

A regular meeting of the Georgetown County Council was held on Tuesday, October 28, 2003 at 5:30 PM in County Council Chambers.

Present:	Ron Charlton Thomas Earl Drayton Sel Hemingway David L. Hood	Johnny Morant Jerry Oakley Helen Rudolph
Staff:	Thomas W. Edwards, Jr. Jack M. 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.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The following additions/changes were made to the agenda: addition of Ordinance #2003-79 (authorizing the issuance of an Environmental Improvement Bond for International Paper Company), a resolution authorizing an inducement agreement and petition for the issuance of an International Paper Company Bond, and a request was made to defer action on Ordinance #2003-77 referring it to the County Council Administration & Finance Committee.

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 David Hood	Johnny Morant Jerry Oakley Helen Rudolph
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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Burtis

Mr. Burtis, Vice Chairman of the Hagley Property Owners Association, voiced concern regarding the building code procedures related to verification of property setbacks.

Chairman Hemingway requested that the County Administrator meet with Mr. Allen Burns, George County Planning and Development Director, and the Building Department regarding this issue.

Norman Reid

Mr. Reid extended an invitation to County Council members to attend a Pawleys Island Community fundraiser banquet on November 14, 2003. Funds raised will benefit the Pawleys Island Intergenerational Building.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Charlton to approve the minutes of the Special Council Session of October 3, 2003 as submitted. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Abstained: David Hood Jerry Oakley

A motion was made by Councilman Charlton to approve the minutes of the Emergency Council Session of October 8, 2003. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Abstained: David Hood Jerry Oakley

A motion was made by Councilman Morant to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Session of October 14, 2003 as amended (noting on page 7 that Councilman Morant seconded a vote regarding the Hagley Boat Landing). 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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Ordinance #2003-68 – An Ordinance to amend the FY 2003-04 Budget Ordinance to appropriate funds for outstanding encumbrances and incomplete projects for the previous year – Third reading approval.

Ordinance #2003-69 – An Ordinance to amend the FY 2003-04 Budget Ordinance to appropriate funds – Third reading approval.

Ordinance #2003-70 – An Ordinance to authorize the conveyance of a .55-acre lot at 111 S. Congdon Street, owned by Georgetown County, to Love Chapel Deliverance Center – Third reading approval.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Department of Social Services Advisory Board

Upon a request from Ms. Sylvia Mitchum, Executive Director of the Georgetown County Department of Social Services, who was in attendance at the meeting, Councilman Hood made a motion to authorize staff to send letter to the Georgetown County Legislative Delegation regarding dissolving this board. Councilman Charlton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

Ordinance #2003-72

Councilman Charlton made a motion to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2003-72, an Ordinance to amend the Georgetown County Zoning Ordinance, Article XVIII, Section 1800.6.4.1 regarding the required color palette. Councilman Hood 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	

Ordinance #2003-73

Councilman Charlton made a motion to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2003-73, an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Georgetown County to amend the Master Conceptual Plan for the Belle Vue Planned Development to allow for the modification to the building pad for one parcel within the development, as recommended by the Georgetown County 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

Opposed: David Hood

Ordinance #2003-74

Councilman Charlton made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Rudolph, to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2003-74, an Ordinance to incorporate the revised Housing Element of the County Comprehensive Plan as updated by the Georgetown County Planning and Development Department and recommended by the Planning Commission. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. None occurred.

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

Ordinance #2003-75

Councilman Oakley made a motion to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2003-75, an Ordinance to incorporate the revised Economic Element of the County Comprehensive Plan as updated by the Georgetown County Planning and Development Department and recommended by the Planning 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	

Ordinance #2003-76

Councilwoman Rudolph moved to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2003-76, an Ordinance to amend the board membership of the Georgetown County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs. Councilman Hood seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

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

Ordinance #2003-77

Ordinance #2003-77 authorizing Georgetown County to economic incentives to new or expanding industries was deferred. The Ordinance was referred to the County Council Administration & Finance Committee for closer review.

Ordinance #2003-78

Councilman Morant made a motion to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2003-78, an Ordinance to authorize the lease of County owned property to Alliance Tower Company. 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	

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES – By Title Only

The following ordinances were introduced for first reading approval:

Ordinance #2003-79 - An Ordinance authorizing Georgetown County to issue up to up to \$7,500,000 in aggregate principal amount of its Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds 2004 Series A (International Paper Company Project) the proceeds of which will be used to finance the acquisition of certain solid waste disposal facilities to be installed by International Paper Company at the Georgetown Mill; authorizing the execution and delivery of a contract of purchase providing for the issuance, sale and purchase of such bonds, and authorizing the issuance of the bonds and the execution of the necessary documents to cause the issuance and sale of such bonds.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

Financial Report – Month Ending September 2003

County Finance Director, Ms. Sabrena Posey, presented a financial report for Georgetown County for the month ending September 2003 and responded to questions from members of County Council. No action was necessary of County Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Prior to moving into Executive Session, Chairman Hemingway noted that Councilman Oakley and Councilman Hood had disclosed a potential conflict of interest in his participation in discussion or voting on issues related to the Murrells Inlet Dredging Project, and requested to be recused during discussion of this issue. Councilman Oakley and Councilman Hood's letter of request will be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting by reference.

Councilman Charlton made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a contractual issue regarding the Murrells Inlet Dredging Project. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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

County Council moved into Executive Session at 6:17 PM.

OPEN SESSION:

County Council returned to Open Session at 7:36 PM. Chairman Hemingway stated that while in Executive Session County Council took no action or votes. He noted that Councilman Oakley and Councilman Hood were not present during discussion related to the Murrells Inlet Dredging Project.

A motion was made by Councilman Morant to authorize the County Council Chairman to execute a modified agreement between Georgetown County and Black & Veatch Construction regarding phase II of the dredging project. This action will expend an additional payment of \$440,000 to Black & Veatch Construction. Councilman Drayton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Absent:	David Hood	Jerry Oakley
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Councilman Morant made a motion to authorize the Chairman of County Council to execute an amended dredging agreement with Mr. Charlie Campbell/Dead Dog Saloon that directs the remaining channel to be dredged to a total depth of 3.5 m.l.w. as opposed to 5.0 m.l.w. The County Attorney is to review all documents prior to execution. Councilman Drayton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Absent:	David Hood	Jerry Oakley
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As there was no further business to discuss, Councilman Charlton moved to adjourn the meeting.

Date Approved

Clerk to Council