

CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

R. Carlisle Roddey Chester County Government Building

1476 J.A. Cochran Bypass Chester, SC 29706

Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Present: Chairman Shane Stuart, Council Member Archie Lucas, Vice Chairman Joe Branham, Council Member Pete Wilson, Council Member Alex Oliphant, Council Member Brad Jordan, Council Member Mary Guy, Clerk to Council Karen Lee and County Attorney Joanie Winters.

- 1. Call to Order-**Meeting was called to order by Chairman Shane Stuart
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation-** Pledge was recited in unison; Council Member Lucas opened in prayer.
- 3. Approval of Minutes-December 4th, 2017 & December 19th, 2017 Council Minutes**
Council Member Guy motioned to approve the December 4th, 2017 minutes, second by Council Member Lucas. Council Member Jordan was absent from this meeting and did not vote. Vote was 5-0 to approve.

Council Member Lucas motioned to approve the December 19th, 2017 Council Minutes, second by Council Member Jordan. Vote was 6-0 to approve.

- 4. Citizen Comments-** No one signed up to speak.
- 5. Public Hearing-**No one signed up to speak.

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The 2017-2018 Chester County Budget Ordinance, In Certain Limited Particulars Only.**

6. Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations

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The 2017-2018 Chester County Budget Ordinance, In Certain Limited Particulars Only**

Council Member Oliphant motioned to approve, second by Council Member Guy. Council Member Oliphant asked if the County Attorney found out if the County was obligated to pay for additional years. County Attorney Winters stated she spoke with the vendor, they stated on the contract if you do not have signature capacity not to sign, but if you sign they are taken that as the person signing has the authorization. Chief Deputy Robert Sprouse signed the contract, the vendors believe since it was signed the County is locked in to the contract for four years. Vice Chairman Branham stated he did not understand how something like this slid through without Council's approval and signed by someone not empowered to do so. Council Member Jordan stated it was an issue of a grant where the deadline passed to get the monies, he stated this should not happen again someone needs to be on top of this. He also wanted to know who was responsible for writing or applying for the grant for this item (body cameras), he does not want to miss the deadline for it to be funded again.

Council Member Wilson stated at the previous meeting Council talked about updating the procurement policy and asked County Attorney Winters if she had any updates. County Attorney Winters stated she had changed the reporting requirements but was still working on it. She went on to say the procurement

policy procedure is as good as those who follows it. Council Member Jordan stated what happens to those who do not follow it. Attorney Winters stated in the policy now it states if someone enters into an agreement that was not approved, they could be held personable liable for the contract. There is also language in the policy the County could still have liability. Chairman Stuart stated for the record if this passes the amount would be \$ 251,786.86. Council Member Lucas stated he was opposed to paying Axon. He stated he was not throwing rocks at anybody, he can understand one mistake, we all make them, but two times is intentional. There has to be a line drawn so that we will not continue to overlook errors. Vote was 5-1 to approve. Council Member Lucas opposed.

b. Third Reading of An Ordinance Authorizing An Amendment To The Agreement For Development Of Joint County Industrial And Business Park (York And Chester Counties) To Enlarge The Boundaries Of The Joint County Industrial Park To Include Certain Real Property Located In York County; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve, second by Council Member Lucas. Vote was 6-0 to approve.

7. Old Business

a. Update Concerning Inmate Trash Collection Pickup-Chairman Stuart

Chairman Stuart stated 980 bags of trash was picked up in December along with 38 tires. Council Member Oliphant suggested having a running line from the start of when this program begin to show a running total of trash picked up. He stated he wished people doing this including himself were caught throwing or dumping trash and would have to pay a \$500.00 dollar fine.

8. New Business

a. Discussion Concerning Property on Dawson Drive-Vice Chairman Branham

Vice Chairman Branham stated he was approached by Betty Anderson who is a co-owner of the property. She had stated they would like to sell the property to the County if it could be used, it has a building on it and also a fence that's in good shape. The property is close to the Sheriff's Department and the Animal Shelter, he tried to get in touch with her concerning the price, but she must have been out of town. The property has a lot of possibilities and asked if this could be added to the January 16th meeting.

9. Boards and Commissions

a. Appoint Walker Jackson to the Construction Board of Appeals- Council Member Oliphant

Council Member Oliphant stated Mr. Jackson has construction and architect experience and would be a great fit on this board. Council Member Oliphant motioned to approve, second by Council Member Guy. Vote was 6-0 to approve.

10. Executive Session

Council Member Lucas motioned go into Executive Session, second by Council Member Guy. Vote was 6-0 to approve.

a. To Receive Legal Advice Concerning Economic Development Matter involving Project #1744.

11. Council Actions Following Executive Session

Council Member Guy motioned to go back to Regular Session, second by Council Member Jordan. Vote was 6-0 to approve.

- a. Action Taken Concerning Legal Advice Regarding Economic Development Matter Project # 1744. Chairman Stuart stated this was taken as information only.

12. Council Comments

Council Member Guy invited Council to the Martin Luther King parade January 14th.

Vice Chairman Branham wished everyone a prosperous New Year.

13. Adjourn

Council Member Lucas motioned to adjourn, second by Council Member Wilson. Vote was 6-0 to adjourn.

K. Shane Stuart, Chairman & County Supervisor

Karen Lee, Clerk to Council

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the Chester News & Reporter, The Herald in Rock Hill, SC, WSOC-TV, Channel 9 Eyewitness News, the Mfg. Housing Institute of SC, WRHI Radio Station, C&N2 News, WCNC News and Capitol Consultants were notified and a notice was posted on the bulletin board at the Chester County Government Building 24 hours prior to the meeting