

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS JUNE 4, 2025 9:00 A.M.

<u>PRESENT</u>: Council Chair Anderson, Vice-Chair Todd Smallwood, Council Members: Hattie Burns, Eddie Kirkley, Bishop Johnnie McLendon, Lawrence Brand, Brandon Price and Ethan Foard.

ABSENT: Council Member Douglas Curtis.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks – Administrator; Michelle Stanley – Finance Director/Assistant Administrator; Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council; C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator; Spence Vaughn, Tommy Eubanks, Katie Eubanks, Hayden Courtney, Cam Courtney Tuck Courtney, Sharon Eubanks, Kaylee Eubanks, Josh Courtney, Emily Courtney, Linda McCarn, Rhett Butler, Lynn Askins – US Fish & Wildlife Service/SC Prescribed Fire Council, Mildred Ingram, Ruthie Tarlton, Susie Jordan, Susan Griggs – USDA-NRCS Faye Williams, Andy Ingram – NETC, Chad Vick – NETC, Dennis Ingram, Tamara Horton, Robert Wolfe – Town of Cheraw, John Bittle – Town of Chesterfield, Robbie Liles – Town of McBee, Becky Wetzel, Elese Foard, Dennis Ingram, John Melton – Chief Magistrate, Jeff McCarn, Christy Ruffner, Charlie Ruffner, Conner Ruffner, Sheriff Cambo Streater, Libby Lear – Economic Development, Courtney Hair – Economic Development, Jerry Morris and Jane Pigg – WCRE/The Link. There were others who did not sign the sign-in-sheet.

<u>PRESS</u>: 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 (<u>www.chesterfieldcountysc.com</u>). In addition, it was made available to the newspapers and concerned citizens (*upon request*).

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Council Chair Anderson welcomed everyone and Council Member Vice-Chair Smallwood opened the meeting with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Kirkley made a motion to adopt the June 4, 2025 meeting agenda, with said amendment. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

a. Timothy L. Eubanks - Council Chair Anderson

Council Chair Anderson presented Timothy L. Eubanks, Administrator with a plaque in recognition of his retirement.

b. Jeff McCarn - Council Chair Anderson

Council Chair Anderson presented Jeff McCarn, Public Works Director with a plaque in recognition of his retirement.

c. C. Heath Ruffner - Council Chair Anderson

Council Chair Anderson presented C. Heath Ruffner, County Attorney/Assistant Administrator with a plaque in recognition of his retirement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. May 7, 2025 - Regular Meeting

Council Member McLendon made a motion to approve the May 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Brand seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. May 15, 2025 - Special Meeting

Vice-Chair Smallwood made a motion to approve the May 15, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes. Council Member Brand seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONSA

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

APPOINTMENTS

a. Jane Pigg, WCRE/The Link - Litter Update

Ms. Pigg appeared before Council and advised Council of some stats regarding the Countywide Litter Pick up week.

b. Dennis Ingram and Bolo Meadow - Special Even Permit Application

Appeared before Council requesting the approval of a Special Event Permit application for an event to be held on July 25-26, 2025 at 1559 Lester Hicks Circle, Pageland.

Council Member Price made a motion to approve the Special Event Permit application, on the condition of having adequate security at the event. Council Member Brand seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Tamara Horton - Special Event Permit Application

Appeared before Council requesting the approval of a Special Event Permit application for an event to be held on October 18, 2025 at Sharperson Farm, 150 Black Creek Church Road, Mt. Croghan, SC.

Council Member McLendon made a motion to approve the Special Event Permit application, on the condition of having adequate security at the event. Council Member Foard seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Becky Wetzel:

Appeared before Council regarding a proposed RV Park adjacent to her property on Airport Road.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Wal-Mart FILOT Ordinance - Public Hearing

Vice-Chair Smallwood made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Council Member Burns 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.

Vice-Chair Smallwood made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. 2025-2026 Cash RFD Budget Ordinance - Public Hearing

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

c. 2025-2026 Harris Creek RFD Budget Ordinance - Public Hearing

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

d. 2025-2026 Alligator RFD Budget Ordinance - Public Hearing

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

e. 2025-2026 General Fund Budget Ordinance - Public Hearing

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

f. General Obligation (GO) Bond Ordinance - Public Hearing

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

g. Tattoo Ordinance - Public Hearing

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

h. <u>Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment (Solid Waste Management Fee) – Public Hearing</u>

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

Jerry Morris, Becky Wetzel and Rivanna Black spoke during the public hearing regarding this Ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Wal-Mart FILOT - 3rd Reading

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

b. 2025-2026 Cash RFD Budget Ordinance - 3rd Reading

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

c. 2025-2026 Harris Creek RFD Budget Ordinance - 3rd Reading

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

d. 2025-2026 Alligator RFD Budget Ordinance - 3rd Reading

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

e. 2025-2026 General Fund Budget Ordinance – 3rd Reading

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

f. GO Bond Ordinance - 3rd Reading

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

g. Tattoo Ordinance - 3rd Reading

Council Member Kirkley made a motion to pass 3rd Reading. Council Member Burns

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

h. <u>Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment (Solid Waste Management Fee) – 3rd Reading</u>

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

i. Ordinance Authorizing Sale of Property W - 2nd Reading

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

j. <u>Proclamation Declaring June 2025 as "Elevate Fatherhood Month" - Proclamation</u> Council Member Burns made a motion to adopt the Proclamation. Council Member Foard seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

k. Resolution in Support of Prescribed Burn – Resolution Lynn Askins:

Advised Council what the Resolution pertains to and the reason to adopt this Resolution.

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

I. <u>Emergency Ordinance Declaring Temporary Moratorium on Issuance of Permits for Establishment of Mobile Home Parks, RV Parks and Subdivisions</u>

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

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

a. Lot Size Restriction - Council Member Price

Advised Council he would like to have a discussion at some point regarding lot size restrictions.

Council Chair Anderson advised she would like for the Planning and Zoning Committee to meet regarding this matter and bring a recommendation back to Council.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Status update of the CCRWC SCIPP Project A-23-C040 - Courtney Hair

Ms. Hair advised the project to increase the water supply in the Cheraw/Cash and Pageland areas was completed under budget leaving grant funds in the amount of \$1,088,756.00 remaining. Chesterfield County Rural Water Company (CCRWC) has proposed that these funds be used in conjunction with the Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) grant for the Lynches River

Industrial Park Project to extend the SCIIP lines all the way to Usher Street and over to Highway 9, and tie in to the new Industrial Park Project line. CCRWC indicates that this will significantly increase available flow to the Industrial Park Line as well as further supplement CCRWC's supply of water to the Town of Pageland and the western portion of the county.

It was requested that Council approve the repurposing of these grant funds.

Council Member Foard made a motion to approve the repurposing of these grants as set forth herein. Council Member Price seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. <u>The Pee Dee Local Workforce Area SC Works System - Memorandum of Understanding - Ruffner</u>

Mr. Ruffner advised the Pee Dee Local Workforce Area SC Works System Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) designates certain partner programs and entities responsible for workforce development, education, and other human resources programs designed to enhance access to the program's services.

It was requested that Council vote to authorize Council Chair Anderson to execute the MOU.

Council Member Burns made a motion to authorize Council Chair Anderson to execute the MOU. Council Member McLendon seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. EMS Repeater – Ruffner

Mr. Ruffner advised that the County's EMS would like to use space on the Town of Cheraw's water tower located at 701 Church Street to place the County's EMS repeater. It was requested that Council approve the Tower Structure Agreement with the Town of Cheraw.

Council Member Foard made a motion to approve the Tower Structure Agreement with the Town of Cheraw. Council Member Price seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. AMR/Lifeguard Franchise Renewal Application - Stanley

Ms. Stanely advised that staff had received a Franchise Renewal Application from AMR/Lifeguard, along with all of the proper documentation.

Council Member Kirkley made a motion to approve the Franchise Renewal Application from AMR/Lifeguard. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

a. Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments - Council Chair Anderson

Council Chair Anderson advised there was a need to appoint/reappoint members to the Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments Board to fill the following seats on the Board for a three-year term.

Former Council Member Rhett Butler – Michelle Stanley (New Appointment)
Council Chair Mary Anderson – Council Chair Anderson (Re-appointment)
Council Member Hattie Burns – Council Member Burns (Re-appointment)
Former Council Member Ben Conklin – Council Member Eddie Kirkley (New appointment)

Council Member McLendon made a motion to re-appoint Council Chair Mary Anderson and Council Member Hattie Burns and to appoint Council Member Eddie Kirkley and Michelle Stanely, Assistant Administrator to the Pee Dee Regional Transit Authority Board. Vice-Chair Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Thanked everyone for everything they have done for him through the years and thanked his family for supporting him, because without his family's support, he couldn't have done this job. He also mentioned Ronald Thurman, who he said was his mentor and that he really learned a lot from Ronald Thurman.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Council Chair Anderson:

- Advised there was a need to appoint someone as Chair to the Ambulance, Fire and Rescue Committee to take Council Member Curtis place in his absence and to appoint Council Member Burns to the Committee to replace Council Member Curtis in his absence.
- Advised that Chesterfield County had been chosen by SCEDA to hold its SCCED Recertification Advanced Symposium 3 in Cheraw.

Council Member McLendon:

Advised he had spoken with Dr. Wayne Chapman and James Sweeney, School Board Members and they thought it would be a good idea to have a meeting with County Council to brainstorm on how we can interact more efficiently.

Council Member Foard:

Advised there was going to be a prayer gathering tonight at the Gazebo in Moore Park at 7:00 p.m. for the 7 year old girl who got shot in Pageland. Encouraged everyone to attend.

Council Member Brand:

Thanked Mr. Eubanks for the job he has done.

Council Member Kirkley:

- Advised he agreed with what Council Member Foard said about everyone coming together, council, the community, etc.
- Congratulated McBee Baseball Team on winning 1A Baseball State Championship.
- Congratulated McBee Golf Team on winning 1A Golf State Championship.

Council Member Burns:

Thanked Mr. Eubanks family in supporting him in order for him to be able to dedicate his time to his job.

ADJOURN

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Mary Anderson, Council Chair

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Date: July 2, 2025