

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

April 4, 2018 9:00 A.M.

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

ABSENT: Council Member Anderson.

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 Board Director, Cherry McCoy – Senior Project Manager, Hal Teegarden – US Stevia, LLC, Billy Cassidy - Mayor of Chesterfield, Jeanne K. Oliver – Pee Dee Coalition, Kappie Griggs – Economic Development Board, Adam Foard – Economic Development Board, Honorable Gail Ingram – Probate Judge, Beth Wallace – Pee Dee Coalition, Stacey Short – Pee Dee Coalition, Delores Bess – Pee Dee Coalition, John Douglas – Economic Development Board, Ashley McIntyre, Honorable Jay Brooks – Sheriff, Grant Polson – Sheriff’s Department, Joseph Carnes – Sheriff’s Department, Becky Harris – Register of Deeds, Caroline Tyler – Sheriff’s Department, Bridget Wilkerson – Detention Center, Troy Ellerbe – Sheriff’s Department, Wayne Jordan – Sheriff’s Department, Mary Florence Watson – Sheriff’s Department 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 William Rhett Butler opened the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Rivers made a motion to amend the agenda to move Agenda Item 11.a.1. to after executive session. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Council Member Curtis made a motion to amend the agenda to add Item 19.c. to executive session to discuss personnel matters involving staffing and other issues, and also that Council make a specific finding that exigent circumstances exist in the decision on those staffing issues as necessary within a time frame that is before the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Council Member Burns made a motion to adopt the April 4, 2018 meeting agenda, with amendments. Council Member Teal seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

a. Employee Length-of-Service 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>
Chad Arant (not present)	GIS/E911	5 Years
Ernest Ishmell (not present)	Public Buildings	5 Years
Grant Polson	Sheriff's Office	5 Years
Troy Timney (not present)	Sheriff's Office	5 Years
Joseph Carnes	Sheriff's Office	10 Years
Becky Harris	Register of Deeds	10 Years
Caroline Tyler	Sheriff's Office	10 Years
Bridget Wilkerson	Detention Center	10 Years
Vanessa Brewer (not present)	Probate Court	15 Years
Troy Ellerbe	Sheriff's Office	15 Years
Wayne Jordan	Sheriff's Office	15 Years
Mary Florence Watson	Sheriff's Office	15 Years

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. March 7, 2018 – Regular Meeting

Council Member Butler made a motion to approve the March 7, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

a. Beth Wallace and Delores Bess, Pee Dee Coalition

Appeared before Council to advise of the plans in the County in recognition of April being designated as Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention Month. Ms. Wallace introduced Delores Bess who is a new counselor for Chesterfield County and Marlboro County. She also introduced Jeanne Oliver and Stacey Short as board members of Pee Dee Coalition.

Council Member Curtis made a motion to declare the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention Month. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Honorable Gail Ingram, Probate Judge

Appeared before Council and gave an update regarding the Probate Court. She also thanked Council, Mr. Eubanks, Interim Administrator, and staff for the renovations at the Judicial Center.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Adam Foard, Chesterfield County Economic Development Board

Stated he lived in Jefferson and worked in Pageland, and was Chairman Johnson's representative on the Economic Development Board. Advised he was there to address Council on three different matters. The first matter was to thank Council for bringing Economic Development to where they are today and as Chairman of the Economic Development Building Committee, he wanted to thank Administrator Eubanks, all of the members of the Building Committee and also other council members who attended the recent Building Committee meeting. He stated he felt it was a very productive meeting in moving forward to finalize plans for an Economic Development building. He advised the biggest issue he wanted to address was about the issue of recruiting industry and the need to get out and meet people. He gave Council a brief summary of the need for NESAs. He briefed Council on a trip to Europe in which Economic Development had been selected to participate. He advised that funds were allocated as a line item in the Economic Development Board budget and that the Board respectfully asked that Council allow the Economic Development office take part in this trip specifically, as well as other future trips as their budgeting allows.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Project Kentucky Blue FILOT Ordinance – Public Hearing

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

b. Project Kentucky Blue MCP Ordinance- Public Hearing

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

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Project Kentucky Blue FILOT Ordinance – 3rd Reading

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

b. Project Kentucky Blue MCP Ordinance – 3rd Reading

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

Kim Burch, Director, Economic Development

Ms. Burch announced a new industry coming to the county, US Stevia, LLC. She advised this would be a \$21 million dollar investment over the next five years and 50 jobs. Ms. Burch introduced Mr. Hal Teegarden, President/CEO of US Stevia, LLC. Mr. Teegarden gave Council a brief summary of how Stevia is made, starting with the plant to the final product.

c. Wal-Mart FILOT Ordinance Amendment – 2nd Reading

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

d. 2018/2019 Cash RFD Budget Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

Council Member Burns made a motion to pass 1st Reading, by title only. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

e. 2018/2019 Harris Creek RFD Budget Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

Council Member Teal made a motion to pass 1st Reading, by title only. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

f. 2018/2019 Alligator RFD Budget Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

Council Member Teal made a motion to pass 1st Reading, by title only. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

g. 2018/2019 General Fund Budget Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

Council Member Butler made a motion to pass 1st Reading, by title only. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

h. \$625,000 Go Bond Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Building Committee – Committee Chair Rivers

1) Driveway Entrance Economic Development Building – Bid Award

No action taken.

2) Judicial Center Fire Alarm Package – Bid Award

Staff issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the Judicial Center fire alarm package and three bids were received: 1) Simplex Grinnell in the amount of \$38,955.50; 2) Fire Control Systems in the amount of \$28,825.00 and 3) Rivers Plumbing and Electric in the amount of

\$73,750.00. It was the recommendation of the Building Committee that Council award the bid to Fire Control Systems.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to award the bid to Fire Control Systems in the amount of \$28,825.00. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

3) Judicial Center – Tint (Probation & Parole/Entrance)

Committee Chair Rivers advised that the windows for Probation & Parole/Entrance need to be tinted for privacy and it was the recommendation of the Building Committee that Council accept the quote from Robert J. White in the amount of \$850.00.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to accept the quote from Robert J. White in the amount of \$850.00 for the tinting of windows for Probation & Parole/Entrance. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Animal Service 5K Fundraiser

Staff provided information to Council regarding the Fourth Annual 5K Run/Walk Fundraiser (Walk the Dawgs 5K Run/Walk). This event will be held May 5, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. The race will start at the corner of Crescent Drive and Magnolia Terrace, Chesterfield.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

a. Accommodations Tax Committee

Ms. Stanley advised Council that Mr. Troy Critter is no longer with the Cheraw State Park and no longer qualifies to serve on the Accommodations Tax Committee. She advised that it has been requested that Council approve the appointment of Mr. Robert Mahoney, Cheraw State Park, to the Accommodations Tax Committee to replace Mr. Troy Critter.

Council Member Butler made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Robert Mahoney to the Accommodations Tax Committee. Council Member Teal seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Eubanks gave an update on the Judicial Center Project. He reminded Council of the employee luncheon and of the groundbreaking for the Ruby Clinic on Friday, April 6 at 11:00 a.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Chairman Johnson: Advised that Council would have a Budget Retreat after the Regular Council meeting on May 2, 2018.

Council Member Watson: Advised that he along with Council Member Teal attended the Teal's Mill Fire Department meeting this past Wednesday and that they are just beginning to work on putting a new fire station up in the Juniper Junction area, sort of, but more toward

Patrick in an area that has a pretty big area right in the middle of five fire departments, more or less, that's pretty much uncovered and has an extremely high ISO rating. They are looking at a joint venture I think between those fire departments. They are in the process of trying to secure property in the right location and just beginning to start putting together funds.

Council Member Teal:

Go to local high schools and buy plants, vegetables and flowers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Johnson announced that Council needed to enter into executive session and asked Attorney Ruffner to explain the need to enter into session.

Attorney Ruffner: Noted on Item 19a, that it should be Subsection a(2) which are negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements including proposed sale or purchase of property and then what is now 19c will be Subsection a(1) which is to discuss employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, etc. of employees.

Council Member Butler made a motion to enter executive session. Council Member Miller 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 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 motions were made and no action was taken in Executive Session.


Council Member Rivers made a motion that Council take the information on the economic development building driveway entrance bid as information at this time and discuss at a later date. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to negotiate the fee for the purchase of the building discussed in executive session and that the Administrator Eubanks and Attorney enter into negotiations on this possible purchase. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

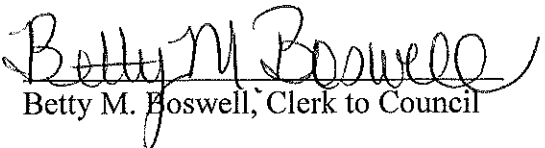
Council Member Curtis made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVED:



Al Johnson, Chairman
Date: May 2, 2018

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council