

A regular meeting of the Georgetown County Council was held on Tuesday, April 27, 2004 at 5:30 PM in County Council Chambers.

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

Vice Chairman Morant called the meeting to order. Councilman Drayton gave the invocation and all joined in the pledge of allegiance. Vice Chairman Morant noted that Chairman Hemingway would not be in attendance, as he was out of town.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

A request was made by the applicant to defer action on Ordinance #2004-20 (an amendment to the Master Conceptual Plan for Allston Plantation) until the Council meeting of May 25, 2004.

Councilman Charlton made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Morant asked for discussion. There was none.

In Favor:	Ron L. Charlton Thomas Earl Drayton David L. Hood	Johnny Morant Jerry Oakley Helen Rudolph
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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Marvin Cross

Mr. Cross, a war veteran, expressed concerns regarding the reduction of business hours at the Georgetown County Veteran's Affairs Office.

Franklin McCray

Mr. McCray expressed concerns regarding the reduction of business hours at the Veteran's Affairs Office.

Councilman Charlton commented that the operating hours of the County Veteran's Affairs Office have been reduced on a trial basis, and County Council is carefully monitoring this. Councilman Drayton stated that rumors regarding Georgetown County's intentions to close the Veteran's Affairs Office should be halted, because this is simply not the case. County Council is reviewing the workload of this Office, and if it is discovered that a five day work week is necessary to provide adequate service to the veterans of this County, then the office will resume a five day work week schedule.

Jean Rothrock

Ms. Rothrock requested County Council's favorable consideration regarding a rezoning request for Petigru Drive (Ordinance #2004-19).

John Womack

Mr. Womack spoke on behalf of the Hagley Property Owners Association. He voiced concerns regarding Ordinance #2004-20, an amendment to the Master Conceptual Plan for Allston Plantation.

Jack Reel

Mr. Reel, a representative of Thomas & Hutton Engineering, stated that the developers are willing amend the proposed plan for Allston Plantation (Ordinance #2004-20), in order to address the concerns voiced by the Hagley Property owners. As a representative of the Development Company, he stated that they would consent to removal of the access road, which is of concern to the Hagley residents, and therefore requested that County Council move forward with consideration of this request this evening.

Councilman Oakley noted that planning staff may wish to review the proposed change prior to Council taking action on this. Councilman Hood agreed, stating that hopefully the parties involved could come to a consensus and Mr. Burns, Planning Director, could provide a follow-up report to County Council by the May 25th meeting.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Charlton to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Session of April 13, 2004. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Morant asked for discussion. There was none.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance #2004-15

A public hearing was held on Ordinance #2004-15, amending the FY 2004 Operating Budget for Georgetown County, South Carolina. There were no public comments and Vice Chairman Morant closed the public hearing.

Ordinance #2004-17

A public hearing was held on Ordinance #2004-17, an Ordinance to adopt a revised Building Code Fee Schedule for Georgetown County, South Carolina.

Mr. Billy Moore came forward to express concern that various building projects in the Pawleys Island area, approved by the County Building Department, should have been reviewed closer. He asked County Council to give careful consideration to any ordinances related to building codes.

Vice Chairman Morant noted that the Ordinance being considered tonight was concerning fees for the inspection of mobile home wheels and axels. County staff is looking into separate issues previously brought forward by Mr. Moore.

There were no further comments and the Vice Chairman declared the public hearing closed.

Ordinance #2004-18

A public hearing was held on Ordinance #2004-18 authorizing the conveyance of 3.9 acres, owned by Georgetown County, to the Murrells Inlet-Garden City Fire District. There were no public comments and the Vice Chairman closed the public hearing.

RESOLUTIONS:

Declaring April 2004 as "Fair Housing Month" in Georgetown County

Councilman Drayton moved to adopt a Resolution declaring April 2004 as "Fair Housing Month" in Georgetown County. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Morant asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Recognition of Achievements of County Finance Director.

County Finance Director, Sabrena Posey has resigned her position with Georgetown County to assume another position in Hampton County, South Carolina.

Councilwoman Rudolph moved to adopt a Resolution recognizing the achievements of Ms. Posey, as the Georgetown County Finance Director. Councilman Charlton seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Morant asked for discussion. There was none.

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

ORDINANCES – THIRD READING

Ordinance #2004-15

A motion was made by Councilman Charlton to grant third reading approval of Ordinance #2004-15, an Ordinance to Amend the FY 2004 Operating Budget for Georgetown County, South Carolina. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Morant asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Ordinance #2004-17

Councilman Oakley moved to grant third reading approval of Ordinance #2004-17, an Ordinance to adopt a revised Building Code Fee Schedule for Georgetown County, South Carolina. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Morant asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Opposed: Ron L. Charlton David L. Hood

Ordinance #2004-18

Councilman Oakley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hood to grant third reading approval of Ordinance #2004-18 authorizing the conveyance of 3.9 acres, owned by Georgetown County, to the Murrells Inlet-Garden City Fire District. Vice Chairman Morant asked for discussion. There was none.

In Favor: Ron L. Charlton Johnny Morant
 Thomas Earl Drayton Jerry Oakley
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ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

Ordinance #2003-50

Second reading of Ordinance #2003-50, which has been revised to incorporate the recommendations of various community groups, was previously referred back to the Georgetown County Planning Commission for further consideration. County Council deferred the issue pending a report from the Planning Commission.

Ordinance #2004-16

Ordinance #2004-16 adopting revised Purchasing Procedures for Georgetown County, South Carolina, was deferred.

Ordinance #2004-19

Councilman Hood moved to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2004-19, an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Georgetown County to rezone 28.22 acres on Petigru Drive west of Tiller Drive from General Residential to Forest and Agriculture to allow for a Horticulture Nursery for plant production. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Morant asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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

Ordinance #2004-20

Ordinance #2004-20, amending the Master Conceptual Plan for Allston Plantation Planned Development, was requested to be deferred until the 5/25 meeting.

Ordinance #2004-21

Councilman Charlton moved to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2004-21 to declare as surplus, approximately one (1) acre of property, owned by Georgetown County and located in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, and to further authorize the sale of the same. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Morant asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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

Ordinance #2004-22

Councilman Hood made a motion to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2004-22, an Ordinance to amend the Master Conceptual Plan for the Willbrook Plantation Planned Development, Community III, the Reserve – Tract F, to establish another zoning scheme to be labeled “Traditional Neighborhood”. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Morant asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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

Ordinance #2004-23

Ordinance #2004-23, to make appropriations for Ordinary County Purposes for Georgetown County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005; was deferred.

Ordinance #2004-24

Councilman Drayton made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Rudolph to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2004-24 authorizing the lease of property located within the Choppee One Stop Health Center to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. Vice Chairman Morant asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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

Ordinance #2004-25

A motion was made by Councilman Oakley to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2004-25, an Ordinance to amend the Georgetown County Development Regulations, Article 2, Section 2-2 titled Submission Requirements. Councilman Charlton seconded the motion. No discussion occurred.

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

Ordinance #2004-26

A motion was made by Councilman Oakley to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2004-26, to amend the Georgetown County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 15, Article IV; to include requirements for traffic impact studies for projects, developments, subdivisions, and other uses that generate 500 or more vehicle trips based on trip generation rates for the latest edition of the Institute of Transportation Engineers Trip Manual. Councilman Charlton seconded the motion. No discussion occurred.

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

Ordinance #2004-27

A motion was made by Councilman Oakley to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2004-27, an Ordinance to amend Article V, Transportation, Section 15-61 through 15-67 of the Georgetown County Code of Ordinances to set out requirements for traffic impact analyses. Councilman Charlton seconded the motion. No discussion occurred.

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

Ordinance #2004-28

Councilman Charlton moved to grant second reading of Ordinance #2004-28, an Ordinance to authorize the sale of a 6.24 acre tract of property located in the Airport Industrial Park, and owned by Georgetown County. Councilman Drayton seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Morant asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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

Ordinance #2004-29

Ordinance #2004-29 to make appropriations for Law Enforcement for Georgetown County for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005, was deferred.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES – By Title Only

The following Ordinance was introduced for first reading approval:

Ordinance #2004-30 – An Ordinance to establish the mandatory registration of all contractors conducting business in Georgetown County, South Carolina.

BIDS:

Comprehensive Road Engineering

Councilman Hood made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Rudolph to award a bid for Comprehensive Road Engineering to Engineering Technical Services of Pawley's Island in amount of \$50,000 (this bid was previously awarded on 4/13 for an incorrect amount). Vice Chairman Morant asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ron L. Charlton	Johnny Morant
	Thomas Earl Drayton	Jerry Oakley
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REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

2004 Regional Planning Grant

Councilman Charlton made a motion to authorize the submission of a 2004 Regional Planning Grant by Waccamaw Planning and Development Council on behalf of Georgetown County. The grant requires no matching funds from the County. Councilman Drayton seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Morant asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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

Procedures for Forfeit Land Commission

A motion was made by Councilman Oakley, and seconded by Councilman Charlton to approve revised policy and procedures for the Forfeit Land Commission. Vice Chairman Morant asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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

Lease Agreement for Andrews Magistrate's Office

Councilman Drayton moved to approve a lease agreement (one year) with Andrews Convalescent Supply, Inc. for lease space on Morgan Avenue for the Andrews Magistrate's Office. Councilman Charlton seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Morant asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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

Countywide Zoning Project

Councilman Hood moved to direct the Planning Commission and planning staff to proceed with a plan for countywide zoning that incorporates adequate and appropriate public input into the process. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Morant asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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

Policy and Procedure for County Communication Devices

Councilman Charlton made a motion to approve the proposed County policy for use of communication devices (cell phones, pagers, and radios). Councilman Morant seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

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

Bynum Facility Renovation Project

County Council received a status report on the Bynum facility renovations from Assistant Sheriff, Carter Weaver.

Councilman Charlton made a motion to authorize an additional \$81,100 in funding, from the General Government Fund Balance, to cover unanticipated costs associated with the project. Councilman Hood seconded the motion. No discussion occurred.

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

Homeland Security and Terrorism Prevention Grant

Councilman Oakley made a motion to authorize the submission of a Homeland Security Grant and Terrorism Prevention Grant for Georgetown County. Councilman Hood seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Morant asked for discussion.

Councilman Drayton verified that this is a federal grant that will be "divided" among emergency agencies within the County. Vice Chairman Morant concurred, and noted that the grant funding does require a match.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no discussion in Executive Session.

As there was no further business to discuss, Councilman Charlton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Date Approved

Clerk to Council