

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

March 7, 2018 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, William R. Butler and Ben Teal.

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, Kevin Thurman – Voter Registration and Election Director, Wallace Elementary Middle School Student Government 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 Council Member Gerald L. Miller opened the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Butler made a motion to adopt the March 7, 2018 meeting agenda. Council Member Teal seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

a. Wallace Elementary School Student Government – Council Member Anderson

Council Member Anderson welcomed Wallace Elementary School Student Government and briefed Council on the different things the students do for their school and community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. February 7, 2018 – Regular Meeting

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the February 7, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Vice-Chair Curtis did not vote as he was absent at the February 7, 2018 meeting. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

a. Fred Harris, Treasurer

Mr. Harris appeared before Council and updated them on a program designed to help counties collect and resolve delinquent business personal property taxes. He introduced Mr. Dean Prange, who is with the American Financial Credit Services (AFCS).

b. Kevin Thurman, Voter Registration and Election Director

Appeared before Council to request a part-time employee starting the middle of April until the conclusion of the general election in November. Chairman Johnson referred this matter to the Finance Committee.

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Project Kentucky Blue FILOT Ordinance – 2nd Reading

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

b. Project Kentucky Blue MCP Ordinance – 2nd Reading

Council Member Rivers made a motion to pass 2nd Reading. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Wal-Mart FILOT Ordinance Amendment – 1st Reading

Council Member Rivers made a motion to pass 1st Reading. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. South Carolina Power Team Site Readiness Fund (“SRF”) Grant Approval – Kim Burch, Economic Development Director

Kim Burch, Economic Development Director, appeared before Council regarding an Economic Development Grant Agreement between the County and the Palmetto Development Corporation Council, known as the SC Power Team, providing for a grant in the amount of \$220,000 to assist in the purchase of the Belk property. It was requested that Council approve the Grant Agreement.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to approve the Grant Agreement. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Exercise of Option to Purchase of Belk Property

Council Member Watson made a motion to approve the exercise of the Option to Purchase the Belk Property (TMS parcel numbers 19-38 and 30-11). Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Letter of Support – Chesterfield-Marlboro EOC – Chairman Johnson

Council received a request for a letter of support from the County in regards to Head Start Services for children and families for the next five years. Chesterfield-Marlboro Economic Opportunity Council, Inc. (EOC) is applying for funding in order to provide these services. The letter does not obligate the County in any way.

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

BOARD APPOINTMENT

a. Pee Dee Regional Transit Authority (PDRTA) – Board Appointment

Council Member Curtis made a motion to re-appoint Council Member Miller to the Pee Dee Regional Transit Authority (PDRTA) Board for a three year term. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Interim Administrator Eubanks reminded everyone of the Building Committee meeting scheduled after the Council meeting. He advised if everything goes as planned, they hope to have Probation and Parole finished by March 19 and have the main entrance open around March 26. He advised that that Bronson Eslick, an employee of the Road Department had mentioned to him a way some other states handled trash pick-up on their roads before mowing. This idea was mentioned to Representative Yow, who thought it was a good idea. Representative Yow has since introduced a bill to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 57-23-810 so as to provide that the Department of Transportation shall require a company that enters into a contract to mow vegetation along a department-maintained highway to dispose of all trash and other debris found along the highway before the vegetation is mowed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Anderson: Advised that she participated in the Sandblast ride along on Friday and it was wonderful. She recommended that others try it and said she would be doing it again next year. She advised Council that Andrew Frick, Sandblast Rally, asked that she thank Council for allowing them to set up extra roads this year and they appreciated all that Council did to help make the rally a success.

Council Member Miller: Stated that he had been advised that water was not running off properly on Miles and Carley Circle and he would appreciate the Administrator checking into this for him.

Council Member Rivers: Stated that the DSS facility was still having problems with the entry doors and rain blowing in causing damage to the floor. He asked that the Administrator get on this as quickly as possible.

Council Member Teal: Advised that an agreement had been reached for some land exchange for a new fire station in Patrick.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Johnson announced that pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(5), Council needed to enter into executive session for discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the county regarding Project Kentucky Blue.

Council Member Teal made a motion to enter executive session. Council Member Watson 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 Miller made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

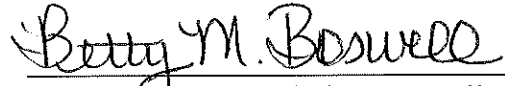
APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Al Johnson, Chairman

Date: April 4, 2018



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council