

A regular meeting of the Georgetown County Council was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2005 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 E. Floyd
 John M. Tolar

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure adopted by Georgetown County Council, the Council is to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman at the first meeting in January following each general election.

Chairman Hemingway opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairman. Councilman Oakley nominated Councilman Sel Hemingway to serve another term as Chairman of Georgetown County Council. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. No discussion followed the motion.

Councilman Oakley made a motion to close the nominations. Councilman Drayton seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and Councilman Sel Hemingway was elected, by acclamation, to serve for the next two years as Chairman of County Council.

Chairman Hemingway opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of County Council. Councilman Oakley nominated Councilman Johnny Morant to serve another term as Vice Chairman. Councilman Drayton seconded the motion. No discussion occurred.

Councilwoman Rudolph made a motion to close the nominations. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. No discussion occurred. By acclamation of County Council, Councilman Johnny Morant was elected to serve as Vice Chairman of County Council for the next two years.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The following additions/changes were made to the agenda: a request to defer second reading of Ordinance #2004-89, deferral of a report related to granting an airport property easement to Mr. Louis Herman, and deferral of a report related to pursuing two property parcels located at South Litchfield Beach. A revised report was provided for agenda item 13a, a bid for various vehicles.

Councilman Charlton moved to approve the agenda as amended. 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
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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 November 23, 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 December 14, 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

Abstained: David L. Hood

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Ordinance #2004-85

A public hearing was held on Ordinance #2004-85, an Ordinance to amend the FY 2004-2005 Budget Ordinance adopted by Georgetown County Council, in order to appropriate additional funds. There were no public comments and Chairman Hemingway declared the public hearing closed.

Ordinance #2004-88

A public hearing was held on Ordinance #2004-88, an Ordinance to amend the FY 2004-2005 Budget Ordinance to carry funds forward from the prior year. There were no public comments and Chairman Hemingway declared the public hearing closed.

Ordinance #2004-89

A public hearing was held on Ordinance #2004-89, an Ordinance to authorize Georgetown County to lease property, owned by Georgetown County, located on Cleland Street, to the Tiller Group. There were no public comments and Chairman Hemingway declared the public hearing closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion was made by Councilman Hood, and seconded by Councilman Morant, to adopt a Resolution supporting the Georgetown County Board of Disabilities & Special Needs efforts to seek federal funding to assist the program with purchasing a van to provide transportation to disabled citizens. There was no discussion following the motion.

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ORDINANCES – THIRD READING:

Ordinance #2004-81

Councilman Oakley made a motion to approve third reading of Ordinance #2004-81 amending the Georgetown County Zoning Ordinance, Article III, and Section 380 regarding definitions for gaming vessels. Councilman Hood seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for discussion on the motion. There was none.

In Favor: Ron L. Charlton Johnny Morant
 Thomas Earl Drayton Jerry Oakley
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Ordinance #2004-84

Ordinance #2004-84, an Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds of Georgetown County, South Carolina, Series 2005, or such other appropriate series designation, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$2,500,000; fixing the form and details of the Bonds; authorizing the Administrator of the County to determine certain matters relating to the disposition of the proceeds thereof; and other matters relating thereto was deferred pending a public hearing which was scheduled for January 25, 2005.

Ordinance #2004-85

Councilman Morant made a motion to grant third reading approval of Ordinance #2004-85, an Ordinance to amend the FY 2004-2005 Budget Ordinance adopted by Georgetown County Council in order to appropriate additional funds. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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Ordinance #2004-86

Councilman Drayton moved to grant third reading approval of Ordinance #2004-86, an Ordinance to authorize Georgetown County to lease property, owned by Georgetown County, and located on East Main Street in Andrews, South Carolina, to the South Carolina Employment Security Commission and Waccamaw Regional Planning and Development Council. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

Ordinance #2004-76

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

Ordinance #2004-88

Councilman Charlton moved to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2004-88, an Ordinance to amend the FY 2004-2005 Budget Ordinance to carry funds forward from the prior year. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

In Favor: Ron L. Charlton Johnny Morant
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Ordinance #2004-89

Ordinance #2004-89, authorizing Georgetown County to lease property located on Cleland Street to the Tiller Group, was deferred.

Ordinance #2004-90

Councilwoman Rudolph moved to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2004-90, an Ordinance to postpone the implementation of a countywide property reassessment for Georgetown County. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. No discussion followed.

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

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

Ordinance #2005-01 – An Amendment to the Waccamaw Community Hospital Planned Development Master Conceptual Plan.

Ordinance #2005-02 –An amendment to the Master Sign Plan as it relates to commercial parcels for the Allston Plantation Planned Development.

Ordinance #2005-03 - An Ordinance to adopt International Building Codes for Georgetown County, South Carolina.

BIDS:

Bid #04-060 – Various Vehicles

Prior to discussion related to Bid #04-060, Chairman Hemingway disclosed a conflict of interest in his participation in discussion or voting on this bid item, and requested to be recused.

Chairman Hemingway's letter of request will be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting by reference. Vice Chairman Johnny Morant presided over this portion of the meeting.

Councilman Hood made a motion to award bids for various vehicles, as outlined below, for several County departments to the following vendors:

Storm Water Management (new vehicle placement) - (1) Utility Truck (2005 Jeep Liberty) awarded to Benson Chrysler Dodge Jeep for the State contract price of \$15,898.00;

Mosquito Control (fleet replacement) - (1) 3/4 Ton Pick-Up Truck, Regular Cab, 8' Body (2004 Chevrolet) awarded to Love Chevrolet for the State contract price of \$14,300.00;

Public Works (fleet replacement) - (1) Compact Pick-Up Truck (2005 Ford Ranger) awarded to the low bidder, Hemingway Ford Company, at \$12,799.00;

Midway Fire/Rescue (fleet replacement) - (1) Truck, 4x4 Utility Full Size Flex-Fuel Engine, 4-Door (2005 Ford Expedition) awarded to the low bidder, Palmetto Ford, at \$25,584.00;

Facility Services (fleet replacement) - (1) Cab & Chassis, 9,200 GVWR Single Wheel Drive, (2005 Ford F-250) awarded to the low bidder, Hemingway Ford, at \$21,089.18;

Delinquent Tax (fleet replacement) - (1) Intermediate 4-Door Sedan with Keyless Entry (2005 Ford Taurus) awarded to Vic Bailey Ford at the State contract price of \$13,488.00;

Sheriff's Department (21 fleet replacements) - (16) Sedan, Pursuit Patrol (2005 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor) awarded to the low bidder, Vic Bailey Ford at \$359,488.00, (2) Sedan, Unmarked Patrol (2005 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor) awarded to Vic Bailey Ford, the low bidder at \$41,048.00, (2) Sedan, Special Patrol Intermediate Unmarked (2005 Chevrolet Impala) awarded to the low bidder, Simpsonville Chevrolet, at \$34,121.28, (1) Ford Mustang or equivalent (2005 Ford Mustang GT) awarded to the low bidder, Palmetto Ford, at \$21,249.00.

Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Morant asked for discussion. There was none.

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| | David L. Hood | Helen Rudolph |

Absent: Sel Hemingway

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

Delinquent Property Tax Collection – Status Report

County Auditor, Edna Freeman, and County Finance Director, Scott Proctor provided County Council with a status report on issues surrounding the collection of delinquent personal property taxes and the efforts being made to “clean up” the County's Tax Books by collecting outstanding delinquent taxes or removing property that no longer exists or other erroneous records.

Chairman Sel Hemingway questioned whether there are existing State Law or if County Council could adopt local laws to assist the County in enforcing the collection of these back taxes. He asked the County Attorney to look into the matter and advise if additional avenues are available to the County.

Beautification Committee – Year End Report

Georgetown County Beautification Committee Chairman, Harrison Hall, provided County Council with an informational year-end report on behalf of the Committee. The report included the Committee's accomplishments throughout the past year and goals for the upcoming year.

Economic Development Department – Approval of New Logo

Councilman Oakley moved to grant conceptual approval of a proposed new logo for the Georgetown County Economic Development Department, and authorize staff to work with the Georgetown County Visitor's Bureau and Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce to implement the "shared" logo. Councilman Hood seconded the motion. No discussion followed.

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All American City Application

Councilman Hood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Charlton, to approve the submission of an application for the All-American City Award on behalf of Georgetown County. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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Airport Property Easement

A report regarding a request to grant an easement of airport property to an adjacent property owner was deferred. No action was taken by County Council on this issue.

Recreational Park Development

Councilman Morant made a motion to approve an appropriation of \$46,132 from the fund balance of the Parks and Recreation Special Revenue Fund for recreational park development in the Oceda, Pee Dee, and Dunbar communities. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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Acquisition of Property in South Litchfield Beach Area

County Council deferred discussion and action on a report regarding acquiring two parcels of property located at South Litchfield Beach.

Modification of Landscape Design for Morse Landing Park

Councilman Oakley moved to approve a request from the Murrells Inlet Special Area Management Program (SAMP) Oversight Committee to modify the previously approved landscape design for Morse Landing Park, correcting the location of the park property line and the location of pervious pavement. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. None occurred.

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Being no further business to discuss, Councilman Ron Charlton moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Date Approved

Clerk to Council