

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING  
MAY 2, 2007 ..... 9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman J. Matthew Rivers, Vice-Chair Lenora V. Powe, Council Members: Gerald L. Miller, Kenneth A. Johnson, G. Franklin Plyler, Anne Brumley, Bruce E. Rivers, Robert G. Cole, Crawford Moore, and Administrator J. Ronald Thurman. 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 Administrator J. Ronald Thurman opened the meeting with prayer.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers requested an amendment to the agenda to add 6 (c) the Chesterfield County Coordinating Council and also 6(d) the deputy Solicitor to give brief update. Council Member Plyler made a motion to adopt the agenda with approved amendments. Council Member Brumley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. April 11, 2007 Regular Meeting**

Council Member Kenneth A. Johnson made a motion to approve the April 11, 2007 regular meeting minutes. Council Member Bruce E. Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

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

None

**APPOINTMENTS**

**a. Lynette Savereno, Pee Dee Resource Conservation and Development Council**

Ms. Savereno appeared before council to give update on the work the Pee Dee RC&D is doing in Chesterfield County. She also requested input from the Council on the development of the 5 year Area Plan in regards to the type of assistance the Council is interested in receiving.

**b. Bishop McIver and Henry L. Bryant**

Mr. McIver and Henry L. Bryant of Henry and Family Farms, LLC appeared before Council to present a presentation proposal to launch a vegetable packing warehouse at the 40,000 sq. ft. County Shell building in Pageland, SC. Chairman J. Matthew Rivers referred Ms. Cherry McCoy to work with Henry & Family Farms.

**c. Chesterfield County Coordinating Council**

Ms. Minnie C. Gilchrest appeared before Council to present a proclamation in hopes that the Council will declare the month of May Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Month in Chesterfield County. Council Member Plyler made a motion to proclaim the month of May Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Month. Council Member Bruce E. Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**d. Chesterfield County Solicitors Office, Assistant Solicitor – JR Joyner**

Mr. Joyner appeared before Council to give an update on the docket. The docket is about the same. There are still just a little over 800 cases on the docket.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Patricia Rivers, part-time Public Defender for Chesterfield County appeared before council requesting that at least two more full time Public defenders be hired and she needs office space. Ms. Rivers' also stated she would like to be able to take a vacation, people are parking in her parking space, and that her work load needs to be reduced.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**a. 07/08 Cash RFD Budget 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

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

**b. 07/08 Harris Creek RFD Budget 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council Member G. Franklin Plyler made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**c. 07/08 Alligator RFD Budget 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

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

**d. 07/08 Cheraw RFD Contract Renewal 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

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

**e. Pageland Airport Amendment Ordinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

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

## **ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL**

### **a. Economic Development Board Restructure – Council Member Moore**

Upon consideration and approval by the Chesterfield County Economic Development Board and Director Cherry McCoy, the following changes are recommended to Council for adoption:

Section 1 would be changed to read “The Board shall consist as follows:

9 members appointed by the Chesterfield County Council. One from each district.

1 member each from the existing Chambers of Commerce. One from each chamber located in Cheraw, Chesterfield, and Pageland. If a Chamber is formed the chamber could appoint a member.

1 as the President of Northeastern Technical College.”

Section 7 would be added as a new section and would read “The Administrative Assistant would serve as the Secretary to the Board and the Executive Director will serve as a department head and shall report to the County Administrator.”

Council Member Moore made a motion to adopt amendments to the Economic Development Board. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Council Member Plyler abstained. The motion passed.

## **ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF**

### **a. Courthouse Renovation and Expansion Update – Administrator Thurman**

The work on the Family Courtroom addition is progressing. The Family Court Judge has inspected and is well pleased. It is Administrator Thurman understands that the Family Courtroom should be finished in approximately a month. We have received the plans for the administration building from Mr. Mungo. The parking lots are finished except for the asphalt.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **a. Ambulance Service RFP Award Recommendation – Finance Committee**

Finance Chairman Crawford Moore met to review the submitted E-911 proposals. Council Member Moore made a motion to award First Health as the successful RFP respondent. Council Member Brumley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Brocks Mill Fire Dues Increase**

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve Brocks’ Mill Fire Departments fire due increase from \$35.00 to \$50.00 for the upcoming tax year. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**b. Land Development Ordinance Amendment**

Council Member Plyler made a motion to give 1<sup>st</sup> reading to the recommendation of the Chesterfield County Land Use Commission. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Lenora V. Powe**

We need to appreciate Mr. Thurman for his decent efforts on the RFP's.

**Franklin Plyler**

None

**Crawford Moore**

None

**Robert G. Cole**

None

**Bruce E. Rivers**

None

**Anne Brumley**

None

**Chairman J. Matthew Rivers**

**Gerald Miller**

None

**Kenneth Al Johnson**

None

**2007-2008 Budget Update – Finance Committee**

**a. 07/08 Budget Ordinance 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Moore made a motion to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> reading with approved changes to the 07/08 Budget Ordinance. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**b. Wal-Mart Fee-In-Lieu Ordinance 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to increase High Point Fire Department by \$2500 to \$5000. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Council Member Moore abstained. The motion passed.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Wal-Mart Fee-In-Lieu Ordinance. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Council Member Plyler opposed motion. The motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers recommended Council enter into Executive Session in accordance with S.C. Law, Section 30-4-70 of the S.C. Code of Laws, to discuss issues pertaining to personnel matters and future contractual matters regarding to economic development.

Council Member Plyler made a motion to enter Executive Session. Council Member Brumley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Council Member Miller made a motion to exit Executive Session. 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 motions were made and no action was taken in Executive Session.

**ADJOURN**

Council Member Plyler made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Johnson 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:\_\_\_\_\_