

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
September 4, 2024 9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Vice-Chair Mary Anderson; Council Members: Gerald Miller, Hattie Burns, Ben Conklin, Doug Curtis, Ethan Foard, Todd Smallwood and Eddie Rivers.

ABSENT: Chairman Rhett Butler.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks – County Administrator, Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Kip Kiser – Coroner, Jon Alexander – SC Forestry Commission, Ken Riley, Loni Riley, Libby Lear – CCEDB, Lisa Gainey – CCEDB, Spence Vaughn – Sheriff’s Department, March Weiss – Sheriff’s Department, Eddie Kirkley, James Dixon – Solicitor’s Office, Karen Short – CCOAC, Joseph Carnes - Sherriff’s Department, Mayor John Bittle – Town of Chesterfield, Brandon Brice, George Black and Jacqueline Hough – 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

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

Vice-Chair Anderson advised there was a need to amend the agenda to remove Agenda Item 18.a. Solar Projects from Executive Session and add to Agenda as Agenda Item 12.g. Project Seaboard will be discussed as Agenda Item 18.a.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Curtis made a motion to adopt the September 4, 2024 meeting agenda with said amendments. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. August 14, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the August 14, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Burns, Conklin, Smallwood, Foard, Rivers and Miller. Council Member Curtis did not vote, as he was not present at the August 14, 2024 Regular meeting. Motion passed.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

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

APPOINTMENTS

a. Karen Short, Director, Opioid Abatement Coalition

Appeared before Council to give an update on the Opioid Abatement Coalition and asked Council to consider adding another officer to the Sheriff's Department

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Ordinance Authorizing Conveyance of Lynches River Industrial Park Water System to Chesterfield County Rural Water Company, Inc. – 2nd Reading

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

b. Emergency Ordinance Declaring Temporary Moratorium on Issuance of Permits for Establishment of Mobile Home Parks and Subdivisions

Council Member Foard made a motion to adopt said Ordinance. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Mobile Homes/Subdivision Ordinance – 2nd Reading

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

c. Resolution Declaring September as 'South Carolina State Guard Month' in Chesterfield County – Resolution

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

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Due Diligence Study for Lynches River Property – Libby Lear

Ms. Lear appeared before Council and presented Council with information concerning a due diligence study for the Lynches River Industrial Park Property, the funding necessary to secure that, and available grant funding. Ms. Lear advised the county's portion would be \$19,750.00.

Council Member Curtis made a motion to approve the allocation of \$19,750.00 from Economic Development Funds to apply toward this study. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Retirement of K-9 Brit and Bloodhound Brutus – Major Spence Vaughn

Major Vaughn advised that it has been requested by Sheriff Streater that K-9 Brit and Bloodhound Brutus be retired and that they be offered to someone for assumption of custody and future care.

Council Member Curtis made a motion to authorize the retirement of K-9 Brit and Bloodhound Brutus. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Grant Expiration – Spence Vaughn

Major Spence Vaughn appeared before Council on behalf of Sheriff Streater advising that there are two positions that are currently funded by grants that will expire at the end of September and Sheriff Streater would like for Council to continue to fund these two positions. There was some discussion regarding this matter.

Vice-Chair Anderson advised she was referring this matter to the Finance Committee.

d. Veteran’s Park Update – Administrator Eubanks

Administrator Eubanks gave Council an update on the Veteran’s Park and presented Council with a sketch of the plans and asked for approval of the plans. He advised that the County had received a \$40,000.00 grant and asked that Council approve a \$10,000.00 match to be paid out of the Accommodations Tax Fund.

Council Member Conklin made a motion to approve the plans and the allocation of \$10,000.00 from the Accommodation Tax Fund as a grant match. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

e. Compactor Replacement – Administrator Eubanks

Administrator Eubanks advised Council that there was a need to replace compactors at the Convenience Centers. He advised the cost for each compactor was \$28,000.00. There was some discussion regarding this matter.

Vice-Chair Anderson referred this matter to the Finance Committee.

f. Bid Award –Lynches River Industrial Park Phase 2 Waterline Improvements – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that the County received three (3) Responsive Bids for the Lynches River Industrial Park Phase 2 Waterline improvements, the bids are as follows:

Corbett and Son Construction, LLC	\$302,995.00
Dawn Development Company, Inc.	\$335,626.02
Driggers Construction, LLC	\$482,530.30

It is the recommendation of Alliance Consulting Engineers Inc. that the bid be awarded to Corbett and Son Construction, LLC in the amount of \$302,995.00.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to accept the bid from Corbett and Son Construction, LLC in the amount of \$302,995.00. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

f. Solar Projects – Administrator Eubanks

Administrator Eubanks advised that staff needed direction from Council regarding the acceptance of solar farms within the County. There was discussion regarding this matter.

Vice-Chair Anderson asked that the Administrator discuss this matter with Chairman Butler and get direction from him as to the Committee to which this matter should be referred.

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 Seaboard

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, 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:

- i. Condemnations – County Line Road
- ii. County - Municipality Contract for Judicial Services

c. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(1), Council entered into executive session for discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employees.

Council Member Gerald Miller left the meeting before entering into executive session.

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

REGULAR SESSION

Vice-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 18.a. – Project Seaboard

Council Member Curtis made a motion to allow Project Seaboard to move forward. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Curtis, Burns, Rivers, Smallwood and Conklin. Voting in opposition of the motion was Council Member Foard. Motion passed 5-1.

Agenda Item 18.a.i. – Condemnations – County Line Road

Council Member Rivers made a motion to authorize Administrator Eubanks and Attorney Ruffner to work on resolving condemnations regarding County Line Road. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 18.a.ii. – County – Municipality Contract for Judicial Services

Vice-Chair Anderson referred this matter to the Judicial Committee.


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

APPROVED:



Wm. Rhett Buter, Chairman
Date: October 2, 2024

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council