



**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
APRIL 2, 2025 9:00 A.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks – Administrator; Michelle Stanley – Finance Director/Assistant Administrator; Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council; Andrew F. McLeod – Attorney; Kip Kiser – Coroner; John James – Coroner’s Office; Vickie Riggans – Pee Dee Coalition; Jessica Locklair – Tri-County; Attorney Trey Cockrell; Attorney Ashley Nance; Robert Hancock – Ruby-Mt. Croghan VFD; Stacey Short – Pee Dee Coalition and Stephanie Atkinson Coln, CPA - Halliday & Schwartz Company. 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

Council Chair Anderson welcomed everyone and Council Member Brandon Price opened the meeting with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Curtis made a motion to adopt the April 2, 2025 meeting agenda. Vice-Chair Smallwood 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># of Years</u>
Robert Johnson	Sheriff's Department	11/30/2020	5 Years
Diana Barrett	Public Buildings	04/06/2020	5 Years
Rachel Smith	Auditor's Office	04/04/2005	20 Years
Gregory Perry	Sheriff's Department	01/03/2005	20 Years

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. March 5, 2025 – Regular Meeting

Council Member McLendon made a motion to approve the March 5, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Price 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. Jane Pigg, WCRE/The Link

Appeared before Council regarding a Countywide Litter Pick-Up Day. She advised May 8, 2025 is the day that the County selected for the litter pick-up day and that she would like the County to approve May 3-May 10, 2025 for litter pick up.

b. Ms. Stacey Short and Ethel Moore, Pee Dee Coalition – Declaring April Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention Month – Proclamation

Appeared before Council and advised of upcoming events pertaining to Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention.

Council Member Curtis made a motion to adopt the Proclamation. Council Member Brand seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Stephanie Atkinson Coln, CPA, Halliday & Schwartz Company – Audit Report

Ms. Stephanie Atkinson Coln presented Council with the Chesterfield County independent audit of fiscal year 2024-2025.

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Wal-Mart FILOT – 1st Reading

Council Member Burns made a motion to pass 1st Reading. Council Member Brand seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. 2025-2026 Cash RFD Budget Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

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

c. 2025-2026 Harris Creek RFD Budget Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

Council Member Curtis 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.

d. 2025-2026 Alligator RFD Budget Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

Council Member Kirkley 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.

e. 2025-2026 General Fund Budget Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

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

f. GO Bond Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

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

g. Tattoo Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

Council Member Curtis 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.

h. Fair Housing Resolution

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

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

a. Facebook – Council Member Kirkley

Advised he would like the County to create a County Facebook page for disseminating information to the public.

Council Member Kirkley made a motion to allow staff to create a County Facebook page for the purpose of disseminating information to the public. Council Member Foard seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Letter of Support – Cheraw Fire Department – Fire Station Replacement Project – Council Chair Anderson

Council Chair Anderson advised that the Town of Cheraw had requested that Council renew the Letter of Support to Congressman Frye previously approved and issued on April 3, 2024.

Council Member McLendon made a motion to approve the Letter of Support to Congressman Frye regarding Cheraw Fire Department's Fire Station Replacement Project. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Letter of Support – Pageland Public Safety Building Appropriations Request – Council Member Price

Council Member Price advised he had been contacted by Pageland Mayor Jason Evans regarding a Letter of Support for the Pageland Public Safety Building.

Council Member Price made a motion to approve the Letter of Support for the Pageland Public Safety Building. Council Member Foard seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Bid Award – Engineering Firms for Hillcrest Loop and Hillcrest Lane Paving Project – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that Invitation for Bids (IFB) was sent out for the engineering CTC road paving project for Hillcrest Loop and Hillcrest Lane paving. The following bids were received:

Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc.
AMT Engineering
Bowman Consulting Group, LTD
Alliance Consulting Engineers
Mattern & Craig

The Committee met and rated the engineers and recommends that Council award the bids to Alliance Consulting Engineers.

Council Member Foard made a motion to award the bid to Alliance Consulting Engineers. Council Member Kirkley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Health Department Parking Lot Paving Project - Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that Council previously approved a \$50,000 grant match for this paving project. Pee Dee COG has determined that cost is going to be more than previously anticipated and, therefore, the grant should be modified. The additional funding will be taken out of Economic Development funds.

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the additional required funding and that the funds be taken out of Economic Development funds. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

- Reminded Council of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting which will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2025.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Council Chair Anderson:

- Thanked everyone for attending the County Departments meeting on March 28, 2025.
- Brocks Mill Rural Fire Department will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. regarding an increase in dues and dues on per parcel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Chair Anderson advised there was a need to go into executive session.

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

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

- 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, expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the county regarding the following: Lynches River Industrial Park – potential sale/lease of property.
- 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 the receipt of legal advice covered by the attorney-client privilege, regarding the following: Rescue Squad services.
- c. 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, 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, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the county in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the county of a claim, regarding the following: Ultra Processed Foods (UPF) Litigation.

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

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

REGULAR SESSION

Council Chair Anderson 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.


Agenda Item 19a:

Council Member Foard made a motion to authorize the Administrator to negotiate a contract for the sale of property located in the Lynches River Industrial Park as discussed in executive session. Council Member McLendon seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

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

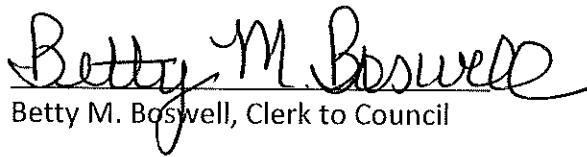
APPROVED:



Mary Anderson, Council Chair

Date: May 7, 2025

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council