

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING
April 6, 20119:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Chairman J. Matthew Rivers, Vice-Chair Lenora V. Powe, Council Members: Kenneth A. Johnson, G. Franklin Plyler, Bruce E. Rivers, Robert G. Cole, Gerald L. Miller, Douglas A. Curtis and Crawford Moore, Finance Director Michelle Stanley, Interim Administrator Denise Douglass, Clerk to Council Susie Boswell Brenda Workman, Director, Economic Development Board, Deepal Eliatamby, Alliance Consulting Engineers, Faith Tyson, Southern Animal Welfare League, Jessica Beaty, Project Safe Pet & CRPO, Jerry Gaskins, Paws & Claws, Patsy Leviner, Greater PD Animal Rescue, Nancy Kimrey, Greater PD Animal Rescue, Carol Dean, Kerry's Cats, Faith Tyson, Doris Ann Vandover, Nancy Updegrave, Nancy Mitten, Maurice Mitten, John Martin, Glenn Gullede, Amy Storms, Ruth Parkyn, Sandra Dollar, Rebecca Rowland, Southern Animal Welfare There were others who did not sign the sign-in-sheet.

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers welcomed everyone and Council Member Cole opened the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Plyler made a motion to adopt the March 2, 2011 meeting agenda with any amendments approved by council. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Cole made a motion to adopt the March 2, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

Jerri Gaskins, Paws & Claws – Founder and Director of Paws & Claws addressed Council about the Chesterfield County Animal Shelter. Stated that she had come before Council approximately 12 years ago and asked for permission to be allowed to go into the animal shelter as a volunteer group of advocates for the homeless animals. Gave a brief history of what Paws and Claws had done for the homeless animals and the animal shelter. Stated that while Paws and Claws could no longer be the main support

beam for the shelter, they had no intentions of abandoning the animals there and that she stood before Council to publically and officially offer Paws and Claws help and assist in turning this tragedy into a triumph for the homeless animals in our community.

Deborah Farhi - Katherine Yuen was unable to attend and asked that Deborah Farhi speak on her behalf. Stated that she had been coming to the Chesterfield County Animal Shelter since May of last year doing food drives and that she is the person that made the discovery of the incident at the animal shelter on March 4, 2011. Expressed her feelings and concerns regarding the incident at the animal shelter and discussed some of the things that she thought might help in making decisions that would better the animal shelter. Thanked Council for affording her the opportunity to speak.

Joy Young – Stated that she was a citizen of Chesterfield County, that she was not affiliated with any animal organization, either local or national and that she spoke to Council when she arrived here about 4-5 years ago. Expressed her concerns with animal over-population and the incident at the animal shelter. Advised Council of some of the ideas she had to try and raise money for the animal shelter and ways to make the animal shelter a better place for the homeless animals. Thanked Council for allowing her to speak.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Doris Vandenoever – Citizen – Addressed council regarding an incident that happened to her pet concerning animal control.

Patti Leviner – Greater Pee Dee Animal and Rescue – Stated her feelings and concerns regarding the incident at the Chesterfield County Animal Shelter and offered ideas of how to improve the animal shelter.

Nancy Mitten – Citizen – Stated her feelings and concerns regarding the Chesterfield County Animal Shelter, offered information regarding programs for delivery of dog food to the shelter that are available, spay and neuter information and other ideas on how to improve the animal shelter and animal over-population.

Ruth Parkyn – Non-resident – Stated her feelings and concerns regarding the incident at the Chesterfield County Animal Shelter and offered information and ideas on how to improve the animal shelter and animal over-population.

Sandra Dollar – Works at a small rescue (no kill) shelter in Kershaw County. Stated her feelings and concerns regarding the incident at the Chesterfield County Animal Shelter and offered information and ideas on how to improve the animal shelter and animal over-population.

Nancy Kimrey – Citizen – Stated her feelings and concerns regarding the incident at the Chesterfield County Animal Shelter and offered information and ideas on how to improve the animal shelter and animal over-population.

Karen E. Stangel – Rock Hill, SC - Stated her feelings and concerns regarding the incident at the Chesterfield County Animal Shelter and offered information and ideas on how to improve the animal shelter and animal over-population. Talked about a spay and neuter program they have in Rock Hill, SC.

Whitney Knowlton – New York – Stated that she is the Founder and Director of Last Chance Animal Rescue out of New York and she started coming to Chesterfield Animal Shelter about two years ago. Expressed her feelings and concerns regarding the incident at the Chesterfield County Animal Shelter and offered information and ideas on how to improve the animal shelter and animal over-population. She discussed the idea of privatizing the shelter.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Carolinas Centre Spec Building Agreement – 2nd Reading**
Council Member Plyler made a motion to pass 2nd Reading. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

- b. **2010/2011 Wal-Mart Fee-in-lieu Amendment Ordinance – 1st Reading**
Council Member Miller made a motion to pass 1st Reading. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

- c. **2011/2012 Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) – 1st Reading (title only)**
Council Member Cole made a motion to pass 1st Reading (title only). Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

- d. **2011/2012 Alligator RFD Budget Ordinance – 1st Reading (title only)**
Council Member Plyler made a motion to pass 1st Reading (title only). Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

- e. **2011/2012 Cash RFD Budget Ordinance – 1st Reading (title only)**
Council Member Powe made a motion to pass 1st Reading (title only). Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

- f. **2011/2012 Harris Creek RFD Budget Ordinance – 1st Reading (title only)**
Council Member Plyler made a motion to pass 1st Reading (title only). Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

- g. **2011/2012 General Fund Budget Ordinance – 1st Reading**
Council Member Miller made a motion to pass 1st Reading. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

h. Chesterfield Rural Fire Protection Area Resolution

1. Contractual Renewal

Council Member Curtis made a motion to pass the Resolution. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

None

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Surplus Property Declaration – Denise Douglass/Tim Eubanks

Requested that Council declare a 1996 Ford Crown Vic and a 1984 GMC High Sierra Van, assigned to the Road Department, as Surplus Property. This surplus property will be listed on Govdeals.com (Government Surplus Auctions) to hopefully sell.

Council Member Miller made a motion to declare the 1996 Ford Crown Vic and 1984 GMC High Sierra Van automobiles as surplus property. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

b. Roll-off/Dump Trucks RFP Award – Denise Douglass/Tim Eubanks

Staff received numerous bids on the roll off truck and the dump trucks. At this time we recommend the award for the roll off truck go to Florence Truck Center for a 2012 Mack truck with USA hoist in the amount of \$140,051.00. Staff chose this truck because it was better suited for our needs and it is compatible with the roll off truck that we already have. Also recommended that the award for the two dump trucks go to Florence Truck Center for 2012 Mack trucks with double-a body in the amount of \$123,230.68. these vehicles were put on special millage for this budget. It was passed in our budget we are in now. The Capital Equipment Fund is where this will be paid out of.

Council Member Miller made a motion to declare title only 1st Reading on the lease purchase agreement for purchases of roll off truck and 2 dump trucks. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Pee Dee Workforce Investment Board Appointment Request

Chesterfield County Council received a letter from Ms. Vickie P. Tyner,

Workforce Development Director requesting that Council reappoint Mayor John Douglas and Gene Crawford to the Pee Dee Workforce Investment Board for an additional three year term.

Council Member Plyler made a motion to reappoint Mayor John Douglas and Gene Crawford to the Pee Dee Workforce Investment Board. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Johnson

None

Council Member Moore

None

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers

None

Council Member Miller

None

Council Member Cole

None

Council Member Curtis

None

Council Member Plyler

None

Council Vice-Chair Powe

For the record, we had a Public Meeting on the ATV Trail. It was determined at this time that the county would not accept the grant of \$750,000.00 and the main reason was because the track would have to be closed between April 1 and July 1 because of the woodpeckers, so therefore, it was not economically feasible for us to enter that grant program. Since it was public, I just wanted it to be on the record as to why we did not continue with that project.

Council Chair J. Matthew Rivers

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers recommended Council enter into Executive Session in accordance with S.C. Law, Section 30-40-70 of the S.C. Code of Laws, to discuss two Contractual matters, Lynches River Spec Building and Jefferson Armory and a legal matter, Census – legal advice.

Council Member Powe made a motion to enter Executive Session. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Council Member Moore made a motion to exit Executive Session. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

REGULAR SESSION

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers reported Council is back in regular session. No action was taken in Executive Session.

Lynches River Spec Building – Brenda Workman, Economic Development –

We have the 23 acre site and are bidding out work for building design and site. We have selected Alliance and are ready to proceed on that contract to get the site shovel ready. Permission to proceed was granted.

Jefferson Armory, Brenda Workman, Economic Development - Two proposals were brought before Council, Southern Organics & Supply (aka “Ironwood Farms, LLC”) and Fiber Fuels/D.C. Custom Freight, LLC.

Council Member Powe made a motion to accept proposal of Southern Organics & Supply (aka “Ironwood Farms, LLC”). Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Council Members Moore, Plyler, Powe, Cole and Chairman Rivers voted in favor of the motion. Council Members Johnson, Miller, Curtis and Bruce E. Rivers voted against the motion. The motion passed.

2010 Census – Heath Ruffner, Attorney – Discussed Census figures. E911 data shows more people than what is on the count data. Bobby Bowers will be getting in touch with Kevin Thurman. June 1, 2011 is when challenges can be submitted and start that process. There are no lawyers in South Carolina that handle this and we will need to get someone from out of state. It will cost a lot and it may be that we do not need to do this.

Council Member Johnson stated that he had not seen the census numbers and Chairman Rivers advised that we have the county numbers and that this was a preliminary discussion only. We will be making a decision in a couple of months.

ADJOURN

Council Member Moore made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

J. Matthew Rivers, Chairman

Susie Boswell, Clerk to Council

Date: May 4, 2011