

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

September 7, 20229:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Al Johnson, Vice-Chair Douglas Curtis, Council Members: Rhett Butler, Bruce E. Rivers, Gerald L. Miller, Ben Conklin and Hattie Burns.

ABSENT: Council Member Mary Anderson.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks - Administrator, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Office Manager, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Ethan Foard, James Dixon – Sheriff, Chris Page – Chief Deputy, Rep. Richie Yow – SC House 53, George Blake, Cambo Streater, Scott Adams, Joan Yates – The Link, Rutie Tarlton, Gwen Cabiness, Glenda Kimrey – Bride Warrior, Candace Terry – LMSW, Director of Governmental Affairs, SC Department of Veterans Affairs, Clay Sikes, Cherry McCoy – CCEDB, Libby Lear – Director, CCEDB, Tim Griffin, Loni Riley and Robert Monnie – The Link. There were others 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 and Joan Yates – The Link.

CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Al Johnson welcomed everyone and Council Member Bruce E. Rivers opened the meeting with prayer and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Johnson advised there was a need to amend the agenda to add Item 9.g., a Resolution for a CDBG Grant for Brocks Mill Rural Fire Department for the purchase of a fire truck and that there are exigent circumstances in that the deadline for this grant may expire before the next Council meeting. Council Member Butler made a motion to adopt the September 7, 2022 meeting agenda, with said amendment. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. August 10, 2022 - Regular Meeting

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the August 10, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

a. **Representative Richie Yow and Ms. Candace Terry, LMSW, Director of Governmental Affairs, SC Department of Veterans' Affairs**

Representative Yow advised he would like the County to be able to offer more services for our veterans.

Candace Terry, LMSW, Director of Governmental Affairs, SC Department of Veterans' Affairs

Advised they would like to have centralized services for veterans, where they can apply for benefits in one location and get on Combined Arms platform.

Representative Richie Yow

Advised he felt the former Magistrate's Office would be a good building for them. He advised he had someone from outside the county that had offered funds to help refurbish the building.

Chairman Johnson

Advised he was referring this matter to the Building Committee for discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Glenda Kimrey, Bride Warrior

Appeared before Council and advised that their group prays for Chesterfield County every Saturday morning, and asked Council to please considering flying "An Appeal to Heaven" flag along with US Flag and State Flag outside of our building.

Chairman Johnson advised Council would take this into consideration.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

Bonds, payroll and authorizations were distributed to Council for approval by signatures.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. **Building Codes Ordinance Amendment – 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.

b. **Economic Development Board Ordinance – 2nd Reading**

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

c. **Budget Ordinance Amendment – 2nd Reading**

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

d. Project Sandhills Inducement – Resolution

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

e. Project Sandhills Ordinance – 1st Reading, *by title only*

Council Member Butler 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.

f. Second Master MCP Ordinance Amendment (Project Sandhills) – 1st Reading, *by title only*

Council Member Conklin 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.

g. Community Program Community Enrichment Grant (Brocks Mill Rural Fire Department – Resolution

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Committee Chair Butler

10.a.i. Poll Workers Pay

Finance Committee Chair Butler advised the Finance Committee met on August 10, 2022, at which time the members voted unanimously to recommend that poll workers receive an increase in pay in the amount of \$25.00 per election day.

Council Member Butler made a motion to give the poll workers an increase in pay in the amount of \$25.00 and that it be retroactive to include yesterday's Special Election. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

10a.ii. E-Scrap Fee

Finance Committee Chair Butler advised that the Finance Committee members voted unanimously to recommend that the County institute a charge of \$5.00 per television for disposal at the County Convenience Center.

Council Member Butler made a motion to implement a charge of \$5.00 per television for disposal at the County Convenience Center. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

10a.iii. ARPA Funds (Fire Departments)

Finance Committee Chair Butler advised the Finance Committee members voted unanimously to recommend that Council allocate ARPA funds to each volunteer fire department on millage or fee, in the amount of \$10,000.00, with the exception of Cheraw and Chesterfield which are under contract.

Council Member Butler made a motion to allocate ARPA funds to each volunteer fire department on millage or fee, in the amount of \$10,000.00, with the exception of Cheraw and Chesterfield which are under contract. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

10.b. Road Committee – Committee Chair Miller
Truck (Public Works – Lowboy)

Road Committee Chair Miller advised that the Road Committee had met and discussed purchasing a truck to pull a lowboy trailer.

Travis Tucker, Fleet Management Director

Advised Council that he had been having problems finding a truck to purchase and that he had gotten a quote from Florence Truck Center in the amount of \$155,130.00. He advised that the other dealers he had spoken with said it would be two years or more before they could get a truck. Florence Truck Center advised him they could have a truck for him after the first of the year.

There was some discussion regarding this matter.

Council Member Miller made a motion to allow the Road Department to purchase a 2023 Mack P164T Day Cab from Florence Truck Center in the amount of \$155,130.00. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

None

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

12a. Ambulance Service Franchise Renewal – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that staff had received an Ambulance Service Franchise Renewal application from Palmetto Transport Systems/Marlboro County Rescues Ambulance Service and that staff has reviewed the application and found that everything is in order.

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to approve the renewal of the Ambulance Service Franchise for Palmetto Transport Systems/Marlboro County Rescues Ambulance Service. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

12b. Bid Award (Jetter – Building Maintenance) - Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised Council that staff issued an Invitation for Bids for a trailer mounted sewer jetter for Public Works and received the bids on the attached Bid Tabulation.

It is the recommendation of staff that Council award the bid to Joe Johnson Equipment, LLC in the amount of \$63,292.19.

Council Member Butler made a motion to award the bid to Joe Johnson Equipment, LLC in the amount of \$63,292.19. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

12c. Retirement of K-9 Dino – Eubanks

Administrator Eubanks advised that it has been requested by Sheriff James Dixon that K-9 Dino be retired and that she be offered to someone for assumption of custody and future care.

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to authorize the retirement of K-9 Dino. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

15a. Employee Grievance Committee – Chairman Johnson

Staff advised Council that there were three Council Members that need to appoint/reappoint members to the Grievance Committee and that each committee member had agreed to serve a three (3) year term.

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| District 4 – Vice-Chair Curtis | John James, Coroner’s Office |
| District 5 – Council Member Conklin | Courtney Hicks, Administration Office |
| District 6 – Council Member Hattie Burns | David Brown, Sheriff’s Department |

Council Member Burns made a motion to accept the names that were nominated. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Advised that there is going to be a CTC Meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. and the CTC members would like for the Road Committee to be at the meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Vice Chair Curtis:

Asked Mr. Eubanks if he would look into the beaver problem we have in the county.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Chairman Johnson advised that pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(1), Council needed to enter into executive session for the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of county employees.

b. Chairman Johnson advised that pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(5), Council needed to enter into executive session for the 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 the following:

- i. Project Pack
- ii. Development of Lynches River Industrial Park

c. Chairman Johnson advised that pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2), it was necessary for Council to enter into executive session for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, regarding the following: County building insurance.

Council Member Miller made a motion to enter into executive session. Council Member Butler 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 Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Johnson reported Council is back in regular session and that no action was taken and no motions were made in executive session other than to exit executive session.

Attorney Ruffner advised that during a recent audit through the SC Association of Counties, it was brought to the county's attention that the Old St. David's Episcopal Church has been on the county's insurance and for various reasons, it's been recommended that the county not insure that building, and give 30 days' notice that the county will no longer be providing insurance for this building and that Old St. David's Episcopal Church will need to obtain insurance coverage on the building.

Council Member Rivers made a motion that the county no longer provide insurance coverage on the Old St. David's Episcopal Church and that the Church be given 30 days' notice ,

in order that they may obtain insurance coverage on the Church. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Council Member Burns made a motion to adjourn. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

APPROVED:



Al Johnson, Chairman
Date: October 5, 2022

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council