

A regular meeting of the Georgetown County Council was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2003 at 5:30 PM in County Council Chambers.

Present:	Ron Charlton Thomas Earl Drayton Sel Hemingway	Johnny Morant Jerry Oakley Helen Rudolph
Staff:	Thomas W. Edwards, Jr. Jack M. Scoville, Jr.	Beth Goodale

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. Councilman David Hood was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The following addition was made to the agenda: an issue regarding property negotiation to be discussed 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 Thomas Earl Drayton Sel Hemingway	Johnny Morant Jerry Oakley Helen Rudolph
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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jim Coster

Mr. Coster expressed concerns regarding Ordinance # 2003-33, to rezone approximately 5.02 acres on the south side of Ford Road from General Residential to General Commercial to allow for a self-storage project.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Morant to approve the minutes of May 13, 2003 as amended. Councilman Charlton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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

The following items listed on the Consent Agenda were approved previously in the meeting.

Ordinance #2003-30 – An Ordinance to authorize the lease of property at the Choppee One Stop Health Center to the Georgetown County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission – Third reading approval.

Ordinance #2003-32 – An Ordinance to amend the Georgetown County Fire Protection and Prevention Ordinance to clarify portions of the ordinance and to make said ordinance more consistent – Third reading approval.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Ordinance 2003-28

A public hearing as held on Ordinance # 2003-28 amending the Building Code Fee Schedule. There were no public comments and Chairman Hemingway declared the public hearing closed.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Library Board

Councilwoman Rudolph made a motion to appoint Mr. Richard Neal to the Georgetown County Library Board. Councilman Morant 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

Pilotage Commission

This issue was deferred pending an associated report from the Attorney General's Office.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance # 2003-27

Councilman Morant made a motion to approve third reading of Ordinance # 2003-27, an ordinance to make appropriations for ordinary county purposes for Georgetown County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004; to provide for the expenditure thereof; and to provide for the revenues and payment thereof. 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

Ordinance # 2003-28

Councilman Oakley made a motion to approve third reading of Ordinance # 2003-28, an ordinance to amend the Building Code Fee Schedule. Councilman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. None occurred.

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

Opposed: Ron Charlton

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance # 2003-29

Councilman Oakley made a motion to table Ordinance # 2003-29, an ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Ordinance of Georgetown County to regulate commercial/confined swine operations in Georgetown County, South Carolina. Councilman Charlton 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

Ordinance # 2003-33

Councilman Charlton made a motion to deny second reading approval of Ordinance # 2003-33, an ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Georgetown County to rezone approximately 5.02 acres on the south side of Ford Road from General Residential to General Commercial to allow a self-storage project. 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

Ordinance # 2003-34

Pursuant to SC Code 8-13-700, Councilman Charlton disclosed a potential conflict of interest in his participation in discussion or voting on Ordinance # 2003-34, and requested to be recused. Councilman Charlton's letter of request will be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting by reference.

A motion was made by Councilman Morant and seconded by Councilman Drayton to grant second reading approval of Ordinance # 2003-34, an ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Georgetown County and to amend the Master Plan for the Harmony Planned Development to include a 158-slip community marina for use of the property owners. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Absent: Ron Charlton

Ordinance # 2003-35

Councilman Oakley made a motion to approve Ordinance # 2003-35, an ordinance to amend the Georgetown County Zoning Ordinance Article XVII, Section 1700.4.5 and Section 1700.5 in order to delete the section exempting any commercial structure 1800 sq. ft and under from the Architectural Review Board requirements and to clarify Section 1700.5. 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

Ordinance # 2003-36

Councilman Charlton made a motion to grant second reading approval of Ordinance # 2003-36, an Ordinance to Govern Mosquito Control in Georgetown County, South Carolina. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion.

Councilman Morant made a motion to amend the ordinance as proposed by staff deleting the word "ditches" in Section 3 and the phrase "ponds of water" in Section 4. 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

The vote on the main motion was as follows:

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

Ordinance # 2003-37

Councilman Drayton made a motion to grant second reading approval of Ordinance # 2003-37, an ordinance authorizing the lease of property in the Choppee One Stop Health Center to the Blueprint Leadership Academy. Councilman Morant 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

Ordinance # 2003-38

Councilman Oakley made a motion to grant second reading approval of Ordinance # 2003-38, an Ordinance to govern the use of Morse Landing Park, in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. Councilman Morant 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

Ordinance # 2003-39

Councilman Morant made a motion to grant second reading approval of Ordinance # 2003-39, an ordinance to authorize the lease of property at the Choppee One Stop Health Center to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. 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

Ordinance # 2003-40

Councilman Charlton made a motion to grant second reading approval of Ordinance # 2003-40, an ordinance to authorize the lease of property at the Choppee One Stop Health Center to the South Carolina Department of Mental Health. 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

Ordinance # 2003-41

Councilman Morant made a motion to grant second reading approval of Ordinance # 2003-41, an Ordinance to authorize the lease of property at the Choppee One Stop Health Center to Diabetes C.O.R.E. 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

Ordinance # 2003-42

Councilman Oakley made a motion to grant second reading approval of Ordinance # 2003-42, an ordinance to amend Ordinance 91-8 regulating Animal Control in Georgetown County, South Carolina. 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

Ordinance # 2003-43

Councilman Oakley made a motion to grant second reading to Ordinance # 2003-43, an Ordinance to regulate the location of large swine producing facilities in Georgetown County as recommended by the Land Use and Planning Committee. Councilman Charlton seconded the motion. Councilman Hemingway asked for discussion. None occurred.

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES – By Title Only

The following Ordinances were introduced for first reading approval:

Ordinance # 2003-44 – An Ordinance to amend the FY 2003 Operating Budget for Georgetown County, South Carolina.

Ordinance # 2003-45 – An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance # 95-08 establishing personnel policies and procedures for Georgetown County.

Ordinance # 2003-46 – An Ordinance to Adopt an “At Will” Employment Policy for Georgetown County.

Ordinance # 2003-47 – An Ordinance to authorize the lease of County owned property in Andrews, South Carolina to the Waccamaw Center for Mental Health and the Georgetown County Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Solid Waste Program Financial Study

Councilman Morant made a motion to authorize staff to move forward with a task order to implement a Solid Waste Program Financial Study. 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

Murrells Inlet Dredging Report – Phase II

Pursuant to SC Code 8-13-700, Councilman Oakley disclosed a potential conflict of interest in his participation in discussion or voting on the issue related to the Murrells Inlet Dredging Project and requested to be recused. Councilman Oakley’s letter of request will be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting by reference.

Councilman Morant made a motion to authorize the County Administrator to work with the County Attorney in drafting an agreement to recoup penalty fees as relates to the Murrells Inlet Dredging Project.

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

Absent: Jerry Oakley

Architectural & Engineering Services – Choppee Interior Renovations and Construction

A motion was made by Councilman Drayton and seconded by Councilwoman Rudolph to approve a contract with Steve Goggans & Associates for engineering services for interior renovations/construction within the Choppee One Stop Center. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Morant and seconded by Councilwoman Rudolph to adopt a meeting schedule for County Council of one meeting per month during the summer months of June, July, and August. Council will meet on June 10th, July 8th, and August 12th unless special meetings are necessary. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. None occurred.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton Thomas Earl Drayton Sel Hemingway	Johnny Morant Jerry Oakley Helen Rudolph
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Proposed Improvements to the Georgetown County Airport

Councilman Morant made a motion to authorize the proposed improvements to the Georgetown County Airport and proceed with the hangar site work project with Federal Aviation Administration and South Carolina Department of Aviation funds. Councilman Charlton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton Thomas Earl Drayton Sel Hemingway	Johnny Morant Jerry Oakley Helen Rudolph
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Proposed Improvements to the Andrews Municipal Airport

Councilman Charlton made a motion to authorize the proposed improvements to the apron and taxiway at the Andrews Municipal Airport, which will allow the utilization of available funds. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion.

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

Councilman Charlton made a motion to move into Executive Session in order to discuss a contractual issue regarding land acquisition and a personnel issue. Councilman Drayton seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

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

Open Session resumed and Chairman Hemingway stated that while in Executive Session a contractual issue regarding land purchase was discussed and a personnel issue. No decisions were made and no votes were taken while in Executive Session.

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

Date Approved

Clerk to Council