

A regular meeting of the Georgetown County Council was held on Tuesday, May 25, 2004 at 5:30 PM in County Council Chambers.

Present: Ron L. Charlton Johnny Morant
 Thomas Earl Drayton Jerry Oakley
 Sel Hemingway Helen Rudolph
 David L. Hood

Staff: Thomas W. Edwards, Jr. Theresa Floyd
 Jack Scoville, Jr.

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 Hemingway called the meeting to order. Councilman Drayton gave the invocation and all joined in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The following changes were made to the agenda: addition of a bid for roadway paving and drainage projects, a report regarding a rental agreement for pool use by the Georgetown County Recreation & Leisure Services Department, a report on the progression of the FY05 Law Enforcement budget, and a report on software for the Assessor's Office.

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

In Favor: Ron L. Charlton Johnny Morant
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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Morant to approve the minutes of the Special Council Session of April 22, 2004. Councilman Hood seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Charlton to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Session of May 11, 2004 as amended (addition of a vote tally on page 6 and addition of page 9).

Councilman Hood seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

In Favor:	Ron L. Charlton	Johnny Morant
	Thomas Earl Drayton	Jerry Oakley
	Sel Hemingway	Helen Rudolph
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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Economic Development Commission

Councilman Drayton moved to appoint Mr. Herbert Dennison to the Economic Development Commission. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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Georgetown County Visitors Bureau

A motion was made by Councilman Oakley and seconded by Councilman Morant to appoint Mr. Bryan Henry, representing "accommodations", and Mr. Bob Jewell, representing "attractions" to the Georgetown County Visitors Bureau in accordance with amendments to the bylaws of the Georgetown County Visitors Bureau approved by County Council in January 2004. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Hopsewee Plantation

County Council reviewed a proposed Resolution regarding Hopsewee Plantation. The language was revised from the previous meeting by County Attorney, Jack Scoville, Jr. and Hopsewee property owner Frank Beattie, as directed by County Council. The County Attorney responded to questions regarding the Resolution from County Council.

Councilman Drayton moved to adopt a Resolution addressing the potential impact that proposed construction of new Santee River bridges, by the South Carolina Department of Transportation, will have on the historic Hopsewee Plantation landmark. Councilman Charlton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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ORDINANCES – THIRD READING

Ordinance #2004-20

Councilman Charlton moved to grant third reading approval of Ordinance #2004-20, amending the Master Conceptual Plan for Allston Plantation Planned Development. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion.

Councilman Hood verified that the motion includes approval of the planning staff's recommendations that are included in the associated report, and elimination of access to Old Plantation Road from the spine road within the development, leaving a right-of-way for the future. The Chairman concurred.

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	Thomas Earl Drayton	Jerry Oakley
	Sel Hemingway	Helen Rudolph
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Ordinance #2004-23

Councilman Charlton made a motion to grant third reading approval of 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. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion.

Councilman Charlton moved to amend Ordinance #2004-23 to correct an error in the document regarding the duplication of strategic plan funds. This correction reduces the overall budget to \$48,280,000. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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	David L. Hood	

The vote on the main motion was as follows:

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	David L. Hood	

Councilman Drayton moved to approve the 1.5% Cost of Living Adjustment included in the budget effective July 1, 2004. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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	Thomas Earl Drayton	Jerry Oakley
	Sel Hemingway	Helen Rudolph
	David L. Hood	

Ordinance #2004-30

Councilman Oakley moved to grant third reading approval of ordinance #2004-30, an Ordinance to establish the mandatory registration of all contractors conducting business in Georgetown County,

South Carolina. Councilman Charlton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

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 #2004-29

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.

Ordinance #2004-31

Councilman Morant made a motion, seconded by Councilman Charlton to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2004-31. Chairman Hemingway asked of discussion.

Councilman Morant moved to amend the Ordinance to include sections 4, 5, 6, and 7 as proposed. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. The Chairman 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 #2004-32 – An Ordinance to amend the Master Conceptual Plan for Allston Plantation Planned Development to allow for a controlled vehicle access gate at the entry to Allston Bluffs Section P1.

BIDS:

Aerial Mosquito Abatement Program

Councilman Hood moved to award a bid, authorizing a one year contract (with possible 2 year renewal) for an aerial mosquito abatement program to Williamsburg Air Service of Kingstree, SC. Councilman Drayton seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

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Renovations to Choppee Once Stop Health Center

Councilman Morant moved to award a bid selecting a general contractor to complete interior renovations of the Choppee One Stop Health Center to Rogers Construction in the amount of \$740,133. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drayton. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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Thermal Imaging Cameras

Councilman Charlton moved to award a bid for thermal imaging camera equipment, to be utilized by Midway Fire-Rescue, to Cairns International in the amount of \$24,400. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. None occurred.

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Road Paving and Drainage Projects

Councilman Morant moved to award a bid for roadway paving and drainage improvements (approximately 8.10 miles) to Southern Asphalt in the amount of \$1,884,937.59. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

Veteran's Affairs Office

County Council received an informational report from Director of Administration, Greg Troutman, on operations of the Georgetown County Veteran's Affairs Office. In response to citizens requests, the 90-day test of reduced hours of operation for the Office will be discontinued, and a 5-day work week will resume in accordance with a proposed alternative staffing plan.

Council on Aging

A motion was made by Councilman Morant, and seconded by Councilman Drayton to accept the financial assets currently held by the Council on Aging to Georgetown County Government for use in providing services to senior citizens, and direct the County Attorney to conclude all necessary documents to expedite the process. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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Quarterly Economic Development Report

County Council received as information a Quarterly Economic Development Report from County Planning and Development Director, Allen Burns.

Beach Monitoring Grant

Councilman Charlton made a motion to authorize acceptance of a South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control Beach Monitoring Grant Award and approval of a contract with Coastal Carolina University for Beach Water Sample Analysis. Councilman Hood seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. None occurred.

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Coastal Access Grant

Councilman Charlton moved to authorize submission of FY04 Coastal Access Grant for fishing pier improvements at Hobcaw Point. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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Council Meeting Schedule

Councilwoman Rudolph moved to amended County Council's summer meeting schedule. The June 22, 2004 meeting will consist of a very light agenda. The second regular meetings in July (7/27) and August (8/24) were canceled. Councilman Hood seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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Separation of Economic Development and Planning Department

A motion was made by Councilman Hood, seconded by Councilman Morant to formally approve Separation of the Economic Development and Planning Departments, with each department having its own director. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion.

Chairman Hemingway offered an amended motion to confirm that separation of these Departments is to begin July 1, 2004, however, the process will take approximately 8-12 months with the Economic Department remaining under the supervision of the County Administrator during that time (through July 1, 2005). Councilman Oakley seconded the motion.

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Agreement for Swimming Pools

Councilman Morant made a motion to approve a short-term agreement with Wedgefield Plantation for use of swimming pool to be utilized in the Parks and Recreation summer swimming program. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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Law Enforcement Budget

County Council approved, by consensus, scheduling a special meeting to receive the Map Committee's report regarding the Sheriff's Department on June 1st at 4:00 PM.

Software Package – Assessor's Office

Councilman Charlton moved to authorize Georgetown County to withdraw from the South Carolina Department of Revenue sponsored CAMA software package development program and commence procedures to procure a software package that will allow the Assessor's Office to complete reassessment. Councilman Morant 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 to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Date Approved

Clerk to Council