

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**March 6, 2019 ..... 9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Al Johnson, Vice-Chair Douglas Curtis, Council Members: Hattie Burns, Bruce E. Rivers, Gerald L. Miller, Ralph E. Watson, William R. Butler, Mary Anderson and Ben Teal.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tim Eubanks, Administrator/Public Works Director; Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council/Administration Office Manager; Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Lisa Gainey – Human Resource Director, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Jason Herring – Medshore, R.P. Presson, Gail H. Thomas – Ruby Town Council, Jane Pigg – WCRE/The Link, Hester Ellerbe – NAACP, Ward Braswell, Adam M. Foard – CCEDB, Wes Harrell – CGA, Chase Watson – Watson’s Hot Rod Garage, Josh Shore – Medshore, Greg Kitchens – LGA, Marty Horton and Dusty Bodenhemer, R.S. Tarlton – Mother’s Board 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](http://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 Wm. Rhett Butler opened the meeting with prayer.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Council Member Burns made a motion to adopt the March 6, 2019 meeting agenda. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. February 6, 2019 – Regular Meeting**

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the February 6, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**a. Jane Pigg – WCRE/The Link**

Ms. Pigg appeared before Council to give an update on unclaimed funds from the State.

**b. Zakeya Reid, Community Engagement Specialist – Region 1  
Girl Scouts of Eastern South Carolina**

Did not attend meeting.

**c. Spec Building – Kim Burch, Economic Development Director and Cherry  
McCoy, Senior Project Manager**

Ms. Burch and Ms. McCoy appeared before Council to get permission to determine grant opportunities and bring back several options for a spec building and to bid tree removal on the Belk Property. Ms. Burch advised the best property for a spec building would be the Belk Property.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to allow Ms. Burch and Ms. McCoy to seek grant opportunities, bring back several options for a spec building and to bid tree removal on the Belk Property. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Arthur Bays, Jr.:** Appeared before Council and advised he was still working on the Fire Department situation.

**Ward Braswell:** Appeared before Council on behalf of his father-in-law regarding property located at 418 Dogwood Circle. He addressed Council regarding the County's Unfit Dwelling Ordinance.

**Chase Watson:** Gave Council a brief background on himself. Appeared before Council to let them know the Motors in the Morning event would be taking place March 30, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Cheraw Airport. The event is benefiting the Braves in Business.

**ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**a. Lease Purchase Ordinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Butler made a motion to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**b. Wal-Mart FILOT Ordinance Amendment – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Council Member Rivers made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**c. U.S. Stevia FILOT Agreement Assignment to HS Ingredients LLC - Resolution**

Council Member Butler advised that the Carolinas Centre Park Commission met on February 12, 2019 and the Commission would like to propose a Resolution to consent to the assignment of the FILOT Agreement with U.S. Stevia LLC to HS Ingredients LLC.

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.

**d. No-Thru Trucks Sign –Teals Mill Road - 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.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a.i. Building Committee Chair Rivers**

Committee Chair Rivers advised that the Building Committee met on February 6, 2019 and, after review and discussion, voted unanimously to recommend that Council suspend the Unfit Dwelling Ordinance due to lack of funding. It is the recommendation of the Building Committee that Council suspend the Unfit Dwelling Ordinance.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to suspend the Unfit Dwelling Ordinance. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**b.ii. Agreements with Municipalities to enforce Building Codes – Committee Chair Rivers**

Committee Chair Rivers advised that the Building Committee met on February 6, 2019 and, after review and discussion voted unanimously for staff to pursue the revision of all existing contracts and memorandums of agreement with municipalities for Building Codes enforcement to make all such agreements uniform and to clarify that the County will only perform Building Code enforcement in connection with the issuance of building permits.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to allow staff to proceed in the revision of all existing contracts and memorandums of agreement with municipalities for Building Codes enforcement. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL**

**a. Budget Retreat – Chairman Johnson**

There was discussion regarding having a Budget Retreat after the April Regular Council meeting. Chairman Johnson advised there would be a Budget Retreat after the April Regular Council meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Sandhill Volunteer Fire Department- Council Member Miller**

The Board of Directors of the Sandhill Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. held a public hearing on March 5, 2019 at 112 E. Miller Street, Jefferson SC regarding the increase in fire dues for the residents of that district from \$50.00 to \$65.00. There was no opposition to the proposed fee increase.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the placement of the new fire due change on next year's tax notice. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

## **LETTER OF SUPPORT**

### **a. Letter of Support for Chesterfield County Council on Aging – Administrator Eubanks**

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the letter of support for Chesterfield County Council on Aging. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

### **a. CHESCO Board Appointments**

Council Member Rivers made a motion to reappoint Jerry C. McManus, representing Chairman Al Johnson; Gerald “Mickey” Baker, representing Council Member Gerald Miller; Henry A. Suggs, representing Council Member Douglas A. Curtis and Kay Spears, representing Council Member Mary Anderson to the CHESCO Board. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the Motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

## **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Administrator Eubanks gave Council an update on the progress of the Judicial Center Project.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS**

**Council Member Butler:** Advised that he and Ms. Burns attended the Cheraw Rotary Club and gave them an update on the County operations. Asked Mr. Eubanks about litter control.

**Administrator Eubanks:** Advised he attended a conference in Columbia last week and got some information regarding litter control. Stated this is a statewide problem, not just a county problem. Advised Council he felt the Solicitor, Public Defender, Sheriff, Litter Control Officers and Magistrates all had to get on the same page when it comes to litter control, that it was going to take all of them working together to hopefully get control of the litter problem in the County. He asked that Chairman Johnson refer this to a committee so they can start meeting regarding this problem.

**Chairman Johnson:** Yes, sir. I will refer this to the newly formed Judicial Committee which consists of Council Members Watson, Burns and Curtis.

**Council Member Anderson:** Advised that the Sandblast Rally was great again this year. Stated she wanted to give a shout out to Catherine McLain, who is on the Chesterfield Town Council. She and her family sold breakfast items and coffee that morning to everybody that was there for the sendoff and all proceeds will be going to the Chesterfield County Animal Shelter. Stated she felt this was such a good way for Ms. McLain to give back and to blend Town Council and County Council and their efforts together. Thanked Chase Watson for being there as a community volunteer.


**Council Member Teal:** Advised that Mr. Teegarden with Stevia sponsored a young farmer’s meeting at Central High School.

**Council Member Curtis:** Spoke on capacity of jail and advised he would like for Council as a collective voice to ask Administrator Eubanks to have a conversation with the Solicitor to get the numbers in the jail down.


**ADJOURN**

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

**APPROVED:**

  
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Al Johnson, Chairman  
Date: April 3, 2019

**ATTEST:**

  
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Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council