

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEEING  
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING  
AUGUST 11, 2010 ..... 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, Kenneth A. Johnson, Finance Director, Michelle Stanley and Interim Administrator Denise Douglass. Council Member Moore was not present at the meeting. 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 Bruce E. Rivers to open the meeting with prayer.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was proposed to amend the Agenda to add item 6b, the temporary appointment of a Clerk to Council. It was proposed to also add an item to Executive Session, being an Economic Development briefing. Council Member Johnson made a motion to adopt the August 11, 2010 meeting agenda with any amendments approved by Council. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. July 14, 2010 Regular Meeting**

Council Member Plyler made a motion to adopt the July 14, 2010 regular meeting minutes. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

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

None

**APPOINTMENTS**

**a. Mrs. Karen Martini-Odom**

Mrs. Odom appeared before Council requesting a letter of support in reference to funding from the USRDA for the First Steps School Readiness Program.

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

**b. Temporary Clerk to Council**

In order to move forward with County business, it was recommended that Council appoint J. Ronald Thurman as the temporary Clerk to Council.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to appoint J. Ronald Thurman as the temporary Clerk to Council. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chief R.P. Presson with the Teals Mill Fire Department thanked County Council for helping the fire departments in the County. He expressed that he understood the situation the Council is facing and just wanted Council to know that the citizens of the Teals Mill Community and the executive board also thanks the Council.

Chief Presson also thanked the Council for trying to make the E911 center better. He expressed that it is not perfect yet, but it is better than it was.

Chief Presson also wanted to thank Council for raising taxes. He expressed that you had to raise them in order to keep the county going.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **a. County Road and Maintenance Fee Increase**

Council Member Brumley made a motion to open public hearing. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. There were no oral comments from the public made nor were any written comments received.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to close public hearing. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

## **ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **a. County Road and Maintenance Fee Increase**

Council Member Powe made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting against the motion was Council Member Johnson. Motion passed.

### **b. Road Sign Theft Ordinance**

Council Member Johnson made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading by title only. Council Member Bruce E. Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

### **c. Conbraco Inducement Resolution**

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to pass the resolution. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

### **d. Conbraco FILOT and MCIP Ordinance**

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading by title only. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

## **ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL**

This item was discussed in essence to codify what has been the customary practice in regards to board appointments. If a board has nine members appointed by each individual Council Member, then Council does not have to vote on this. The Council Member simply gives the Administrator the name of the appointee and that appointee becomes a member at that time. The Administrator will then send out a formal letter and will announce the appointee

at the next Council Meeting. If Council appoints less than nine members as a group, then that does require a vote.

The recommendation has been made to clarify this in the standing rules and add this as item 37 in those rules.

Motion to add this clarification (using the proper wording) to the Standing Rules to make this the 37<sup>th</sup> rule was made by Council Member Cole. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

### **ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF**

#### **a. Take Home Vehicles – Douglass**

Interim Administrator Douglass discussed the take home vehicle issue with Council in regards to there being many varying opinions as to which employees should be allowed to take their vehicle home. Interim Administrator Douglass passed out a list of the 11 vehicles that she has control over. It was decided that Council would mark the ones that they feel should be parked and work with the Administrator during the month with the majority ruling.

#### **b. Statewide Court Case Management System – Cheraw Magistrate Office**

The discussion on this was in regards to the Statewide Court Case Management System. The County is in line to be funded more than \$255,000 for deployment of this system. In order for the Cheraw Office to be included, the County must have an office set up immediately. The issue of an office in Cheraw was discussed during the early part of the year.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made the motion to set up a full time Cheraw Magistrate Office to be implemented by the Administrator in conjunction with our Chief Magistrate and the Cheraw Magistrate, in the form or manner that deems fit with personnel as our Chief suggests. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Council Member Johnson**

None

#### **Council Member Plyler**

None

#### **Council Member Cole**

None

**Council Member Bruce E. Rivers**

Appointed Mark Tucker to the Economic Development Board. Chairman Ogden Sutton resigned due to health reasons.

**Council Member Brumley**

None

**Council Member Miller**

None

**Council Vice-Chair Powe**

At the COG meeting last night, she found out that the Rural Transportation Guide Chairs went up \$1.5 million dollars. Last time it was 7.8 now it is 9.3 as a result of vehicle miles traveled rather than just by population. This gives the Pee Dee area an additional \$1.5 million dollars.

In reference to the Road Sign Theft Ordinance, the County will give the citizens that may have any signs the opportunity to bring them back to the County without any repercussions. This will be during the passing of the ordinance; once the ordinance passes, then the persons will be charged. We are looking at about \$100 for restitution and the Magistrates state that the fines could be up to \$1,080 per sign. Mrs. Powe asked that the press let the public know.

**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 legal matters and an Economic Development matter.

Council Member Plyler made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Council Member Brumley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

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

**ADJOURN**

Council Member Plyler made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Bruce E. Rivers 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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CLERK TO COUNCIL

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