

A regular meeting of the Georgetown County Council was held on Tuesday, March 11, 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.
	Jack Scoville, Jr.	

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.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The following addition was made to the agenda: a report regarding the Andrews Industrial Park.

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	Jerry Oakley
	Sel Hemingway	Helen Rudolph
	David Hood	

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Hood to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 25, 2003. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion.

Councilman Oakley noted that page six (6) of the minutes recorded his predecessor as voting on an issue rather than himself. He moved to make this correction. Councilman Charlton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton	Johnny Morant
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	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	

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Assessment Appeals Board

Councilman Hood made a motion to reappoint Deidre Bartkiewicz to the Assessment Appeals Board. 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	

Councilman Oakley made a motion to appoint Mr. William Renault to the Assessment Appeals Board. Councilman Drayton seconded then 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	

Coastal Carolina University – Georgetown Campus Advisory Committee

Councilman Hood made a motion to reappoint Mr. William Wigley to the Coastal Carolina Advisory Committee. 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	

Economic Development Commission

Councilman Hemingway made a motion to appoint Mr. Daniel Scheffing to the Economic Development Commission. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. No discussion occurred.

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 reappoint Mr. Norman Reid to the Parks and Recreation Commission. 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	

Planning Commission

Councilman Drayton made a motion to appoint Mr. Frank Swinnie to the Planning Commission. 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	

Councilman Hemingway made a motion to appoint Mr. Jeffrey Kinard to the Planning Commission. 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	

Councilman Hood made a motion to reappoint Mr. Bertrand Cassels to the Planning Commission. 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	

Pilotage Commission

Per the request of County Council, the County Attorney provided an opinion based on his research regarding whether a conflict exists in a licensed harbor pilot serving on the Pilotage Commission. According to Mr. Scoville, because the Pilotage Commission does regulate the pilot business, this would violate the State Ethics Act, and indeed create a conflict.

Due to sections of the State Code appearing to be in contradiction on this issue, Councilman Hood made a motion to direct the Court Attorney to request a formal opinion from the State Attorney

General's Office on this matter. 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	

Waccamaw Neck Architectural Review Board

Councilman Oakley made a motion to reappoint Mr. Russell Campbell, Ms. Loretta McCray, Mr. Robert Steur, and Mr. Rodney Thompson to serve another term on the Waccamaw Neck Architectural Review Board. Councilman Hood 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	

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES:

There were no ordinances presented for third reading approval.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance # 2003-10

Councilman Morant made a motion to refer the issue of Ordinance # 2003-10, regarding term limits for Library Board members, to the Administration & Finance Committee for further review. 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
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Councilman Charlton made a motion to defer action on Ordinance # 2003-10 until such time that the Administration & Finance Committee could make a recommendation to County Council on this issue. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No further discussion occurred.

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES – By Title Only

The following Ordinances were introduced for first reading approval:

Ordinance # 2003-11 – An Ordinance to amend Ordinance # 2001-16 regarding Road User Fees.

Ordinance # 2003-12 – An ordinance to establish fees for the purchase of GIS (geographic) data.

Ordinance # 2003-13 – An amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Georgetown County to amend the Master Plan for the Harmony Development to remove all industrial uses located on the Sampit River and substitute in its place 18 single family lots with a 40-slip marina and associated amenities.

Ordinance # 2003-14 – An Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Georgetown County to amend the Conceptual Plan for the Captain's Cove Planned Development to allow for open-air carpools over existing paved parking pads.

Ordinance # 2003-15 – An Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map for Georgetown County to rezone approximately 2.70 acres on the south side of US Business 17 in Murrells Inlet from General Commercial to General Residential to allow for the development of single-family lots.

Ordinance # 2003-16 – An Ordinance to amend the Georgetown County Fire Protection and Prevention Ordinance, Chapter 10 of the Code of Georgetown County, South Carolina.

Ordinance # 2003-17 – An Ordinance to establish Street Sign Fees for Named Streets in Georgetown County, South Carolina.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Presentation of FY 2002 Financial Audit

Ms. Robin Poston, of Harper, Poston, & Moree CPA Firm, presented the FY 2002 Financial Audit Management Letter for Georgetown County and responded to questions from County Council. County Finance Director, Ms. Sabrena Posey, provided a report to County Council regarding the status of the issues noted in the Auditor's Management Letter, and responded to questions from members of County Council.

Park-Time Library Position

Prior to a presentation made by Ms. Lee Brockington, President of the Friends of the Waccamaw Neck Library, an announcement was made by Mr. Dwight McInvaill, Georgetown County Library Director, that the National Association for Counties has selected Georgetown County as the recipient of its first "Counties Care for Kids Award". This nationwide honor recognizes innovative and model early childhood county programs. Georgetown County won the award from its First Steps initiatives to increase preschool readiness in literacy and motor skills development.

Following the presentation of a proposal made by Ms. Lee Brockington, Councilman Charlton made a motion to accept an offer made by the group of library supporters to fund a permanent part-time children's position at the Waccamaw Library for a five (5) year period at the initial rate of \$9,700 (\$8.50/per hour @ 20 hours per week including a 2.25% raise and also an option for retirement benefits) and also offer the County's commitment to continue funding this position after the five (5) year period if possible. Councilman Hood seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

on behalf of the County. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton	Johnny Morant
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Andrews Industrial Park Development

Councilman Drayton made a motion to authorize staff to draft a letter to the Georgetown County Water & Sewer District indicating a commitment on behalf of Georgetown County to the development of the Andrews Industrial Park. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion.

Councilman Hood questioned whether this action would commit the County to issue a bond to obtain appropriate funding for the Industrial Park. Councilman Hemingway indicated that this vote is not to choose a particular course of action related to funding, but only indicates that the County will support its share of the financing of Phase 1 of the park development.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton	Johnny Morant
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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Charlton made a motion to move into Executive Session in order to discuss property negotiation, a contractual issue, a personnel issue, and a legal issue. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none. Councilman moved into Executive Session at 7:30 PM.

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

OPEN SESSION:

Open Session resumed at 8:15 PM. Chairman Hemingway stated that while in Executive Session, County Council discussed four (4) issues: a contractual issue, a legal issue, an issue regarding property negotiation, and a personnel issue. No votes were taken and no decision were made while in Executive Session.

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

Date Approved

Clerk to Council