

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

Abstained: David Hood

A motion was made by Councilman Charlton to approve the minutes of the Budget Work Session of April 29, 2003. Councilman Hood seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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 Architectural Review Board requirements and to clarify Section 1700.5 – Third reading approval.

Ordinance # 2003-38 – An Ordinance to govern the use of Morse Landing Park, in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina – Third reading approval.

Ordinance # 2003-42 – An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 91-8 regarding animal control in Georgetown County, South Carolina – Third reading approval.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Ordinance # 2003-37

A public hearing was held on Ordinance # 2003-37 authorizing the lease of property in the Choppee One Stop Health Center to the Blueprint Leadership Academy. There were no public comments and Chairman Hemingway declared the public hearing closed.

Ordinance # 2003-39

A public hearing was held on Ordinance # 2003-39 authorizing the lease of property at the Choppee One Stop Health Center to the South Carolina Department of Environmental Control. There were no public comments and Chairman Hemingway declared the public hearing closed.

Ordinance # 2003-40

A public hearing was held on Ordinance # 2003-40 authorizing the lease of property at the Choppee One Stop Health Center to the South Carolina Department of Mental Health. There were no public comments and Chairman Hemingway declared the public hearing closed.

Ordinance 2003-41

A public hearing was held on Ordinance 2003-41 authorizing the lease of property at the Choppee One Stop Health Center to Diabetes C.O.R.E. There were no public comments and Chairman Hemingway declared the public hearing closed.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Economic Development Commission

Councilman Oakley made a motion to appoint Mr. Glen O'Connell to the Economic Development Commission. Councilman Hood seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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Forestry Board

Councilman Charlton made a motion to nominate Mr. Martin Cribb and Mr. Bennie West for reappointment to the Forestry Board. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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Pilotage Commission

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

Sheriff's Citizen Advisory Board

Councilman Oakley made a motion to appoint Mr. Robert Miller to the Sheriff's Citizen Advisory Board. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Recognition of Retiring Employees

Councilman Hood made a motion to adopt a Resolution recognizing the following individuals retiring from Georgetown County with twenty or more years of service to the County:

Ms. Patricia Bryd	Mr. Mark Lambert
Mr. Bary McDaniel	Mr. Carl Tisdale
Mr. James Geathers	Mr. JW. Thomas
Mr. Willie Ben Grate	

Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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Closing Portion of Right of Way on Plantation Drive

Councilman Charlton made a motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing closing a portion of the right of way on Plantation Drive in Hagley Estates. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES:

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.

Councilman Oakley made a motion to approve third reading 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. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Absent: Ron Charlton

Ordinance # 2003-36

Consideration of Ordinance # 2003-36 to govern mosquito control in Georgetown County, South Carolina was deferred. No action was taken.

Ordinance # 2003-37

Councilman Charlton made a motion to grant third reading approval to Ordinance # 2003-37, an Ordinance authorizing the lease of property in the Choppee One Stop Health Center to Blueprint Leadership Academy. Councilman Drayton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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Consideration of Ordinance # 2003-39 authorizing the lease of property at the Choppee One Stop Health Center to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control was deferred. No action was taken.

Ordinance # 2003-40

Consideration of Ordinance # 2003-40 authorizing the lease of property at the Choppee One Stop Health Center to the South Carolina Department of Mental Health was deferred. No action was taken.

Ordinance # 2003-41

Councilman Morant made a motion to grant third reading approval to Ordinance # 2003-41, an Ordinance to authorize the lease of property at the Choppee One Stop Health Center to Diabetes C.O.R.E. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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Ordinance # 2003-43

Councilman Hood made a motion to approve third reading of Ordinance # 2003-43, an Ordinance to regulate commercial swine operations in Georgetown County, South Carolina. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance # 2003-44

Councilman Morant made a motion to approve second reading of Ordinance # 2003-44, an Ordinance to amend the FY 2003 Operating Budget for Georgetown County, South Carolina. Councilman Hood seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion.

Councilman Hood made a motion to amend the proposed Ordinance # 2003-44 to allow for provisions to replace the roof on the Choppee facility. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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The vote on the main motion was as follows:

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	Thomas Earl Drayton	Jerry Oakley
	Sel Hemingway	Helen Rudolph
	David Hood	

Ordinance # 2003-45

Following lengthy discussion on both Ordinance # 2003-45 and # 2003-46, Councilman Charlton made a motion to defer action of Ordinance # 2003-45, an ordinance to rescind Ordinance # 95-08 establishing personnel policies and procedures. Councilman Drayton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion.

Chairman Hemingway suggested that County Council should be provided with a summary of all proposed changes within the personnel policies and procedures and the County's Labor Attorney should be present at the next meeting of County Council to address the specific concerns that have been raised. Councilman Hood added that perhaps a course of action should be determined to inform County employees of the changes.

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	David Hood	

Ordinance # 2003-46

Councilman Charlton made a motion to defer action of Ordinance # 2003-46, an ordinance to adopt an "At Will" Employment Policy. Councilman Drayton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion.

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

Ordinance # 2003-47

Councilman Oakley made a motion to table 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. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES – By Title Only

The following Ordinance was introduced for first reading approval:

Ordinance # 2003-48 – An Ordinance to authorize the issuance and sale of GO Bonds for Georgetown County.

BIDS

Grass Cutting and Landscape Maintenance

Councilman Morant made a motion to award bids for grass cutting services as follows: for the northern section of the County to Skinner Lawn Care, and a bid for the southern section of the County and Waccamaw Neck area to Allstate Maintenance. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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	Sel Hemingway	Helen Rudolph

Opposed: David Hood

Replace Roof at Choppee High School Facility

Councilman Morant made a motion to award a bid for the replacement of the roof at the Choppee High School Facility to Spann Roofing & Sheet Metal. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Authorization for a Grant Funded Position at County Library

A motion was made by Councilman Hood and seconded by Councilwoman Rudolph to authorize a new grant funded Computer Resources/Assistant Cataloger Position for the County Library. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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Ricefields Emergency Easement Access

An informational report was provided to County Council regarding Ricefields Emergency Easement Access. No action was taken.

Review of Architectural & Engineering Qualifications

A motion was made by Councilman Charlton and seconded by Councilman Morant to designate the Council Administration & Finance Committee to review architectural and engineering qualifications for the proposed government complex. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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Council moved into Executive Session at 8:10 PM.

OPEN SESSION:

Open Session resumed at 9:34 PM. Chairman Hemingway stated that while in Executive Session, no votes were taken and no decisions were made.

A motion was made by Councilman Oakley to authorize the execution of letter of understanding with Mr. A.J Rigby to act as the County Airport Manager for a period of one year effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. The position will be unsalaried, however Mr. Rigby's expenses will be reimbursed at a rate of \$400 per month. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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In order to comply with the guidelines set forth in the newly adopted Council-Administrator form of government, a motion was made by Councilman Hood to employ Mr. Thomas Edwards, Jr. as the Georgetown County Administrator as of July 1, 2003. Terms of the employment will be presented to County Council for consideration at the next meeting of County Council on July 8, 2003. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Date Approved

Clerk to Council