

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING
NOVEMBER 4, 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, Kenneth A. Johnson, Crawford Moore, Clerk to Council Michelle Sellers, Finance Director, Michelle Stanley and Interim Administrator Denise Douglass. Also attending the meeting were Judge Lisenby, R. P. Pearson, and John H. Bittle, III. 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 Bruce E. Rivers asked Special Projects Coordinator J. Ronald Thurman to open the meeting with a prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers stated that item 13 (b) would need to be discussed during Executive Session. Council Member Johnson made a motion to adopt the November 4, 2009 Regular Meeting Agenda with approved changes. Council Member Brumley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Council Member Moore on behalf of Council Members presented Honorable Judge Ronald Cundiff with a plaque honoring his 10 years of service as Magistrate to Chesterfield County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Miller made a motion to adopt the October 7, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Council Member Moore made a motion to adopt the October 14, 2009 Special Meeting minutes. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rev. Alan Usher invited Council Members to participate in the Christians Uniting to Pray for Chesterfield County on Sunday, November 8, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at the Centennial Park in Cheraw, SC.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Solid Waste Plan Ordinance Amendment – 3rd Reading

Council Member Plyler made a motion to pass 3rd reading. Council Member Johnson 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. Bid Award – Lease Purchase Financing (Alligator Fire District)

Council Member Plyler made a motion to accept the recommendation of the county's bond attorneys and award the bid to BB&T with a 3.2% interest rate for five years. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crawford Moore

None

Bruce E. Rivers

None

Anne Brumley

None

Lenora V. Powe

Ms. Powe stated that she has been invited to a statewide workshop in Columbia, SC to present Chesterfield County's plan for the Census 2010.

Gerald L. Miller

None

Kenneth A. Johnson

None

George Franklin Plyler

None

Robert G. Cole

None

J. Matthew Rivers

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 a legal issue and a personnel matter.

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

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers stated that Council would be giving Interim Administrator Denise R. Douglass the authority to implement a hiring freeze and purchasing freeze effective immediately. The freeze on purchasing will include any items that are not absolutely mandatory in the operation of everyday county business. This would mean that all purchases must have prior approval from Finance and any purchase over \$500 will require written justification.

The hiring freeze will include any new positions or the replacing of positions for the foreseeable future. If you have a position that represents a mandatory role in the everyday function of County Government, please bring the written justification to the Administrator for submission to Council for consideration. Chairman J. Matthew Rivers also stated that Mrs. Douglass will also be implementing some changes to burn ashes.

ADJOURN

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

J. MATTHEW RIVERS, CHAIRMAN

MICHELLE SELLERS
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DATE: _____