

A regular meeting of the Georgetown County Council was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2003 at 5:30 PM in County Council Chambers.

Present: Ron Charlton Johnny Morant
 Thomas Earl Drayton Jerry Oakley
 Sel Hemingway Helen Rudolph
 David Hood

Staff: Thomas W. Edwards, Jr. Theresa E. 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.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Prior to discussion of Council business Georgetown County Probate Judge, Judge Waldo Maring, administered the oath of office to new Council member, Mr. Jerry Oakley, and re-elected Council members, Mr. David Hood and Mr. Johnny Morant.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS:

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure adopted by Georgetown County Council, the Council elects a Chairman and Vice-Chairman at the first meeting in January following a general election.

Chairman Hemingway opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Councilman Drayton nominated Councilman Sel Hemingway to serve a second term as Chairman of County Council. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. No discussion occurred.

Councilman Charlton made a motion to close the nominations. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. No discussion occurred.

Chairman Hemingway thanked Council members for having confidence in him and allowing him to serve as Chairman of County Council for another two years.

Chairman Hemingway opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Councilman Charlton nominated Councilman Johnny Morant to serve a second term as Vice Chairman of County Council. Councilman Drayton seconded the motion. No discussion occurred.

Councilwoman Rudolph made a motion to close the nominations. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. No discussion occurred.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The following additions/changes were made to the agenda: addition of an appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission, addition of Ordinance # 2003-03 to amend the Georgetown County

Zoning Ordinance, and Ordinance # 2003-04 to amend the Rules of Procedure for Georgetown County, a bid for landfill intermediate cover installation, a bid for dredging, a contract to provide judicial services to Pawleys Island, a request to hold a special meeting, two contractual issues in Executive Session and an Executive Session item regarding property negotiations (Bynum).

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chip Smith

Mr. Smith, Chairman of Murrells Inlet 2007, read a letter sent to County Planning Director, Alan Burns, on behalf of Murrells Inlet 2007 endorsing the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance (# 2003-03) to include boat fabrication as a conditional use within the General Commercial Zoning Classification.

Don Soulek

Mr. Soulek, a representative of SunCom Communications, urged County Council to vote in favor of the proposed tower erection in Debordieu.

Bob Moran

Mr. Moran, an attorney, spoke on behalf of Mr. Ed Carter regarding ownership of the Sportsman Canal Bridge in South Litchfield.

Ed Carter

Mr. Carter commented on behalf of Sportsman Canal Bridge in South Litchfield. He asked County Council to relinquish any declaration of ownership and declare the bridge as private property.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Charlton to approve the minutes of the special meeting of December 10, 2002. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was no discussion.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton	Johnny Morant
	Thomas Earl Drayton	Jerry Oakley
	Sel Hemingway	Helen Rudolph

Abstained: David Hood

A motion was made by Councilman Morant to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2002 as amended. Councilman Hood seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was no discussion.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance # 2002-70

A public hearing was held on Ordinance # 2002-70, an ordinance to amend the FY 2002-2003 Budget Ordinance. There were no public comments and Chairman Hemingway declared the public hearing closed.

Ordinance # 2002-71

A public hearing was held on 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. There were no public comments and Chairman Hemingway declared the public hearing closed.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Beautification Committee

Councilman Morant made a motion to appoint Ms. Arlethia Freeman to the Georgetown County Beautification Committee. Councilman Charlton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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

Georgetown County Visitor's Bureau

Councilman Oakley made a motion to appoint Mr. David McMillan to the Georgetown County Visitor's Bureau on behalf of Murrells Inlet 2007. Councilman Drayton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Parks and Recreation Commission

Councilman Hood made a motion to appoint Mr. Norman Reid to the Georgetown County Parks and Recreation Commission. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance # 2002-65

Councilman Oakley made a motion to defer third reading approval of Ordinance # 2002-65 to amend the Official Zoning Map of Georgetown County to rezone approximately 5.08 acres of property on US Highway 17 and extending through Bromley Place and Minnow Drive from General Residential to Planned Development until such time that the Comprehensive Land Use Plan could be amended in accordance with this rezoning request. Councilman Charlton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Ordinance # 2002-70

Councilman Drayton made a motion to grant third reading approval of Ordinance # 2002-70, an ordinance to amend the Law Enforcement Fund Budget, increasing it by \$140,000 for the lease purchase of in-car video cameras for law enforcement patrol cars. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion.

Councilman Hood made a motion to amend the ordinance to include utilizing \$9,000 from the General Fund's fund balance for capital improvements in the Clerk of Court office. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked discussion occurred. There was none.

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

The vote on the main motion was as follows:

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

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance # 2002-71

Councilman Charlton made a motion to grant second reading approval to 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. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

LLC. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. Councilman Morant verified that this has met with the approval the Airport Commission. Mr. Alan Burns, County Planning Director, concurred.

A motion was made by Councilman Hood and seconded by Councilman Oakley to amend the language in Exhibit B of the ordinance adding language to allow maintenance of a ditch on the property, and Exhibit C regarding "reserved rights" of Georgetown County. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

The vote on the main motion was as follows:

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	Sel Hemingway	Helen Rudolph
	David Hood	

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES – By Title Only

The following Ordinances was introduced for first reading approval:

Ordinance # 2003-01 – An Ordinance to adopt Ordinance Summons pursuant to SC Code Annotated Section 56-7-80 (1976) as amended, and to provide for its use in Georgetown County.

Ordinance # 2003-02 – An Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Georgetown County to rezone approximately 4+ acres on the South End of Mayfair Court in Murrells Inlet from Forest and Agriculture to Residential One-Half Acre.

Ordinance # 2003-03 – An amendment to the Georgetown County Zoning Ordinance to amend Article VI, Section 611.2 conditional uses to include the use of boat fabrication.

Ordinance # 2003-04 – An Ordinance to amend Ordinance #99-30 pertaining to the Rules of Procedure for Georgetown County, South Carolina.

BIDS

Landfill Intermediate Cover Installation

Councilman Hood made a motion to award a bid for landfill intermediate cover installation to Goodson Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$102,747.52. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Murrells Inlet Dredging

Discussion regarding this issue was deferred until after Executive Session

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Purchase Agreement to Buy Weather Stations

Councilman Hood made a motion to approve the purchase agreement to buy four weather stations from Weather Metrics with grant funding. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. None occurred.

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

Contract and Waiver from Santee Electric Cooperative to gain their assistance in the Development of an Industrial Park Near Andrews

Councilman Drayton made a motion to accept \$100,000 from Santee Electric Cooperative and approve a contract and waiver agreement to spend the funds in a manner that will comply with the South Carolina Rural Development Act in allowing Santee Electric Cooperative to apply for credit against its tax liability for amounts paid in cash to provide infrastructure for a qualifying project (Andrews Industrial Park). Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Request for Approval of Early Action Compact to Improve Air Quality

Councilman Morant made a motion to approve a request for approval of an Early Action Compact or agreement between the County, the South Department of Health and Environmental Control, and the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement local and State early action plans to improve air quality. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. None occurred.

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

Drug Control and System Improvement Grant to Develop Video Conferencing

Councilman Hood made a motion seconded by Councilman Oakley to approve the submission of a Drug Control and System Improvement Grant proposal obtain funding to develop video conferencing for the court system in Georgetown County, South Carolina. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

conditional use in the General Commercial Zoning District. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pursuant to SC Code 8-13-700, Councilman Oakley disclosed a potential conflict of interest in his participation in discussion of any agenda items related to the Murrells Inlet Dredging Project, and requested to be recused. Mr. Oakley's letter will be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting by reference.

Councilman Charlton made a motion to move into Executive Session in order to discuss two issues related to property negotiations, and two contractual issues regarding Murrells Inlet Dredging. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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

County Council moved into Executive Session at 7:30 PM

OPEN SESSION:

Open Session resumed at 9:15 PM. Chairman Hemingway stated that while in Executive Session, County Council discussed two contractual issues regarding Murrells Inlet Dredging and two issues related to property negotiation. County Council took no votes while in Executive Session.

Councilman Hood made a motion to award a contract for Murrells Inlet Dredging to Black & Veatch Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$778,800, contingent upon finalization of agreements with property owners involved the cost sharing arrangement. Councilman Drayton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No further discussion occurred.

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

Absent: Jerry Oakley

A motion was made by Councilman Charlton to authorize the Council Chairman to execute agreements with parties involved in the Murrells Inlet dredging project proposed cost sharing arrangements (based on figures on page 3 & 4 of related report). Councilman Drayton 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
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Absent: Jerry Oakley

As there was no further business to discuss, Councilman Charlton moved for adjournment.

Date Approved

Clerk to Council