

County Council Minutes  
July 9, 2002

A regular meeting of the Georgetown County Council was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2002 at 5:30 PM in County Council Chambers.

Present:           Ron Charlton                                 Johnny Morant  
                  Thomas Earl Drayton                 Helen Rudolph  
                  Sel Hemingway                         Tom Swatzel  
                  David Hood

Staff:             Thomas W. Edwards, Jr.                 Jack Scoville, Jr.  
                  Theresa Floyd

Other staff members, members of the public, and representatives of the media were also present.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to newspapers, television and radio stations, citizens of the County, Department Heads, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the Courthouse.

Chairman Sel Hemingway called the meeting to order. Councilman Charlton gave an invocation and all joined in the pledge of allegiance. Chairman Hemingway noted that Councilman Hood would be leaving the meeting early in order to meet a family engagement.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

The following changes were made to the agenda: addition of bid for architectural design services, a bid for Garden City groin replacement, a bid for Sandy Island boat dock replacement, a report regarding legal aspects of development agreements, a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Juvenile Justice, a request to dig a pond on private property, a request for acceptance of a Community Development Block Grant, a request for authorization to perform temporary improvements at Choppee Health Center, and a personnel issue in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Councilman Charlton and seconded by Councilwoman Rudolph to approve the meeting agenda as amended. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

In Favor:           Ron Charlton                                 Johnny Morant  
                  Thomas Earl Drayton                 Helen Rudolph  
                  Sel Hemingway                         Tom Swatzel  
                  David Hood

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Tom Turner

Mr. Turner expressed concerns regarding the impact of the proposed Arcadia East Project on the Waccamaw Neck.

Franklin McCray

Mr. McCray expressed concerns that the Arcadia East Project will become a “lost opportunity” just like the Debordieu Development for public beach access. It will be just another gated community that keeps the public away from the beach.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Morant to approve the minutes of the special council meeting of May 21, 2002. Councilman Charlton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was no discussion.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton	Johnny Morant
	Thomas Earl Drayton	Helen Rudolph
	Sel Hemingway	Tom Swatzel

Abstained: David Hood

A motion was made by Councilman Charlton to approve the minutes of the special council meeting of May 23, 2002. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was no discussion.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton	Johnny Morant
	Thomas Earl Drayton	Helen Rudolph
	Sel Hemingway	Tom Swatzel
	David Hood	

A motion was made by Councilman Morant to approve the minutes of the special council meeting of June 4, 2002. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was no discussion.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton	Johnny Morant
	Thomas Earl Drayton	Helen Rudolph
	Sel Hemingway	Tom Swatzel
	David Hood	

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Ordinance # 2002-38

A public hearing was held on Ordinance # 2002-34, an amendment to FY 2002 Budget Ordinance for Georgetown County. There were no public comments and Chairman Hemingway declared the public hearing closed.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Recognition of Ernest W. Nance

Councilman Drayton made a motion to adopt a Resolution in recognition of the efforts by retiring Parks and Recreation Director, Ernest W. Nance. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton	Johnny Morant
	Thomas Earl Drayton	Helen Rudolph
	Sel Hemingway	Tom Swatzel
	David Hood	



The motion failed.

The vote on the main motion was as follows:

In Favor:	Ron Charlton Thomas Earl Drayton Sel Hemingway	Johnny Morant Helen Rudolph
Opposed:	David Hood	Tom Swatzel

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:**

There were no ordinances introduced for second reading.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES – By Title Only**

Ordinance # 2002-39 – An amendment to the Zoning Ordinance – Article VII, VIII, Section 808 and Article IV, Section 412.

Ordinance # 2002-40 – An amendment to the Georgetown County Zoning Ordinance to amend Article III (Definitions), and Article VI, Section 609.202 (Marina Facilities and Accessory Uses).

Ordinance # 2002-41 – An amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Georgetown County to rezone 3.84 acres on the north side of US Highway 701, 272 south of the intersection of Choppee Road (SC Highway 4) and extending south to the edge of the Black River from Forest and Agriculture (FA) to Residential Half Acre (R ½).

**BIDS**

County Airport – Runway Markings

A motion was made by Councilman Morant and seconded by Councilman Charlton to award a bid for runway markings for the Georgetown County Airport to Pace Pavement in the amount of \$28,784. Grant funding has been secured for \$26,250 of this project and the balance will come from County funds. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton Thomas Earl Drayton Sel Hemingway	Johnny Morant Helen Rudolph Tom Swatzel
Absent:	David Hood	

Emergency Medical Services – Architectural Design Services

A motion was made by Councilman Charlton and seconded by Councilwoman Rudolph to authorize staff to begin negotiation for an indefinite delivery contract for architectural design services with Tych & Walker for Fire/Emergency Medical Service stations. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton Thomas Earl Drayton Sel Hemingway	Johnny Morant Helen Rudolph Tom Swatzel
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Absent: David Hood

Garden City Groin Replacement

A motion was made by Councilman Swatzel and seconded by Councilman Charlton to award a bid for Garden City Groin Replacement to Henley Construction in the amount of \$460,007.60. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was no discussion.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton	Johnny Morant
	Thomas Earl Drayton	Helen Rudolph
	Sel Hemingway	Tom Swatzel

Absent: David Hood

Sandy Island Dock Replacement

A motion was made by Councilman Drayton and seconded by Councilwoman Rudolph to award a bid for Sandy Island Boat dock replacement to Henley Construction in the amount of \$121,500 subject to the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) agreement to increase their match from 50% to 80% on a storm water portion of a grant (which was applied for in conjunction with this project). The increase will provide sufficient funding to cover dock replacement. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton	Johnny Morant
	Thomas Earl Drayton	Helen Rudolph
	Sel Hemingway	Tom Swatzel

Absent: David Hood

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

2002 Hurricane Preparedness Update

Emergency Services Director, Mike Mock, provided an update report to County Council regarding efforts made toward hurricane preparedness for the 2002 hurricane season. Mr. Mock responded to questions from members of Council.

Draft Proposal of Financial Procedures

County Council was provided with draft procedures for financial procedures. The issue was referred to the Administration and Finance Committee of County Council. The Committee set a meeting date of July 23, 2002 at 5:00 PM and asked that the County Treasurer be requested to attend the meeting.

Legal Aspect of Development Agreements

County Council deviated from the meeting agenda by discussing this issue early in the meeting so that Councilman Hood could be present during the discussion.

Mr. Michael Ey, of the McNair Law Firm, provided an informational report to County Council regarding the legal aspects of Development Agreements, their benefits, and State law requirements related to these agreements.

County Council established a work session meeting date of July 24, 2002 at 5:30 PM in order to discuss this issue in more detail.





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