

Ordinance #2003-86 - an Ordinance to amend the Georgetown County Zoning Ordinance Article VI, Section 611.214 - Vendor Requirements – Third reading approval.

Ordinance #2003-88 - an amendment to the Georgetown County Zoning Map to amend the Conceptual Plan for the Brookgreen Gardens Planned Development to allow for two main identification signs – Third reading approval.

Ordinance #2003-89 - an Ordinance to amend the Georgetown County Zoning Map to rezone .58 acres located on US Highway 17 near the intersection of Rasheed Lane from General Residential (GR) to Neighborhood Commercial (NC) – Third reading approval.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Ordinance #2003-85

A public hearing was held on Ordinance #2003-85, an ordinance to amend the FY 2004 Operating Budget for Georgetown County, South Carolina. There were no public comments and Chairman Hemingway declared the public hearing closed.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Advisory Committee for Accommodations Tax

Councilman Hemingway made a motion (on behalf of Councilman Drayton) to appoint Mr. Marion Moore, Jr. to the Advisory Committee for Accommodations Tax. Councilman Hood seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton	Johnny Morant
	Sel Hemingway	Jerry Oakley
	David L. Hood	Helen Rudolph

Sheriff's Citizen Advisory Board

Councilman Hemingway made a motion (on behalf of Councilman Drayton) to appoint Mr. Howard Burgin, Jr. and Ms. Debra Wragg to the Sheriff's Citizen Advisory Board. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton	Johnny Morant
	Sel Hemingway	Jerry Oakley
	David L. Hood	Helen Rudolph

Councilwoman Rudolph moved to appoint Ms. Mattie Knowing for appointment to the Sheriff's Citizen Advisory Board. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton	Johnny Morant
	Sel Hemingway	Jerry Oakley
	David L. Hood	Helen Rudolph

RESOLUTIONS:

Amendment to County Personnel Policies and Procedures

Councilman Charlton moved to defer action on a proposed Resolution amending Georgetown County Personnel Policies and Procedures pertaining to County employees declaring their candidacy for elected offices, pending clarification of language in the second paragraph of the Resolution. Councilman Hood seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

Council Administration & Finance Committee for review. The issue was deferred pending a report from the Committee.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton	Johnny Morant
	Sel Hemingway	Jerry Oakley
	David L. Hood	Helen Rudolph

Ordinance #2003-87

At the request of the Planning Commission Chairman, Councilman Oakley made a motion to refer Ordinance #2003-87 amending the Georgetown County Zoning Ordinance Article VI, Section 619.6 back to the Planning Commission for further review by that board. Councilman Charlton seconded the motion. No further discussion transpired.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton	Johnny Morant
	Sel Hemingway	Jerry Oakley
	David L. Hood	Helen Rudolph

Ordinance #2004-01

Councilman Charlton made a motion to grant second reading of Ordinance #2004-01, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 97-18 establishing a Returned Check Fee. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion.

Councilman Morant questioned if the fees collected go into the General Fund. The County Administrator stated that the fees collected go into the fund where the check originated.

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

Opposed: David Hood

Ordinance #2004-02

Councilman Oakley moved to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2004-02, an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Georgetown County to rezone 27.5 acres located at the southwest intersection of Bellamy Avenue and US Highway 17 from General Commercial and General Residential to Planned Development. Councilman Hood seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton	Johnny Morant
	Sel Hemingway	Jerry Oakley
	David L. Hood	Helen Rudolph

Ordinance #2004-03

Councilman Charlton made a motion to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2004-03, an Ordinance to amend the Georgetown County Zoning Ordinance; Article IV, Section 401, General Provisions. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion.

Councilman Morant verified that the motion is to approve the language in the ordinance without the incorporation of proposed amendments mentioned in earlier discussion. The Chairman concurred.

In Favor: Ron Charlton Johnny Morant
 Sel Hemingway Jerry Oakley
 David L. Hood Helen Rudolph

Courthouse Fire Alarm

Councilman Charlton moved to authorized staff to solicit bids for a courthouse fire alarm system with funding to be sought in the current budget year. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. None occurred.

In Favor: Ron Charlton Johnny Morant
 Sel Hemingway Jerry Oakley
 David L. Hood Helen Rudolph

County Council Planning Session

A Planning Session for County Councilman was scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2004.

Keep America Beautiful Proposal

This report was deferred.

Yauhannah Property

County Council received as informational a report on 156.97 acres of property owned by Georgetown County the Yauhannah area.

A motion was made by Councilman Hood, and seconded by Councilman Charlton to direct staff to seek a property appraisal on this tract of land. The issue will be discussed at County Council's Work session on February 19th. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

In Favor: Ron Charlton Johnny Morant
 Sel Hemingway Jerry Oakley
 David L. Hood Helen Rudolph

Choppee Regional Resource Center

County Councilman received an informational report on Phase II of the Master Conceptual Plan for the Choppee Resource Center.

Choppee Regional Resource Center – Request for Lease of Space

Councilman Morant made a motion to approve a request from the Occupational Outlook Organization to lease 570 sq. ft. of space at the Choppee Resource Center at \$2.00 per square foot. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

In Favor: Ron Charlton Johnny Morant
 Sel Hemingway Jerry Oakley
 David L. Hood Helen Rudolph

Recreation and Leisure Services – Strategic Plan Recommendations

Received informational report on Recreation & Leisure Services Strategic Plan Recommendations from staff and Parks and Recreation Commissioners.

Councilman Hemingway moved to refer this issue to the Health, Education & Leisure Committee.

Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton	Johnny Morant
	Sel Hemingway	Jerry Oakley
	David L. Hood	Helen Rudolph

Approval to Seek FY05 Federal Funding

At the request of Congressman Henry Brown, a list was compiled of various projects requesting Federal funding appropriations.

Councilman Hood made a motion to seek Federal funding through Congressman Henry Brown's Office for the following projects: US Highway 17 improvements, Murrells Inlet Dredging Spoils Site Project, Sampit Rive Boat Landing, County Airport Improvements, and Emergency Preparedness Generators and infrastructure. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton	Johnny Morant
	Sel Hemingway	Jerry Oakley
	David L. Hood	Helen Rudolph

Right of Way Easement for County Fire/EMS Headquarters

Councilman Oakley made a motion to approve an agreement with Santee Electric Cooperative for right-of-way easement to provide utilities to the new County Fire and Emergency Medical Service Headquarters. Councilman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway was asked for discussion. None occurred.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton	Johnny Morant
	Sel Hemingway	Jerry Oakley
	David L. Hood	Helen Rudolph

Local Option Sales Tax

Councilman Morant moved to direct the County Attorney to draft proposed ballot language pertaining to a referendum on Local Option Sales Tax for County Council's consideration as well as a proposed ordinance designating 100% these funds for property tax roll back. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway was asked for discussion. None occurred.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton	Johnny Morant
	Sel Hemingway	Jerry Oakley
	David L. Hood	Helen Rudolph

Economic Development Activity Report

County Council received as information a quarterly Economic Development Activity Report from County Planning & Development Director, Allen Burns.

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 their 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 personnel issue, an issue regarding pending litigation, and a contractual/legal issue regarding the Murrells Inlet Dredging Project. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ron Charlton	Johnny Morant
	Sel Hemingway	Jerry Oakley
	David L. Hood	Helen Rudolph

County Council moved into Executive Session at 8:28 PM.

OPEN SESSION:

County Council returned to Open Session at 9:42 PM. Chairman Hemingway stated that while in Executive Session, County Council discussed a personnel issue, a legal issue, and a contractual issue regarding the Murrells Inlet Dredging Project. No action and no votes were taken while in Executive Session.

As there was no further business to discuss, Councilman Charlton moved to adjourn the meeting.

Date Approved

Clerk to Council