

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
December 7, 20229:00 A.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks - Administrator, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Office Manager, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, James Dixon – Sheriff, Ethan Foard, John Bittle – Mayor, Town of Chesterfield, Cherry McCoy – Economic Development, Libby Lear – Economic Development, Robi Smallwood, Cloe Smallwood, Alyvia Smallwood, Dustin Catoe – CCRWC, Cambo Streater, Wardell Merriman, Ken Riley, Loni Riley, Carolyn Cohen, Nicky Cohen, Jasmine Dixon, Patricia Dixon, Andy Ingram – Mayor, Town of Cheraw, Kevin Thurman, Byron Burchelle, Joshua Newsome, Leroy Shaw 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.

CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Al Johnson welcomed everyone and Council Member Mary Anderson opened the meeting with prayer and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Christy Gaddy, Clerk of Court for Chesterfield County, administered the Oath of Office for Council Member Todd Smallwood, District 7.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Johnson advised there was a need to amend the agenda, including a finding of exigent circumstances, to add Agenda Item 20.b. for Council to enter into executive session pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2) for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, regarding the purchase of property adjacent to Lynches River Industrial Park.

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to adopt the December 7, 2022 meeting agenda, with said amendment. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

a. Employees Years-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>Date of Hire</u>	<u>Number of Years</u>
Richard Holter	I.T. Department	10/09/2017	5 Years
Byron Burchelle	Public Works	10/10/2017	5 Years
Marcia Barley-Marine	Detention Center	11/27/2017	5 Years
Joshua Newsome	Sheriff's Department	11/30/2017	5 Years
Derrick McQueen	Sheriff's Department	12/11/2012	10 Years
Samuel Quick	Assessor's Office	12/24/2012	10 Years
Terrie Curtis	Administration Office	10/28/2002	20 Years
Leroy Shaw	Public Works	11/16/1987	35 Years

b. Sheriff James "JD" Dixon – Chairman Al Johnson

Chairman Johnson recognized Sheriff James "JD" Dixon for his many years of service to the citizens of Chesterfield County by presenting Sheriff Dixon with a plaque.

c. Chairman Kenneth A. Johnson – Vice-Chair Douglas Curtis

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

Vice-Chair Curtis recognized Chairman Kenneth A. Johnson for his many years of service to the citizens of Chesterfield County and presented Chairman Johnson with a plaque and Resolution.

d. Cherry McCoy, Libby Lear, Director, Economic Development

Libby Lear, Director, Economic Development, recognized Ms. Cherry McCoy for her many years of service to Chesterfield County and presented Ms. McCoy with a gift from herself, and one from Chesterfield County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. November 7, 2022 - Regular Meeting

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the November 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

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

APPOINTMENTS

a. **John Bittle, Mayor, Town of Chesterfield**

Appeared before Council regarding the paving of the parking lot of the old Courthouse and advised the town would like to pave the parking lot at the Leppard Building on Green Street. Mayor Bittle presented Council with the cost for these paving projects.

Chairman Johnson advised this request would be taken up by the Finance Committee, who will then make a recommendation to full Council.

b. **Wardell Merriman (Appeared on behalf of Tasha L. Hinson)**

Appeared before Council regarding the Chesterfield County Rural Water's service to the residents on Hillian-Edwards Road.

c. **Augustine C. Benton**

Did not attend.

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. **Project Pack Inducement Resolution – Resolution**

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

b. **Project Pack FILOT Ordinance – 1st Reading, *by title only***

Council Member Smallwood 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.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. **Setting Meeting Dates/Time – Eubanks**

The following dates and times were set for the 2023 regular Council Meetings: January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, August 9, September 6, October 4, November 1, and December 6. All meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to approve the above 2023 regular Council Meeting dates and times. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. **Setting the 2023 Holiday Schedule – Eubanks**

The following holidays were set for 2023: January 2, January 16, February 20, April 7, May 29, June 19, July 4, September 4, November 10, November 22, 23 & 24 and December 22, 25, & 26.

Council Member Butler made a motion to approve the above 2023 Holiday Schedule. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Retirement of K-9 Lily – Sheriff James Dixon

Sheriff Dixon appeared before Council and requested that K-9 Lily be retired due to aging out and that she be offered to someone for assumption of custody and future care.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to authorize the retirement of K-9 Lily. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

d. Comprehensive Plan – Eubanks

Administrator Eubanks updated Council on the Comprehensive Plan and advised that the Town of Pageland has opted out. He asked that Council allow the County to pay Pageland's portion of the cost, which would be \$9,945.00 in order to begin this process.

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion that the County pay Pageland's portion of \$9,945.00 in order to begin the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

e. Letter of Support – HopeHealth's Housing Opportunities for People Living with HIV/Aids (HOPWA) – Ruffner

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the Letter of Support for HOPWA. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Reminded Council of the Special Meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 28, 2022.
- Thanked Chairman Johnson for all he has done for the County, and that he was going to miss working with him.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Anderson: Thanked Council for allowing her, Council Members Burns and Conklin to attend the Pee Dee COG conference. She also thanked Council for allowing her and Council Member Burns to attend the Legislative Conference

Vice-Chair Curtis:

Told Chairman Johnson he really appreciated him.

Council Member Burns:

Told Chairman Johnson she appreciated his openness and honesty.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(5), Council entered 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: Project Kentucky Blue (HS Growers).

b. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2), Council entered into Executive Session for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, regarding the purchase of property adjacent to Lynches River Industrial Park.

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

Council Member Smallwood made a motion to exit executive session. Vice-Chair Curtis 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.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to authorize Cherry McCoy, Economic Development, to negotiate with the owner of the property which was discussed in Executive Session. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

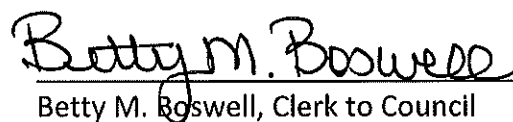
Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

APPROVED:



Wm. Rhett Butler, Chairman
Date: January 4, 2023

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council