

A regular meeting of the Georgetown County Council was held on Tuesday, March 8, 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.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The following changes were made to the agenda: a legal issue was added to the agenda for discussion in Executive Session, and it was noted that Ordinance #2005-17, being introduced for first reading amends Ordinance #96-25 as opposed to #91-36 as stated in the title.

Councilman Charlton moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. None occurred.

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

Randy Kinard

Mr. Kinard voiced opposition to Ordinance #2005-20 granting an easement or leasing property to Mr. Herman Lewis. Mr. Kinard stated that he opposed any individual conducting personal business on County owned or public property.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Morant to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Session of February 22, 2005. 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
 David L. Hood

CONSENT AGENDA:

The following item was listed on the Consent Agenda and approved previously in the meeting:

Ordinance #2005-07 - An Ordinance to rezone one (1) parcel totaling 0.51-acres of property, located east of Parkersville Road, between Decker Lane and Johanna Lane, from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) to General Residential (GR) – Third reading approval.

RESOLUTIONS:

Proclamation #2005-06 – Recognition of Choppee Partners

A motion was made by Councilman Charlton, and seconded by Councilman Morant to adopt a Proclamation recognizing various agencies for their contribution to improving the quality of life in Georgetown County demonstrated by their efforts to establish a community based health center in the Choppee area. The following agencies were recognized: Georgetown County Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Georgetown County Diabetes CORE, St. James–Santee Health Center, Georgetown County Department of Education, Primary Health Care Association, and the Waccamaw Center for Mental Health.

No discussion occurred following the motion.

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

Resolution #2005-07 – Declaration of Intent to Reimburse

A motion was made by Councilman Charlton, and seconded by Councilwoman Rudolph, to adopt a Resolution, as required by United States Treasury regulations associated with Georgetown County’s lease purchase financing of various capital purchases.

No discussion occurred following the motion.

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

Ordinance #2005-01

Ordinance #2005-01, an amendment to the Waccamaw Community Hospital Planned Development, Master Conceptual Plan was deferred.

Ordinance #2005-04

Ordinance #2005-04, an amendment to the FY 2004- 2005 Operational Budget for Georgetown County, South Carolina, was deferred pending a public hearing on the ordinance.

Ordinance #2005-06

Ordinance #2005-06, to rezone four (4) parcels of property totaling approximately 1.44 acres, located on Little Tony Avenue, west of Murrells Inlet Road, from General Commercial to General Residential was deferred pending an ordinance to adopt the Comprehensive Plan.

Ordinance #2005-08

Ordinance #2005-08 amending the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Map 9.15 from Low Density Residential to High Density Residential was deferred pending a public hearing.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING:

Ordinance #2004 –76

Councilman Charlton moved to grant second reading approval of Ordinance #2004-76, an amendment to the Official Zoning Ordinance of Georgetown County in order to regulate tattoo parlors and other similar businesses. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

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

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

Ordinance #2005-05

Ordinance #2005-05, an Ordinance to amend the fee schedule for the Georgetown County Planning & Zoning Departments was deferred.

Ordinance #2005-09

Ordinance #2005-09, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 233 of 1986 establishing Rules and Regulations for the Operation and use of the Georgetown County Airport was deferred.

Ordinance #2005-10

Councilman Oakley made a motion to grant seconded reading approval of Ordinance #2005-10, an Ordinance to amend the Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use Map 9.15a from High Density Residential to Commercial for the area on Old Kings Highway north of Wachesaw East. Councilman Morant seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

In Favor:	Ron L. Charlton	Johnny Morant
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Ordinance #2005-11

Ordinance #2005-11, an Ordinance authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement between Georgetown County, South Carolina, and Agru/America, Inc. was deferred.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

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

Ordinance #2005-12 – An Ordinance to rezone a parcel of property totaling approximately .084 acres on the south side of Bellamy Avenue from General Commercial/General Residential to General Commercial.

Ordinance #2005-13 – An Ordinance to amend the Master Conceptual Plan for the Woodside Village Planned Development to allow for a Master Signage Plan for the commercial area.

Ordinance #2005-14 – An Ordinance to amend the Georgetown County Code of Ordinances, specifically an Ordinance in 1980 creating the Economic Opportunity Commission.

Ordinance #2005-15 – An Ordinance to amend the Georgetown County Code of Ordinances, specifically repealing Ordinance #91-36 creating the Georgetown County Arts Commission.

Ordinance #2005-16 – An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance #98-23 outlining the duties of the Georgetown County Transportation Committee.

Ordinance #2005-17 – An Ordinance to amend the Georgetown County Code of Ordinances, specifically Ordinance #96-25 titled “An Ordinance to create the Office of the Register of Mesne Conveyences”.

Ordinance #2005-18 – An Ordinance to amend Ordinance #2002-75 adopted by Georgetown County Council to authorize Georgetown County to convey an exclusive perpetual 60’ easement or right-of-way to Marhaygue, LLC.

Ordinance #2005-19 – An Ordinance to authorize the lease of property, owned by Georgetown County, to Seaside Utilities.

Ordinance #2005-20 – An Ordinance to authorize Georgetown County to lease property, owned by Georgetown County, to Louis Herman

BIDS:

Bid #99-28 – Detention Center Food Services

Councilman Oakley moved to authorize a six-month extension of an existing agreement with ABL, Management Inc. to provide food services at the County Detention Center to allow new bid specifications regarding this service to be formulated. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. None occurred.

In Favor:	Ron L. Charlton	Johnny Morant
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Bid #04-075 – LiDAR Aerial Photography

Councilman Charlton moved to authorize a Change Order to a contract for aerial photography with Photo Science Inc. to include 1-foot data contour for the Waccamaw Neck at an additional cost of \$79,000. Councilman Hood seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. There was none.

In Favor:	Ron L. Charlton	Johnny Morant
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Bid #05-009 – Slope Mower

Councilman Morant moved to award a bid for a slope mower to Kut-Kwik Corporation at the State Contract price of \$42,265.53. Councilman Oakley seconded the motion. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion.

Chairman Hemingway suggested that consideration be given to amending the language within The County's procurement policy to allow consideration of State contract pricing to satisfy the requirement that a certain number of bids are received.

In Favor: Ron L. Charlton Johnny Morant
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REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

Fiscal Year 2004-2004 Financial Report Update

Scott Proctor, Georgetown County Finance Director, presented County Council with a financial Report for FY 03-04.

Request for Communications Easement

Prior to discussion and voting on this issue, Councilman Ron Charlton disclosed a potential conflict of interest and requested to be recused from participation.

Councilman Oakley moved to authorize granting a communications easement/right-of-way to Time Warner Cable to provide underground cable installation to the Waccamaw Hospital. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drayton. No discussion followed the motion.

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

Absent: Ron L. Charlton

Recreation & Leisure Services – Standard Operating Procedures for Sporting Events

Councilman Oakley moved to approve proposed standard operating procedures for disciplinary action and appeals associated with sporting events sponsored by the Recreation & Leisure Services Department. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for discussion. There was none.

In Favor: Ron L. Charlton Johnny Morant
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Plantation Tours – Request for Road Maintenance Services

Councilman Hood made a motion, seconded by Councilman Charlton to approve a request to perform various road maintenance services in association with the Annual Plantation Tours. Chairman Hemingway asked for discussion. None occurred.

In Favor: Ron L. Charlton Johnny Morant
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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Charlton made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue. Councilwoman Rudolph seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for discussion. No discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ron L. Charlton	Johnny Morant
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County Council moved into Executive Session at 6:26 PM.

OPEN SESSION:

Open Session resumed at 7:10 PM. Chairman Hemingway noted that while in Executive Session County Council discussed a legal issue. No votes were taken by County Council while in Executive Session and no decisions were made.

Being no further business to discuss, Councilman Ron Charlton moved for adjournment at 7:11 PM.

Date Approved

Clerk to Council