

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY MEETING ROOM
January 4, 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 – Assistant Administrator/Public Works Director, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Lisa Gainey – Human Resource Director, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney, Wilbert Burns, Jane Pigg – WCRE/The Link, Ralph Laney – DSS, James Barber – NAACP, Chrystie Chambers – Economic Development, Michael White – Hansen, John W. Jefferson, Jay Brooks – Sheriff, Kip Kiser – Coroner, Amber Starnes – Clemson Extension, Harold Hainey – CCEMD, Terrie Curtis – CCEMD, Chad Arant – GIS/E911, Deanna Dixon – E911, Jim McGonigal – Animal Services Director, Christy S. Jacobs – Detention Center, Karen Watson, Jerry Finch, Safrona Finch, Joan Yates – The Link, Brenda Gilmore-Ratliff, Wanda Miles – Clerk of Court, Hester Ellerbe, Dana Tarlton – E911, Arthur Bays, Jr., Doris Teal, Mary A. Tyner, Dianne Driggers, 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, Jane Pigg – The Link, Dianne Driggers – The Link and Joan Yates – The Link.

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Chairman Johnson welcomed everyone and Council Member Rhett Butler opened the meeting with prayer.

Chairman Johnson: Before we get started with the meeting, I have just a statement I would like to make. I received a letter from our Administrator late Friday afternoon and I'm just going to read it to you:

“Please consider this letter as official notice of my retirement as County Administrator of Chesterfield County, effective January 2, 2017.”

Chairman Johnson: I would just like to say on behalf of this County, we would like to thank her for her nearly 20 years of service to Chesterfield County and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Wanda C. Miles, Clerk of Court for Chesterfield County administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Hattie Burns – Council District 6, Council Member William Rhett Butler – Council District 9, Council Member Benjamin K. Teal – District 5, Council Member Ralph E. Watson – District 7 and Council Member Bruce E. Rivers – District 1.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Miller made a motion to adopt the January 4, 2017 meeting agenda. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to nominate Council Member Curtis as vice-chair for the remainder of retired Council Member Lenora Powe’s term, which will expire in one year. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Staff has implemented a Service Recognition Program that is designed to honor the County’s Employees. The program will recognize years of service beginning at five years and following in five year increments. The following employees were recognized and presented with their Certificates:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Number of Years</u>
Deanna Dixon	Telecommunicator	5 Years
Chrystie Chambers	Economic Development	5 Years
Kathy Privette	Detention Center	5 Years
Lisa Gainey	Human Resources	5 Years
Anna Boan	Library	5 Years
Christy Jacobs	Detention Center	5 Years
James McGonigal	Animal Control	5 Years

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. December 4, 2016 – Regular Meeting

Council Member Rivers made a motion to approve the December 4, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

a. The Honorable Kip Kiser, Coroner

Appeared before Council to request a Deputy Coroner at 30 hours per week. This Deputy would help cover the West end of the County and be the lead on Child Fatality Review cases.

Chairman Johnson advised there was no money budgeted for this position and referred this request to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is to meet and make a recommendation to Council with a recommendation.

b. Marianne Liebenberg, Chesterfield County Coordinating Council

Chairman Johnson advised that Ms. Liebenberg was unable to attend but was planning to attend the February meeting. He also advised that a copy of the Chesterfield County Health Subcommittee Community Data Report had been left for Council to review.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arthur Bays

Appeared before Council and gave an update on the Teal's Mill Bridge.

Michael White

Advised Council he worked for Hanson Aggregates and that they have several operations in Chesterfield County. He advised Council of the concerns he had with the bridge on Ogburn Road being closed for a prolonged period of time. Mr. White asked for Council's support in expediting the repair of the deficient bridge.

John Jefferson

Appeared before Council regarding school taxes on tax bills.

Jane Pigg – WCRE/The Link

Appeared before Council and gave an update on their anti-litter effort and asked Council for their support in 2017.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. FILOT Conversion Ordinance (Talley Metals) – Public Hearing

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

There were no oral comments from the public made nor were any written comments received.

Council Member Miller made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Master MCP Agreement Ordinance (Project Leaf) – Public Hearing

Council Member Anderson made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

There were no oral comments from the public made nor were any written comments received.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. FILOT Conversion Ordinance (Talley Metals) – 3rd Reading

Council Member Teal made a motion to pass 3rd Reading. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Master MCP Agreement Ordinance (Project Leaf) – 3rd Reading

Council Member Watson made a motion to pass 3rd Reading. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Master MCP Agreement Amendment Ordinance (Talley Metals) – 2nd Reading

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to pass 2nd Reading. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

d. Walmart FILOT Extension – Resolution

Council Member Rivers made a motion to adopt the Walmart FILOT Extension Resolution. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

a. Chesterfield Rural Fire Protection District – Vice-Chair Curtis

Vice-Chair Curtis discussed the funding mechanism for the Fire District and the possibility of making changes to that. County Attorney Ruffner advised that staff was gathering information concerning this issue and suggested that the Chairman appoint an ad hoc committee composed of the four Council Members whose districts are affected.

Chairman Johnson appointed Vice-Chair Curtis, and Council Members Anderson, Burns and Watson to the Ad Hoc Committee on the Chesterfield Rural Fire Protection District, and appointed Vice-Chair Curtis as Chair of that Committee. The Committee is to review and study this matter, and make a recommendation to the full Council.

b. Ambulance Service Update – Council Member Anderson

Advised that she, Vice-Chair Curtis, Council Member Rivers, Emergency Management Director Harold Hainey and other staff met with administration and leadership of Medshore and expressed the County's concerns to Medshore. She stated that it was a very productive meeting and that Medshore agreed to send a report every month of how many calls they have, where those calls were to, how long it took to get to the calls, where they were transported and what service was provided.

There was brief discussion regarding this matter.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Reminded Council of the employee luncheon for today.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Teal: Stated that his name is Ben Teal and that he represents District 5. Advised that if anyone ever needs him, to feel free to call.

Council Member Burns: Stated that she was really excited to be on County Council and that she was here to represent and serve, so if there's anything she can do for anyone to please give her a call.

Vice-Chair Curtis: Welcomed all new council members and stated he looks forward to working with them and working hard to make this County better.

Council Member Watson: Stated that his name is Ralph Watson and that he represents District 7 and he was here to serve so if anyone had anything they would like to talk about, he would be glad to help.

Council Member Butler: Stated his name is Rhett Butler and he represents District 9 but he also wanted to represent all of Chesterfield County.

Council Member Anderson: Stated she appreciated the new council members putting themselves out there and that it's not easy being the new kid on the block because there is so much to learn.

Council Member Rivers: Welcomed all new council members and stated he was looking forward to working with them and knew they were going to do great things for the citizens of Chesterfield County. We're facing some real challenges but we can work together and accomplish most anything. Advised that he was honored to have the opportunity to serve another year on County Council and that this is his 29th year and he was looking forward to working with everyone in the future to make Chesterfield County an even better place to live.

Council Member Miller: Congratulated all new council members.

Chairman Johnson: Stated he would echo the same thing as the others and welcomed new council members. Advised that he was very excited about what is going to happen in this County. Reminded everyone of the Mayors Association meeting at 6 pm and he encouraged everyone to go and talk to our delegation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Johnson announced that, pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70-(a)(1), Council needed to enter into executive session for discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of employees and that Council may take action by voting upon the matter referenced in Agenda Item 20a. after exiting executive session.

Council Member Rivers 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 Rivers made a motion to exit executive session. Council Member Butler 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.


Council Member Watson made a motion, upon consultation with and advice of labor counsel and the County Attorney, to authorize an offer of payment of \$6,405.20 to the former Administrator, Denise Douglass, which amount equals the cost of her health insurance for the remainder of this fiscal year. The source of funds would be from the remaining budget of this fiscal year for the Administrator’s salary and benefits. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to appoint Tim Eubanks as Interim Administrator and Heath Ruffner as Interim Assistant Administrator in addition to continuing his duties as County Attorney. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

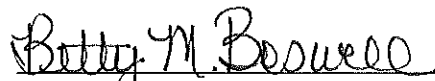
Council Member Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVED:



Al Johnson, Chairman
Date: February 1, 2017

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council