, sir the value of the mil got inflated.

Council Member Butler made a motion to take part of the money that comes from the 1.01 mil increase and give a two percent (2%) increase to all employees earning a salary of \$30,000 and under, specifically including part-time employees. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

There was some discussion regarding charging the Public Defender's Office an administrative fee for handling that office's payroll.

Chairman Johnson: Stated that it was mentioned to him that Ruby-Mt. Croghan Fire Department is going to raise their fire dues but they haven't had a meeting yet.

Council Member Curtis: It's just a carry-over item and they did meet last Saturday. He advised that he and Mr. Watson attended the meeting. They are raising the dues from \$55 to \$75.

ADJOURN

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

APPROVED:



Al Johnson, Chairman
Dated: July 12, 2017

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council