

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
October 4, 20239:00 A.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks – Administrator, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Administration Office Manager, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Libby Lear – Economic Development Director, Lisa Gainey – Economic Development, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Sheriff Cambo Streater, Patrick Zupancic – Project Blue Granite, Gina Molter – Library, Seth Taylor – The Post and Courier, John Bittle – Mayor, Town of Chesterfield, Stacey Short – Pee Dee Coalition, Cheryl Moore – Pee Dee Coalition, Brenda Gilmore-Ratliff, Ken Riley, Loni Riley, Aimee McGregor – Tri-County Community of Mental Health, Shanger Rockeymore – Sheriff’s Department 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*).

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Chairman Rhett Butler welcomed everyone and Vice-Chair Mary Anderson opened the meeting with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Burns made a motion to adopt the October 4, 2023 meeting agenda. Council Member Curtis 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>
Andrew Lewis	Sheriff’s Department	8/13/2018	5 Years

Goldie Owens	Library	8/19/2013	10 Years
Cheryl Louallen	Detention Center	9/9/2013	10 Years
Lynn Shepherd	Public Works	9/9/2013	10 Years
Shanger Rockeymore	Sheriff's Department	9/8/2003	20 Years
Christy Gaddy	Clerk of Court	8/17/1998	25 Years
Pamelia Mills	Veteran's Affairs	9/6/1983	40 Years
Denise Vick	Probate Court	9/24/1973	50 Years

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. September 6, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the October 4, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. September 18, 2023 - Special Meeting

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the September 18, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Vice-Chair Anderson did not vote, as she was not in attendance at the September 18, 2023 meeting. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Foard, Curtis, Rivers, Miller, Smallwood, Burns and Conklin. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

a. Aimee McGregor, QA Coordinator for Tri-County Community Mental Health Center

Appeared before Council and spoke about resources they offer to serve the community and about a candlelight vigil scheduled for October 21, 2023.

b. Stacey Short, Pee Dee Coalition against Domestic & Sexual Assault – Proclamation Declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Ms. Short appeared before Council to brief Council and presented statistics regarding domestic violence in Chesterfield County.

Council Member Burns made a motion to proclaim October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness month. Vice-Chair Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Libby Lear, Director, Economic Development – Advised Council that Zach McKay was involved in a serious accident and asked that everyone remember him in prayer.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Project Blue Granite FILOT Ordinance – Public Hearing

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

b. Second Master MCP Park Ordinance (Blue Granite) – Public Hearing

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

c. Second Master MCP Park Ordinance (Project Delson) – Public Hearing

Council Member Conklin made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Vice-Chair Anderson 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 Conklin made a motion to close the public hearing. Vice-Chair Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

d. Second Master MCP Park Ordinance (Project Rango) – Public Hearing

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

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Project Blue Granite FILOT Ordinance – 3rd Reading

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

b. Second Master MCP Park Ordinance (Project Blue Granite) – 3rd Reading

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

c. Second Master MCP Park Ordinance (Project Delson) – 3rd Reading

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

d. Second Master MCP Park Ordinance (Project Rango) – 3rd Reading

Vice-Chair Anderson made a motion to pass 3rd Reading. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

e. Ordinance Granting Temporary Easement to Town of Pageland – Lynchess River Industrial Park – 2nd Reading

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

f. Reassessment Postponement Ordinance – 2nd Reading

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

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Bid Award (Welcome to Chesterfield County Sign) – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised a Request for Proposals was issued for a Welcome to Chesterfield County sign to be placed at Highway 1 entering from Kershaw County. Staff received the following four (4) proposals:

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| 1) Michael J. Jordan Construction | \$22,265.00 |
| 2) Bullock General Contracting | \$27,300.00 |
| 3) JP Smith, Inc. | \$28,320.00 |
| 4) Rite Lite Signs | \$36,375.00 |

It was the recommendation of staff that the bid from Michael J. Jordan Construction in the amount of \$22,265.00, which is the lowest bid, be accepted.

Council Member Conklin made a motion to accept and approve the bid of Michael J. Jordan Construction. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Bid Award (Recycling) – Travis Tucker

Mr. Tucker appeared before Council concerning recycling. It is staff's recommendation that Council authorize the purchase of 10 – 30 yard containers from recycling funds through state contract from Waste Management.

Council Member Conklin made a motion to authorize staff to purchase of 10 – 30 yard containers from recycling funds through state contract from Waste Management. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Town of Mt. Croghan Request for Funding (Hometown Fall Festival Celebration) – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that in the past, municipalities would receive \$1,000 from the County to be used on their festivals.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to authorize the funding of \$1,000 to each municipality to be used on their festivals, this will be a non-reoccurring fund. Vice-Chair Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

a. Everbridge – Chad Arant, Emergency Management Director

Mr. Arant appeared before Council and presented information to Council concerning EverBridge, a public safety mass notification system, to inform Chesterfield County citizens of events. He advised there was a one year and three year contract option. The cost for this service was approved as part of the E-911 Technical Support budget.

Council Member Conklin made a motion to authorize the Administrator to enter into a three year contract with EverBridge. Vice-Chair Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Reminder of the Employee Appreciation Luncheon at Public Works.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Anderson:

- Reminded all council members to look over the SCAC Steering Committee reports.

- Advised that Council Member Hattie Burns has been elected as the County Council Coalition President.
- Advised that the \$500,00 grant was approved for the Town of Cheraw for recreation expansion, which will help with expansion of Economic Development.
- Advised she would like to publicly thank Mr. Roy Costner, SCAC President, for meeting with her, Mr. Eubanks and Mr. Butler.

Chairman Rhett Butler:

- Advised that Pee Dee COG had selected a nominee for the Pee Dee COG's Directors position and will present on Monday.
- Jazz Festival will be held October 19-22, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Chairman Butler advised pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2), Council may 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: Public Defender Funding Requirements.

b. Chairman Butler 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 an employee of the County.

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

Council Member Conklin made a motion to exit executive session. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

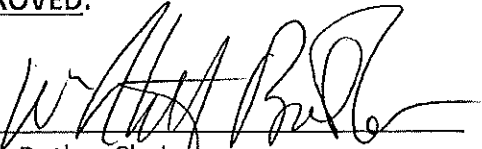
REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Butler 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.

ADJOURN

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

APPROVED:



Rhett Butler, Chairman

Date: November 1, 2023

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council