

A motion was made by Councilman Morant to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Session of September 28, 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
	David L. Hood	

CONSENT AGENDA:

The following items, included on the Consent Agenda, were previously approved in the meeting:

Ordinance #2004-71 – An Ordinance to amend the Zoning Map of Georgetown County to rezone a 10.86 acre tract of property located on Trout Road from Community Commercial to Planned Development – Third reading approval

Ordinance #2004-72 – An Ordinance to amend the Zoning Map of Georgetown County to rezone approximately 2.49 acres on the west side of Business Highway 17, between Melton Avenue and Sunnyside Avenue, from General Commercial to General Residential for the development of single family residences – Third reading approval.

Ordinance #2004-73 – An Ordinance to amend the Master Conceptual Plan for Willbrook Plantation Planned Development Community III, the Reserve – Tract F, to further define the “Traditional Neighborhood” zoning scheme – Third reading approval.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance #2004-66

A public hearing was held on Ordinance #2004-66, an Ordinance to amend the FY 2005 Operating Budget for Georgetown County, South Carolina. There were no public comments and Chairman Hemingway declared the public hearing closed.

Ordinance #2004-68

A public hearing was held on Ordinance #2004-68, authorizing the execution of an agreement between Georgetown County and the Youth of the Future Organization for office space within the North Santee Community Center. There were no public comments and the Chairman declared the public hearing closed.

Ordinance #2004-69

A public hearing was held on Ordinance #2004-69, an Ordinance to authorize the execution of a shared use agreement between Georgetown County and the St. Luke Community Development Council for the St. Luke Senior /Community Center. There were no public comments and the public hearing was declared closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Declaration of October 2004 as “Kids Voting Month”

Councilman Oakley moved to adopt a Proclamation designating October 2004 as “Kids Voting Month”
in

Georgetown County. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. None occurred.

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A framed copy of the Proclamation was presented to Ms. E'lane Rutherford, Director of the Georgetown County Kids Voting Program.

ORDINANCES – THIRD READING

Ordinance #2004-57

Third reading 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, was deferred at the recommendation of the County Attorney, John M. Tolar.

Ordinance #2004-58

County Council deferred third reading of Ordinance #2004-58, an Ordinance to amend Article VI, Section 613 of the Georgetown County Zoning Ordinance at the request of the County Attorney.

Ordinance #2004-59

Third reading of Ordinance #2004-59, an Ordinance to amend Article VI Section 614.209 of the Georgetown County Zoning Ordinance, was deferred at the request of the County Attorney.

Ordinance #2004-66

Councilman Charlton moved to grant third reading approval of Ordinance #2004-66, an Ordinance to amend the FY 2005 Operating Budget for Georgetown County, South Carolina. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion.

Councilman Oakley moved to amend the Ordinance to incorporate budgetary amendments authorized by County Council, at the last meeting, to cover \$49,500 in outstanding invoices and pending projects related to the renovation of the Bynum Center/Sheriff's Office. No discussion followed.

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The vote on the main motion was as follows:

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Ordinance #2004-68

At the request of Council, County Attorney John "Mac" Tolar provided an advisory report addressing the issue of leasing County owned property to organizations that do not have a 501c-3 status. According to Mr. Tolar, lack of a 501c-3 status by these community organizations will not compromise the County or increase liability, and implementing this requirement would likely place an undo burden on the community organizations that provide benefits to the County and its citizens.

Councilman Drayton moved to adopt third reading of Ordinance #2004-68, an Ordinance authorizing the execution of an agreement between Georgetown County and the Youth of the Future Organization for office space within the North Santee Community Center. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion.

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Ordinance #2004-69

Councilman Morant moved to grant third reading of Ordinance #2004-69, an Ordinance to authorize the execution of a shared use agreement between Georgetown County and the St. Luke Community Development Council pertaining to the St. Luke Senior/Community Center. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. No discussion occurred.

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Ordinance #2004-70

Third reading of Ordinance #2004-70 amending the Official Zoning Map of Georgetown County to rezone property abutting Old Kings Highway, south of Wachesaw Road from General Commercial to General Residential was deferred pending an amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Ordinance #2004-74

Councilman Drayton made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hood, to approve third reading of Ordinance #2004-74, an Ordinance to amend the Georgetown County Zoning Ordinance, Article VI, to include the Rural General Residential Zoning District. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion.

Councilman Morant moved to amend the Ordinance to increase the density for Clustered Housing to four (4) single family dwelling units per acre. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. None occurred.

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Ordinance #2004-75

Councilman Drayton moved to grant third reading approval of Ordinance #2004-75, an Ordinance to

amend the Official Zoning Map of Georgetown County, to zone that all that land situate, lying and being Tax District 1, identified as the North Santee Area. Councilman Hood seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

Ordinance #2004-16

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

Ordinance #2004-67

Ordinance #2004-67, an amendment to the Georgetown County Zoning Ordinance to regulate gaming vessels and gambling facilities in Georgetown County, South Carolina, was deferred.

Ordinance #2004-76

Ordinance #2004-76, an Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of Georgetown County to regulate tattoo parlors and other similar such businesses was deferred.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

The following ordinances were granted first reading approval by title only:

Ordinance #2004-77 – An Ordinance to amend the Georgetown County Comprehensive Plan – Waccamaw Neck Land Use (North Map) Map 9.15a to allow for high density residential uses as recommended by the Georgetown County Planning Commission.

BIDS:

Classification and Compensation Plan Review

Councilman Charlton moved to authorize the County to contract with Management Advisory Group, Inc. to conduct an employee compensation and classification plan review in the amount of \$24,500. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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Chemical Spill Response

Councilman Morant moved to authorize contracting with Fenn-Vac of Charleston, SC for Chemical Spill Response services. The contractor will be available on a “stand-by” basis and there will be no cost to the County unless the agreement is activated if an event dictates that service is necessary. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

Morse Landing Park – Landscape Design

A presentation was made by Mr. Steve Moore of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and representative of the Murrells Inlet Special Area Management Program, Inc. regarding the proposed landscape design for Morse Landing Park. The proposed design meets requirements of Best Management Practices (BMP) for storm water issues.

Councilman Oakley moved to approve the landscape design for Morse Landing Park in Murrells Inlet, SC as proposed by the Murrells Inlet Special Area Management Program Oversight Committee. The costs associated with this project are being contributed by the South Carolina Department of Health and

Environmental Control Division of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management. Councilman Hood seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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Centralized Jury System

Councilman Morant moved to authorize a letter of support, on behalf of County Council, in favor of a centralized jury court system for Georgetown County Summary Court as proposed by Chief Judge Isaac

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

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Proposed Sale of County Property

Councilman Oakley moved to approve the sale of a one (1) acre tract of surplus property on Pond Road in Murrells Inlet to the Georgetown County Water & Sewer District at the fair market value of \$45,000. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. None occurred.

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Sheriff' Office - Personnel Authorization

Councilman Morant moved to approve a request for a change in the personnel authorization for the Sheriff's Department to add a fulltime position of Crime Victim Specialist utilizing Victim's Services Funding. Councilman Charlton seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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LEGAL BRIEFING:

County Attorney, John M. Tolar, informed County Council that Judge Gregory has ruled that Georgetown County’s Ordinance banning casino boats is invalid. Mr. Tolar advised County Council to move into Executive Session if deemed that discussion related to the County’s future actions on this issue was warranted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Oakley made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss legal issues and receive legal advice from the County Attorney regarding the Casino Boat order. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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Councilman Charlton made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and a property negotiation issue. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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Council moved into Executive Session at 6:30 PM.

OPEN SESSION:

Open Session resumed at 7:11 PM. The Chairman noted that while in Executive Session three issues, as stated earlier, were discussed. County Council made no decisions and no votes were taken while in Executive Session.

Being no further business to discuss, Councilman Charlton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM

Date Approved

Clerk to Council

