

Sarah Deas

Ms. Deas expressed the following concerns regarding Sandy Island: the need for a fire truck on the island, a safe dock for elderly island residents, a guard rail on Sandy Island Road, playground equipment, a library, and aerial pesticide spraying for mosquitoes.

Billy Mitchell

Mr. Mitchell commented on the need for recreational parks in Georgetown County for children with special needs and the availability of grants to fund these facilities.

Chairman Hemingway requested that the appropriate County personnel look into this issue.

Cliff Rusch

Mr. Rusch, representing the Waccamaw Neck Civic Association, expressed concerns regarding the Arcadia East Development Project and the need to contract with an outside consulting firm for an expert analysis of the impacts a development of this size would have.

Councilman Hood requested that staff report back on the means to conduct a traffic impact study, and the possibility of obtaining outside consultants to address beach access and other issues related to this project along with associated costs for these services.

Joe Ethridge

Mr. Ethridge expressed concerns regarding a drainage ditch in the Kensington subdivision that is causing flooding and erosion of the property of several homeowners.

Aldora Brown

Ms. Brown expressed concerns regarding the flooding and erosion of her property due to a clogged drainage ditch in the Kensington subdivision.

John Brown

Mr. Brown expressed concerns regarding flooding in the Kensington area mainly due to an overgrown ditch that borders his property.

Ray Ganem

Mr. Ganem expressed concerns regarding the proposed layout for Retreat Park and "communication problems" between Georgetown County and the Georgetown County School District on issues related to joint use of recreational facilities.

Franklin McCray

Mr. McCray expressed concerns regarding lack of public beach access offered in the proposed Arcadia East Development Project.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Charlton to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of June 25, 2002 as amended. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was no discussion.

Ordinance to amend Article III (Definitions), and Article VI, Section 609.202 (Marina Facilities and Accessory Uses). Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Absent: Tom Swatzel

Ordinance # 2002-41

Councilman Morant made a motion to grant second reading approval to 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) with the stipulation of a single curb cut on Fraser Street. Councilman Charlton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES – By Title Only

The following Ordinances were introduced for first reading approval:

Ordinance # 2002-42 – An Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Georgetown to rezone 11.47 acres on the east side of Brick Chimney Road, north of Highmarket Street, from Residential One Half Acre (R ½) to Forest and Agriculture.

Ordinance # 2002-43 – An Ordinance to amend the Conceptual Plan for the Wachesaw Plantation East Development to increase the pool facility in Section VII Stage II and increase the impervious surface area within the 2400 square foot expansion of the pool house as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Ordinance # 2002-44 – An Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Georgetown County to rezone 8.63 acres on Wesley Road in Murrells Inlet from Mobile Home Park (MHP) to Residential ½ Acre (R½).

Ordinance # 2002-45 – An Ordinance to Establish Financial Procedures for Georgetown County.

Ordinance # 2002-46 – An Ordinance to amend the FY 2003 Operating Budget for Georgetown County.

BIDS

Landfill Expansion – Construction Contract

A motion was made by Councilman Drayton and seconded by Councilman Morant to award a bid for a construction contract for landfill expansion to Handex of the Carolinas in the amount of \$1,855,064.94

contingent upon the successful land negotiation and acquisition of the necessary land cover material. 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	

Structural Fire Fighting Protective Clothing

A motion was made by Councilman Morant and seconded by Councilwoman Rudolph to award a bid for structural firefighting clothing to Newton's Fire & Safety in the amount of \$22,400.00 for Georgetown County Fire Department and \$25,131.88 for Midway Fire Department. 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	

COUNCIL BRIEFING & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Finance Committee Report – Financial Management and Contribution Agencies

The Administration & Finance Committee provided a report on financial management and contribution agencies as a result of their meeting held on July 23, 2002. The Committee met again this afternoon at 5:00 PM prior to the start of the Council meeting and the following information was provided: computer programmers have completed writing the bank reconciliation program needed by the Treasurer's Office, a request for proposal for banking and investment services has been completed, and a pre-bid conference has been scheduled for later this month, and County staff have been asked to develop options regarding funding for outside agencies. The report was provided for informational purposes and County Council took no action.

Health Education & Leisure Committee Report – Hobcaw Point Lease Agreement

Councilman Charlton made a motion to adopt the Health, Education & Leisure Committee's recommendation to execute a lease agreement with the Baruch Foundation for approximately 50 acres of property between the Waccamaw River and Great Pee Dee River referred to as "Hobcaw Point" to be used for recreational purposes. Councilman Hood seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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

Health Education & Leisure Committee Report – Retreat Park Master Park Concept

The Health, Education & Leisure Committee provided a report on the development of a proposed master park concept for Retreat Park. The Committee has asked staff for additional information related to the prioritization of park projects. Pursuing an integral plan with the Georgetown County

School District is also planned. The report was provided for informational purposes and County Council took no action.

Mr. Ray Ganem asked to address County Council at this point. He is a former member of the Georgetown County Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Ganem recommended that County Council and the School District appoint specific individuals to work on the development of a master plan that includes shared costs. Chairman Hemingway noted that the Parks and Recreation Commission is currently moving in that direction.

Health Education & Leisure Committee Report – Parkersville Park Architectural Model

The health, Education & Leisure Committee provided a report on the development of an architectural model for Parkersville Park. County staff has been charged with meeting with various community groups related to this project to determine the feasibility of acquiring adequate funding for this building through outside contributions. The report was provided for informational purposes and County Council took no action.

Sandy Island Dock Improvements

Councilman Morant asked Mr. Thomas Edwards, County Administrator, to provide a brief update on the ongoing projects related to Sandy Island for the benefit of the Sandy Island residents that were present at the meeting. County Council recently approved a contract in the approximate amount of \$125,000 for repair of the Sandy Island dock. The purchase of a fire engine for the Island is expected to be approved later in this meeting, and eventually another vehicle will be added to transport personnel.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

800 Mhz. Radio System Proposal

Kevin Murray, Communications Consultant with L. Robert Kimball & Associates provided a summary report on the proposed 800 Mhz. Radio System, the current status of the procurement process for Georgetown County, and a recommendation for the upgrade and replacement of the current system. County Council was also provided with a proposal to partner with Motorola on the South Carolina Palmetto 800 MHz. Statewide Network Communications System, as well as financial options. Mr. Murray responded to questions from members of County Council. County Council discussed the possibility of scheduling a special meeting, inviting other potential system users, prior to the next regularly scheduled County Council meeting on September 10, 2002 so that every component of the arrangement could be reviewed in more detail.

Councilman Charlton made a motion to authorize staff to negotiate with other potential users of the radio system and to have the County Attorney review the proposed contract. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No further discussion occurred.

In Favor:

Ron Charlton
Thomas Earl Drayton
Sel Hemingway
David Hood

Johnny Morant
Helen Rudolph
Tom Swatzel

Lease Agreement – St. James Santee Health Center

Councilman Drayton made a motion to authorize the execution of a lease agreement between Georgetown County and the St. James Santee Health Center for use of space (approximately 2032 square feet at \$2.00 per square foot) at the Choppee facility. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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

Alltel Communications Service Agreement

A motion was made by Councilman Morant to authorize the execution of a service agreement with Alltel Communications that will allow Alltel Communications to provide their Georgetown County Customers with Phase I wireless service. 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
	David Hood	

Town of Andrews – Request for Judicial Services

Councilman Morant made a motion to refer a proposed agreement, which outlines terms associated with Georgetown County Magistrates providing judicial services to the Town of Andrews, to the Justice and Safety Committee. Councilwoman Rudolph 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	

Transfer of Water Rescue Services

County Council received as information a report regarding the transfer of water rescue services in the Pawleys Island-Litchfield Beach area from the Pawleys Island - Litchfield Rescue Squad to the Midway Fire Department. No action was necessary by County Council.

Samworth Wildlife Management Area Excavation Agreement

Councilman Charlton made a motion to accept the terms of an excavation agreement permitting the Georgetown County Public Services Department to dig a pit on Samworth Wildlife Management Area property in order to provide fill dirt for the purpose of road improvements on Samworth Loop and Benvenue Avenue. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was no discussion.

County Council moved into Executive Session at 8:15 PM.

OPEN SESSION

Open Session resumed at 9:23 PM. Chairman Hemingway stated that while in Executive Session County Council discussed two issues: an issue involving land acquisition and a contractual issue regarding the Murrells Inlet Dredging Project. No votes were taken while in Executive Session.

Mr. Hemingway stated that regarding the land acquisition negotiation with International Paper Company, a final contract has not been achieved. Negotiation will continue and a contract will be brought back to County Council for approval at a later date.

A motion was made by Councilman Drayton and seconded by Councilman Hood to agree, conceptually, to a cost sharing arrangement with the Murrells Inlet Marsh Walk Property Owners Group for dredging, and authorizing staff and the County Attorney to move forward with developing contracts involving all property owners and Ocean Ventures with the County bearing the cost of dredging of the area (approximately 300 cubic yards) which is not owned by a specific individual. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Absent: Tom Swatzel

Councilman Charlton made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Date Approved

Clerk to Council

