

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING  
AUGUST 5, 2009 ..... 9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman J. Matthew Rivers, Vice-Chair Lenora V. Powe, Council Members: Gerald L. Miller, G. Franklin Plyler, Bruce E. Rivers, Anne Brumley, Robert G. Cole, Crawford Moore, Interim Administrator Denise Douglass and Clerk to Council Michelle Sellers. Council Member Johnson was not present. There were others attending the meeting who did not sign the sign-in sheet.

**CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER**

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers welcomed everyone and asked Council Member Plyler to open the meeting with prayer.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers stated that item 9(b) Equipment Lease Purchase Ordinance (Title Only) would need to be added to the agenda. Council Member Plyler made a motion to adopt August 5, 2009 Regular Meeting Agenda with approved changes. Council Bruce E. Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council Member Cole made a motion to adopt the July 1, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS**

None

**APPOINTMENTS**

**a. Kent Lesesne, South Carolina Association of Counties**

Mr. Lesesne appeared before Council and gave a brief presentation on SCAC services and a legislative update.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**a. Building Codes Ordinance Amendment – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Plyler made a motion to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**b. Equipment Lease Purchase Ordinance – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (Title Only)**

Council Member Plyler made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Council Member Brumley 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. Tax Anticipation Note Award – Douglass**

The bid letters for the TAN were sent out to fourteen local and regional banks and were due back on July 15, 2009. We received a “no bid” response from Sandhills Bank and a bid from BB&T with an interest rate of 3.28%. The ordinance allowed for the County Council Chairman and the County Administrator to award the bid on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Therefore the bid for the 2009 Tax Anticipation Note was awarded to BB&T at the interest rate of 3.28%.

#### **b. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant – Douglass**

The Grants Coordinator is working with Committee Chair Plyler, other key staff members, and the Pee Dee Cog on this grant. The purpose of this grant is to assist entities in creating and implementing strategies to reduce total energy use of the entities and improve energy efficient in the building sector. Some of the eligible measures include: lighting retrofits, window replacement, heat recovery systems, and energy management systems to name a few.

Staff, along with Committee Chair Plyler will evaluate all County buildings, compile a list of all eligible projects, then decide upon which to pursue. Chesterfield County will be able to apply for \$177,349 with not matching funds required.

#### **c. Energy Star Challenge – Douglass**

The Energy Star Challenge – Build a Better World 10% at a Time is a competition sponsored by NACO. The Challenge is to reduce your own energy consumption; change light bulbs, turn off lights, buy Energy Star appliances, etc.

The competition is to see which County can get the most employees and County residents to register/pledge to take the challenge. There is a pledge card that needs to be completed in order to be counted (this can be mailed in or filled out online). All Counties are grouped by size with the winning County receiving a \$5,000 grant, which will be awarded in December 2009.

This grant opportunity is at no cost to the County. Free posters and brochures are provided. Public Service announcement print ads and radio announcements are also available.

Our Grants Coordinator is actively pursuing this challenge and will be distributing the brochures and pledge cards in the coming weeks.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Sheriff Parker Funding Request**

Staff received a letter from the Honorable Sheriff Parker requesting additional funding from the Victim's Advocate Fund. After meeting with the Committee Chairs, it was suggested that this item be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

### **b. Shortfall Provision for Tax Bills**

Staff will need the wording for the 1.9 mill increase that will go on the tax notices. Section 6-1-320(B) states that "the amount of tax for each taxpayer must be listed on the tax statement as a separate surcharge, for each aforementioned applicable item, and not be included with a general millage increase. Each separate surcharge must have an explanation of the reason for the surcharge. The surcharge must be continued only for the years necessary to pay for the deficiency, for the catastrophic event, or for compliance with the court order or decree."

After meeting with the Committee Chairs, it was suggested that this item be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and the committee bring back a recommendation at the September meeting.

### **c. First Health Contract Renewal**

The First Health Ambulance Service Contract is up on June 30, 2010. Per the contract, the agreement shall automatically renew for (3) years unless either party gives written notice of termination at least (180) days prior to the renewal date.

After meeting with the Committee Chairs, it was suggested that this item be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration. It was suggested that the finance committee check with surrounding counties and then bring back a recommendation to the September meeting.

### **d. Town of Chesterfield, Letter of Support**

The Town of Chesterfield has requested a Letter of Support in reference to SC Hwy. 145 being designated as US Hwy. 220.

After meeting with the Committee Chairs, it was suggested that this item be referred to the Road Committee for consideration. It was suggested that the council members districts that will be affected sit in on the meeting and a recommendation brought back to council.

### **e. SC Legal Services Endorsement Request**

Council received a letter from the SC Legal Services requesting an endorsement from Chesterfield County, which will allow the SCLS to apply for funding from the HPRP (Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program) grant. This grant will help low income families in our community secure and maintain housing.

Mr. Ruffner reviewed the letter and spoke with one of the Senior Staff Attorneys from SCLS. It is Mr. Ruffner's opinion that this certification does not require any contribution, matching or services on behalf of the county. It appears simply to be an endorsement of the program which is necessary for SC Legal Services to apply for the grant proceeds. Due to the time-sensitive nature and after review of attorney and direction of chair, the certification has been signed.

**f. PDRTA Reappointment**

Council received a letter from the PDRTA informing us that our current appointee, Council member Cole has expired. PDRTA is requesting that Council forward any official appointment or re-appointment document to them. It is the understanding that Council member Cole would like to be re-appointed to this Board, should Council so desire.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to re-appoint Council Member Cole to the PDRTA board. Council member Brumley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Crawford Moore**

None

**Bruce E. Rivers**

None

**Anne Brumley**

None

**Lenora V. Powe**

Updated Council on the Census 2010 Committee

**Gerald L. Miller**

None

**Kenneth A. Johnson**

None

**George Franklin Plyler**

None

**Robert G. Cole**

None

**J. Matthew Rivers**

Chairman Rivers stated that a few of the Council members would be out of town the week of September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chairman Rivers suggested that the September 2, 2009 be moved to September 9, 2009.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to change the September 2, 2009 Regular Council meeting to September 9, 2009. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to appoint Phil Powell to the Old English Tourism Board. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council did not enter Executive Session.

**ADJOURN**

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

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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J. MATTHEW RIVERS, CHAIRMAN

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MICHELLE SELLERS  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DATE:\_\_\_\_\_