

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING
August 10, 2011..... 9:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers, Vice-Chair Lenora V. Powe, Gerald L. Miller, G. Franklin Plyler, Bruce E. Rivers, Douglas A. Curtis, Robert G. Cole, Kenneth A. Johnson and Crawford Moore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Susie Boswell – Clerk to Council, Michelle Stanley - Finance Director, Denise R. Douglass - Interim Administrator, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney, Joy Young, Brenda Quick, Sharon Justice - The Cheraw Chronicle & Chesterfield Advertiser, Rick Kiernan – Convergent, Brenda Workman – Chesterfield County Economic Development, Patrick Sutton – Pee Dee Animal Rescue, Nancy Kimrey and Beverly Sewey. 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 Council Member Curtis asked Rev. Robert Gordon to open the meeting with a prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Curtis made a motion to adopt the August 10, 2011 meeting agenda with the amendment of adding 12c Redistricting Update – K. Thurman. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. **July 13, 2011 – Regular Meeting**

Council Member Powe made a motion to adopt the July 13, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

Joy Young - Citizen

Addressed Council regarding animal issues. Stated she thought Council should keep the public more informed and should hold meetings at a time when people can attend. Expressed her feelings about the Sheriff being over the animal shelter. Also talked about several ideas she had in trying to better the animal shelter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patrick Sutton, Pee Dee Animal Rescue

Gave Council a brief summary on his time, work and efforts in helping animals. Discussed a spay and neuter program Pee Dee Animal Rescue has in place that is paid for by donations from all over the country. Expressed to Council that he thought the animal shelter should be turned over and controlled by a non-governmental agency and that he had a plan that could make the shelter self-sufficient.

Nancy Kimrey - Citizen

Expressed her feelings about the animal shelter and said that she would be willing to volunteer her time to help the animal shelter.

Brenda Quick - Citizen

Expressed her feelings about the animal shelter and stated she felt that the County needs a spay and neuter law, pet registration, new facility and detailed accounting of all money that comes in and goes out of the shelter. Thanked Council Member Curtis for the fans at the shelter.

Beverly Suey – Citizen

Expressed her concerns for the animal shelter and asked Council for help to better the animal shelter.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Capital Equipment Lease Purchase Ordinance (1) Motor-grader –2nd Reading

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

b. Floodplain Management Ordinance – 2nd Reading

Council Member Plyler made a motion to pass 2nd reading. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Chesterfield Armory – Resolution

Council Member Curtis made a motion to adopt Resolution authorizing the acceptance of real property known as the “National Guard Armory” located in Chesterfield, South Carolina. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Building Committee

1. Western Auto Building

Council Member Curtis stated he thought the County may have some future use for the Western Auto Building and asked that it be taken under advisory and will bring back before Council.

b. Finance/Road Committee – Council Member Moore and Vice-Chair Powe

1. Dumpster/Compactor Purchase

Staff has received proposals from several companies regarding the purchase of (22) dumpsters and (7) compactors for our convenience centers. We are looking to purchase the (22) dumpsters so that we will no longer pay rent. The compactors we have are out of commission frequently and need to be replaced. With the purchase of the second roll-off truck that is to be delivered this month, the County will then do all of our own hauling. The county has already saved over \$200,000 with just the one roll-off truck it has. At this time, Staff recommends awarding both bids to Becker Complete Compactor, Inc.; dumpsters in the amount of \$90,763.20 and compactors in the amount of \$155,299.87 for a total of \$246,063.07.

Council Member Powe made a motion to award the two bids to Becker Complete Compactor, Inc.; dumpsters in the amount of \$90,763.20 and compactors in the amount of \$155,299.87 for a total of \$246,063.07. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

None

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Financing Award (Roll-off/Dump Trucks) – Douglass

Chesterfield County received two bids for the financing of the lease purchase of one (1) Roll-off & two (2) Dump Trucks. Carolina Bank proposed an interest rate of 3% and BB&T proposed an interest rate of 2.9%. It is the recommendation of our Bond Attorneys that Council award the lease purchase financing to BB&T at the rate of 2.29%.

Council Member Powe made a motion to award bid to BB&T at the rate of 2.29%. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Letter of Support - Douglass

Request for a letter of support was received from the Olde English District Tourism Commission in regards to the proposed Visitors Center for the District. This center will be located off of I-77 at Exit 65. This letter of support is needed for the District to receive a USDA guaranteed loan.

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve letter of support to the Olde English District Tourism Commission. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crawford Moore

None

Bruce E. Rivers

None

Douglas Curtis

None

Lenora V. Powe

None

Gerald L. Miller

None

Kenneth A. Johnson

None

George Franklin Plyler

None

Robert G. Cole

None

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 an Economic Development matter, Legal Matter and Personnel Matter.

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

Council Member Moore made a motion to exit Executive Sessions. Council Member Bruce E. Rivers 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.

1. Attorney General Correspondence – Chairman J. Matthew Rivers

Council has been working with the SC Attorney General’s Office regarding the matter being investigated and we have reviewed that information. There are some legal issues that have to be consulted on in the interim. The Board has discussed this at length and we have agreed that we are going to work with various animal groups and individuals along with the Sheriff to take action on this matter. Action will be taken no later than the August 31, 2011 Meeting. We have also appointed Council Member Curtis at his request and with our backing, to work specifically with those individuals and groups to discuss and hopefully plan for that action that we are taking at this later meeting this month.

2. Administrator Status – Chairman J. Matthew Rivers

Council Member Miller made a motion to name Ms. Denise Douglass full time administrator beginning as of this fiscal year. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

3. Public/Private Partnership – Chairman J. Matthew Rivers

It was sought by our Director of Economic Development and other individuals to establish a Public/Private Partnership by Resolution. A copy of such Resolution was delivered to Council. The Resolution would be the establishment of the Chesterfield County Economic Development Alliance pursuant to the terms that are stated therein.

Council Member Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution authorizing (i) the establishment of the Chesterfield County Economic Development Alliance, A South Carolina Nonprofit Corporation; (ii) The County entering into a Consulting Contract with Convergent Nonprofit Solutions for certain fundraising services. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

J. MATTHEW RIVERS, CHAIRMAN
DATE: September 7, 2011

SUSIE BOSWELL
CLERK TO COUNCIL