

A regular meeting of the Georgetown County Council was held on Tuesday, July 13, 2004 at 5:30 PM in County Council Chambers.

Present:	Ron Charlton Thomas Earl Drayton Sel Hemingway	Johnny Morant Jerry Oakley Helen Rudolph
Staff:	Thomas W. Edwards, Jr. Jack M. Scoville, Jr.	Theresa E. 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 Hemingway called the meeting to order. Councilman Charlton gave the invocation and all joined in the pledge of allegiance. Chairman Hemingway announced that Councilman Hood was out-of-town and would not be in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

The following items were added to the agenda: first reading of Ordinance #2004-62, a bid for a pump and monitor for the Mosquito Control Department, a bid for appraisal software for the Assessor's Office, as well as a bid for and mobile generators for emergency evacuation shelters.

Councilman Charlton made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as amended. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

In favor:	Ron Charlton Thomas Earl Drayton Sel Hemingway	Johnny Morant Jerry Oakley Helen Rudolph
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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Cliff Rusch

Mr. Rusch expressed appreciation to County Council for moving expeditiously to implement ordinances that will prohibit sexually oriented businesses on the Waccamaw Neck.

Mayor Bill Otis

Pawleys Island Town Mayor, Bill Otis, presented a Resolution to County Council, adopted by the Pawleys Island Town Council, in favor of limiting buildings to 45,000 square feet, and in opposition of "big box" merchants on the Waccamaw Neck.

Lewis Herman

Mr. Herman expressed concerns regarding the need for zoning in rural areas to protect residents from commercial businesses that want to encroach into residential neighborhoods.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Morant to approve the minutes of the Special Council Session of June 1, 2004. Councilwoman Rudolph 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

A motion was made by Councilman Charlton to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Session of June 8, 2004. Councilman Morant 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

A motion was made by Councilman Drayton to approve the minutes of the Special Council Session of June 15, 2004. Councilman Oakley 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

A motion was made by Councilman Drayton to approve the minutes of the Special Council Session of June 22, 2004. 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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Ordinance #2004-33

A public hearing was held on Ordinance #2004-33, an Ordinance to amend the Georgetown County Code of Ordinances, Appendix B – Subdivisions, Article VIII, to stabilize and maintain the arterials and collector streets on the Waccamaw Neck.

Mr. Cliff Rusch spoke on behalf of the Waccamaw Neck Civic Association in favor of the adoption of the Ordinance. He commended County Council for adopting “rules to protect the capacity of Highway 17”.

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

Ordinance #2004-38

A public hearing was held on Ordinance #2004-38, an Ordinance to amend the FY 2004 Operating Budget for Georgetown County, South Carolina. There were no public comments and the public hearing was declared closed.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

Forestry Board

Councilman Oakley made a motion to nominate Mr. Bradford Dunn for appointment to the Forestry Board. Councilman Charlton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. None occurred.

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

Midway Fire-Rescue Board

Councilman Oakley moved to appoint Ms. Cathey Furr and Mr. William Johnson to the Midway Fire-Rescue Board. 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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

A motion was made by Councilman Charlton and seconded by Councilman Oakley to adopt Resolution #2004-20, revoking the Georgetown County Personnel Policies and Procedures as adopted on August 12, 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

Councilman Charlton moved to adopt Resolution #2004-21, adopting amended Personnel Policies and Procedures for Georgetown County. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

**ORDINANCES – THIRD READING**

Ordinance #2004-33

Councilman Oakley moved to grant third reading approval of Ordinance #2004-33, an Ordinance to amend the Georgetown County Code of Ordinances, Appendix B – Subdivisions, Article VIII, to stabilize and maintain the arterials and collector streets on the Waccamaw Neck. Councilman Morant 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

Ordinance #2004-38

Councilman Drayton made a motion to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2004-38, an Ordinance to amend the FY 2004 Operating Budget for Georgetown County, South Carolina.

Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. None occurred.

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

**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 #2004-57

Councilman Oakley made a motion to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2004-57, an Ordinance to amend Article VI, Section 6.11.211 and all subsequent subsections of the said section of the Georgetown County Zoning Ordinance. Councilman Morant 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

Ordinance #2004-58

Councilman Charlton made a motion to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2004-58, an Ordinance to amend Article VI, Section 613 of the Georgetown County Zoning Ordinance. The Councilman Oakley seconded motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion.

Following brief discussion, Chairman Hemingway recommended that the Planning Commission give consideration to limiting sexually oriented businesses to the Heavy Industrial Zoning District only.

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

Ordinance #2004-59

Councilman Oakley made a motion, which was seconded by Councilwoman Rudolph to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2004-59, an Ordinance to amend Article VI Section 614.209 of the Georgetown County Zoning Ordinance. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES – By Title Only**

The following Ordinances were introduced for first reading approval:

Ordinance #2004-60 – An Ordinance to amend the Master Conceptual Plan for Harmony Planned Development to allow for the abandonment of access to Montford Road subject to a traffic impact study to be prepared prior to any future phase development.

Ordinance #2004-61 – An Ordinance to amend the Master Conceptual Plan for Downtown Pawleys Planned Development to allow for a revised Master Sign Plan.

Ordinance #2004-62 – An Ordinance to authorize the lease of County Property located within the Choppee One Stop Health Complex to the South Carolina Department of Mental Health for a Crisis Stabilization Center.

**BIDS:**

Electronic Government Data and Commerce Systems

Councilman Charlton made a motion, seconded by Councilman Morant, to award a bid for electronic commerce and data system for web enhancement to Lyles Data in the amount of \$79,492. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Mosquito Control – Pump with Monitor and Control Agents

Councilman Drayton moved to award a bid for a pump and control agents for the Mosquito Control Department to ADAPCO in the amount of \$52,745.55. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Assessor's Office – Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal System

Councilman Charlton made a motion to award a bid for computer assisted mass appraisal system/software to Patriot Properties in the amount of \$128,000. Councilman Drayton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was no discussion.

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

Mobile Generators for Evacuation Centers

Councilman Drayton made a motion to award a bid for mobile generators for emergency evacuation centers to Hertz Equipment Rental and Sales Corporation in the amount of \$823,553.10. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

In Favor:	Ron L. Charlton	Johnny Morant
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Thomas Earl Drayton  
Sel Hemingway

Jerry Oakley  
Helen Rudolph

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL:**

St. Frances Humane Society – Agreement for Services

Councilman Charlton made a motion to approve a one year agreement with this St. Frances Humane Society for shelter services for cats and dogs in the amount of \$53,745 (annually). Councilwoman Rudolph 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

Authorization for Sale of Timber – Yauhannah Community

Councilman Morant moved to authorize the sale of timber from a Yauhannah Community tract of property, owned by Georgetown County, to Topsaw Land & Timber in the amount of \$115,028.68. Councilman Drayton 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

Naming of Knox Swamp Park Athletic Field

Councilman Morant moved to officially name the Knox Swamp Park/Athletic Field in memory of Mr. Clifford Matthews. Councilman Drayton 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

Murrells Inlet Marshwalk – Construction Proposal

Councilman Oakley disclosed a potential conflict of interest in his participation in discussion or voting on the issue related to the Murrells Inlet Marshwalk construction proposal, and requested to be recused. Mr. Oakley's letter of request will be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting by reference.

Councilman Morant moved to authorize bid solicitation for Phase III-B and Phase IV-A of the Murrells Inlet Marshwalk construction. Councilman Drayton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion.

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

Absent:         Jerry Oakley

Southern Tennis Association Grant Award

Councilwoman Rudolph made a motion to authorize acceptance of a grant from the Southern Tennis Association in the amount of \$2,500. Councilman Morant 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

Electronic Voting Machines – Status report

A status report on issues related to electronic voting machines was provided by County Administrative Services Director, Greg Troutman. No action was taken by County Council regarding this issue.

Councilman Morant requested County Council to be provided with a report, at an upcoming meeting, regarding the relocation of a Voter Precinct in Maryville.

Murrells Inlet Dredging Project –Collection of Overdue Remittance

Councilman Oakley disclosed a potential conflict of interest in his participation in discussion or voting on the issue related to the Murrells Inlet Dredging Project, and requested to be recused. Mr. Oakley's letter of request will be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting by reference.

Councilman Charlton made a motion to authorize the County Attorney to seek collection of overdue remittance from H&C Fisheries, in relation to the Murrells Inlet Dredging Project, and file suit to recover \$12,779.89. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

Absent: Jerry Oakley

Building and Zoning Review and Enforcement for the Town of Pawleys Island

Councilman Oakley made a motion to approve a proposed agreement with the Town of Pawleys Island for Georgetown County to assume building and zoning review and enforcement for the Town of Pawleys Island. Councilman Charlton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion.

Councilman Charlton moved to amend the agreement to include a 90-day termination clause, as opposed to six months. Councilman Drayton seconded the motion. No further discussion occurred.

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

The vote on the main motion was as follows:

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

Grant Application to South Carolina Department of Transportation for the Bike the Neck Project

Councilman Morant moved to authorize the submission of a grant application to the South Carolina Department of Transportation for the Bike the Neck Project. Councilwoman Rudolph 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

Vehicle Allowance Authorization

Councilman Charlton made a motion to authorize an annual vehicle allowance for the Georgetown County Economic Development Director, Public Services Director, and Emergency Services Director, and establish a method of annual adjustment for the vehicle allowance. Councilman Oakley 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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilman Charlton made a motion to move into Executive Session discuss two property acquisition issues. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. None occurred.

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

Council moved into Executive Session at 6:55 PM.

**OPEN SESSION:**

Open Session resumed at 7:30 PM. Chairman Hemingway stated that County Council discussed two property acquisition issues while in Executive Session. No votes were taken and no decisions were made while in Executive Session.

As there was no further business to discuss, Councilman Charlton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM

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Date Approved

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Clerk to Council

