

A regular meeting of the Georgetown County Council was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2002 at 5:30 PM in County Council Chambers.

Present:	Thomas Earl Drayton	Johnny Morant
	Sel Hemingway	Helen Rudolph
	David Hood	Tom Swatzel
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 Drayton gave an invocation and all joined in the pledge of allegiance. Chairman Hemingway noted that Councilman Charlton would not be in attendance due to illness.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The following additions/changes were made to the agenda: addition of Ordinance # 2002-75 granting a right-of-way to Marhague, LLC, a Resolution honoring the Carvers Bay Bears Football Team, a bid for Phase II of the Murrells Inlet Dredging Project, a report regarding the Sampit River Boat Landing, a lease agreement with South Carolina Educational Television for use of a communications tower, a report regarding the submission of grant proposals to South Carolina Parks Recreation and Tourism, and a report regarding the 800 Mhz radio system.

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

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Chairman Sel Hemingway noted that this was Councilman Swatzel's last meeting as he had chosen not to seek a third term of service. On behalf of County Council, he presented a plaque to Councilman Swatzel in appreciation of his service to the citizens of Georgetown County. Mr. Hemingway also expressed his personal gratitude to Mr. Swatzel stating that he had always respected his opinion, dedication, and consistency.

Councilman Drayton stated that he had enjoyed working with Mr. Swatzel, and that his persistence, intelligence, and "bulldog attitude" had kept everyone on their toes.

Councilman Hood stated that he appreciated Mr. Swatzel's efforts to conserve taxpayer's dollars and "ring the inefficiencies out of the system". He said Mr. Swatzel is a "fiscal hawk" and he will miss his efforts to maximize county government.

Councilwoman Rudolph stated that she had learned much from observing Councilman Swatzel and his "ever-watchful eye" during her tenure on County Council. She wished him the best in his future endeavors.

Councilman Morant stated that he had enjoyed serving on County Council with Mr. Swatzel, and that he most appreciated Councilman Swatzel's candor. Although they did not always hold the same position on every issue, he appreciated Mr. Swatzel's straightforwardness in letting every one know where he stood, and standing by what he said to the end.

Councilman Swatzel expressed appreciation for the comments and good wishes from other Council members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

F.B. Ford

Mr. Ford commented in favor of erecting a communications tower in Debordieu. Mr. Ford also offered congratulations to the Carver's Bay Bears Football Team on achieving the South Carolina State AA Football Championship, and appreciation to Councilman Swatzel for his service to the citizens of Georgetown County.

Don Soulek

Mr. Soulek stated that he was a representative of SunCom Communications and urged Council members to vote in favor of the communications tower being proposed for Debordieu.

David Hensley

Mr. Hensley noted his availability to respond to questions related to a rezoning request for the True Blue Nursery (Ord. # 2002-65 and # 2002-71).

Franklin McCray

Mr. McCray commended Councilman Swatzel for his service to the citizens of the Waccamaw Neck, stating that Councilman Swatzel's presence on this board will be greatly missed.

John Hilliard

Mr. Hilliard commented on the County's request for bids to install radio equipment on a communications tower, and expressed concern that the County will be paying for duplicated services as Stalvey Communications currently has County owned radio equipment on its communications tower and provides this same service.

Walter Warren

Mr. Warren noted his availability, on behalf of Georgetown Marine Partners, to address questions regarding the proposed marina facility to be developed adjacent to the Sampit River Boat landing.

MINUTES:

Councilman Swatzel clarified the stipulations noted in granting second reading approval of Ordinance # 2002-67 at the November 26, 2002 meeting. He said it should be noted on page 4 of the meeting minutes that the "developer must maintain the road during the approved period of use" as opposed to bringing the road up to standard after the two year period ends.

A motion was made by Councilman Morant to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 26, 2002 as amended. Councilman Swatzel seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was no discussion.

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

Abstained: David Hood

CONSENT AGENDA:

The following item was listed on the Consent Agenda and approved previously in the meeting.

Ordinance # 2002-66 - An Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Georgetown County to amend the Master Conceptual Plan for Pawleys Business Center Planned Development to increase the density of the development.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance # 2002-69

A public hearing was held on Ordinance # 2002-69, an Ordinance to authorize the conveyance of 2.5+ acres in the County Airport Industrial Park owned by Georgetown County to be conveyed to McClay Properties, LLC, and granting a right of first refusal on an adjacent 2.2-acre tract for a period of three years. There were no public comments and Chairman Hemingway declared the public hearing closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Honoring Carver's Bay Football Team

A motion was made by Councilman Morant and seconded by Councilwoman Rudolph to adopt a Resolution honoring the Carver's Bay Bears Football Team for achieving the South Carolina State AA Football Championship. Chairman Hemmingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Chairman Hemingway commended the coaches, players, and family members for their support and hard work in obtaining this achievement and representing Georgetown County so well. A framed copy of the document was presented to the football team and coaches.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance # 2002-64

Councilman Hood made a motion to grant third reading approval to Ordinance # 2002-64, an Ordinance to amend the Georgetown County Zoning Ordinance, Article XVII, to clarify color changes within the Commercial Corridor. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance # 2002-70

Councilman Drayton made a motion to grant second reading approval of Ordinance # 2002-70, an ordinance to amend the Law Enforcement Fund Budget. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES – By Title Only

The following Ordinances was introduced for first reading approval:

Ordinance # 2002-71 – An Ordinance to amend Figure 9.14b of the Comprehensive Plan, entitled “Waccamaw Neck Future Land Use (Center Map)”, to allow for the development of True Blue Nursery as demonstrated by the requested zoning reclassification from General Commercial and General Residential to Planned Development.

Ordinance # 2002-72 – An Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map for Georgetown County to amend the Master Conceptual Plan for Willbrook Plantation Planned Development to increase the intensity for the expansion of the Waccamaw Regional Water Treatment Plant located within the Planned Development.

Ordinance # 2002-73 – An Ordinance to amend the Master Conceptual Plan for Bannockburn Plantation Planned Development to allow for the inclusion of a master signage plan to govern the signage development standards for the project.

Ordinance # 2002-74 – An Ordinance to amend the Master Conceptual Plan for DeBordieu Colony Planned Development to allow for the construction of a Communications Tower facility to be located in the maintenance facility of the development on Firehouse Road.

Ordinance # 2002-75 – An Ordinance to convey a 60’ right of way easement located in the Airport Industrial Park to Marhague, LLC.

BIDS

Installation of Radio Equipment on a Communications Tower

This issue was removed from the agenda.

Murrells Inlet Dredging

Councilman Swatzel requested to be recused from discussion and voting on this issue due to a potential conflict of interest.

Councilman Hemingway made a motion to authorize staff to proceed with finalizing negotiation of a contract with the low bidder for phase II of the Murrells Inlet Dredging Project, Black & Veatch

the Waccamaw Neck bikeway through Huntington Beach State Park. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. None occurred.

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

Lease Agreement – South Carolina Educational Television Communications Tower

Councilman Drayton made a motion to approve a proposed lease agreement between Georgetown County and South Carolina Educational Television to include utilization of County land and the ETV tower for County owned antennas and radio equipment. Councilman Hood seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

800 Mhz. Radio System

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rudolph and seconded by Councilman Hood to approve the Milestone Certification for detailed design review for the Motorola/Palmetto 800 Mhz. radio system. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION :

Councilman Rudolph made a motion to move into Executive Session in order to discuss a personnel issue and a contractual issue regarding the Bynum Center. Councilman Drayton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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

County Council moved into Executive Session at 7:40 PM

OPEN SESSION :

Open Session resumed at 8:31PM. Chairman Hemingway stated that while in Executive Session, County Council discussed a personnel issue, and a contractual issue. No votes were taken by County Council while in Executive Session.

Councilman Swatzel made a motion to continue providing the same level of coverage from School Resource Officers to the Georgetown County School District for the remainder of this fiscal year in return for a payment of \$105,000 from the School District. Georgetown County will fund the balance of the cost for School Resource Officers for this fiscal year in return for the deed to the Bynum Center. Georgetown County will continue to pursue grants for School Resource Officers. Councilman Hood seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

As there was no further business to discuss, Chairman Hemingway moved for adjournment.

Date Approved

Clerk to Council