

# CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## **R. Carlisle Roddey Chester County Government Complex**

1476 J.A. Cochran Bypass Chester, SC 29706

**Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 PM**

**Present:** Interim Chairman Dr. Wylie Frederick, Vice Chairman Joe Branham, Councilman William Killian, Councilman Mike Vaughn, Councilwoman Mary Guy, Councilman Pete Wilson, County Attorney Joanie Winters and Clerk to Council Karen Lee. **Absent:** Councilman Brad Jordan with prior notification.

1. **Call to Order-** Interim Chairman Dr. Wylie Frederick called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation-** Pledge was recited in unison; Councilwoman Guy gave the invocation.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. **December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 County Council Minutes.**

Councilman Wilson motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 4-0 to approve.  
Councilman Killian was not present at the December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting and did not vote.
4. **Citizen Comments**

John Agee, PO Box 9, Richburg, SC Finance Director for Richburg Fire Department, stated ordinance number 2021-24 had not had the approval from the Richburg Fire Protection Board and he was not in favor of Council passing this. He asked Council to withdraw the reading or delay it in order for him and the board to have clarity.
5. **Public Hearing-**None
6. **Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations**
  - a. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of 2021-23 An Ordinance To Adopt The Utility Development Regarding Construction, Financing And Ownership Of Wastewater Collection, Treatment And Discharge Facilities.**

County Attorney Winters stated this was to facilitate Fort Lawn and Gallo regarding anticipated additional use of wastewater collection and treatment the sewage and discharge. Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 5-0 to approve.
  - b. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of 2021-24 An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Not Exceeding \$160,000 Fire Protection District Improvement Revenue Bonds Of Chester County, South Carolina, For The Purpose Of Defraying The Cost Of Improvements To The Richburg Fire Protection District; Prescribing The Form And Details Of The Bond; Providing For The Payment Of The Principal Of And Interest On The Bond From The Revenues Derived From The Operation Of The System; Providing For The Acceptance And Administration Of Grants And Donations; Creating And Establishing Certain Funds And Accounts; And Making Other Covenants And Agreements In Connection With The Foregoing; And Other Related Matters.**

County Attorney Winters stated the ordinance was written by Mr. Kozlarek, since Mr. Agee was not in favor of this but would like more time for his board to review the document she suggested postponing until the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting so she or the Bond Attorney Michael Kozlarek could discuss this with Mr. Steele. Councilman Wilson motioned to postpone to January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 5-0 to postpone.

- c. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of 2021-25 An Ordinance To Amend the Chester County Ordinance No. 2021-4 The 2021-2022 Chester County Budget Ordinance, In Certain Limited Particulars Only. (Library Roof).**  
Attorney Winters stated at the last meeting the first reading was done by title only, the two were combined, they had been bifurcated so if there are any objections over this one or the next one (Radio Systems Manager) you would have clean hands. Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 5-0 to approve.
- d. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of 2021-26 An Ordinance To Amend The Chester County Ordinance No. 2021-4 The 2021-2022 Chester County Budget Ordinance, In Certain Limited Particulars Only. (Radio Systems Manager)**  
Councilman Wilson asked EMA Director Ed Darby if this would be enough work for a full-time position, this may need to be revisited in two or three years to add more duties. Mr. Darby stated yes, it was a ten-million-dollar project, this position would keep up with over 800 radios along with maintaining them. The Radio User Committee saw a need for this position, in the job description that they put together this position would also perform EMA duties. Councilman Wilson motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn Vote 5-0 to approve.

**7. Old Business**

- a. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of CCMA21-31: Raymond F. Reeves request Tax Map #: 079-03-02-007-000 (and to confirm tax map #: 079- 03-02-007-000 has been requested to be combined with 079-03-02- 008-000 is also included) located on First Street, Chester, SC be rezoned from RS-1 (Single Family) to RG-2 (General Residential). Planning Commission voted 7-0 to approve. Councilwoman Guy motioned to approve, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 5-0 to approve.**
- b. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading CCMA21-32: Mitch Benton request a 4.648 portion of Tax Map #: 080-01-02-001-000 located on JA Cochran By-Pass, Chester, SC be rezoned from RG-1 (Multi Family) to GC (General Commercial). Planning Commission voted 7-0 to approve. Councilman Wilson motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 5-0 to approve.**
- c. **From CCTC meeting 1-4-2021:**
  - 1. **Action taken to reimburse the Road Department for road maintenance from September 29th 2021, to December 3rd ,2021, in the amount of \$20,133.05 dollars. Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 5-0 to approve.**
  - 2. **Action taken regarding installing a sidewalk on the north side of Hwy 9 from Crenshaw Parkway to Edgeland Road. Vice Chairman Branham motioned to take action to apply for the SCDOT guide share fund, second by Councilman Wilson.**
  - 3. **Action taken regarding pedestrian traffic on Hwy 9 at the Gayle. Taken as information.**
  - 4. **Action taken regarding bridge repair/replacement on Ross Dye and Mountain Gap Road. Councilman Vaughn motioned that Council authorize Dr. Frederick with SCDOT to arrange a meeting with SCDOT to expedite bridges on Ross Dye and Mountain Gap Road, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 5-0 to approve.**
  - 5. **Action taken regarding the approval of a bid for C-fund to Lynches River Contracting in the amount of \$ 605,742.40 to resurface Minter and Pilgrim Road. Councilwoman Guy motioned to except the bid of \$605.742.40 to resurface Minter and Pilgrim Road, second by Councilman Killian. Vice Chairman Branham stated only Minter Road will be completely paved, Pilgrim Road will be partially paved. Councilman Killian withdrew his second**

and Councilwoman Guy withdrew her motion. She then motioned to approve the bid of \$605,742.40 to resurface Minter Road and to resurface two and half miles of Pilgrim Road, second by Councilman Killian. Vote 5-0 to approve.

6. **Action taken regarding project development processes for SCDOT managed “C “projects.**  
Taken as information.

8. **New Business**

- a. **Council to authorize Animal Control to apply for Two Mauds matching grant for \$5000 dollars.**  
Animal Control Director Kelly Simoneau. Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 5-0 to approve.

- b. **Discussion regarding overtime. - Councilman Wilson.**

Councilman Wilson stated starting in the new year he thought it would be a good time to look at overtime and asked Treasurer Tommy Darby to come to the podium. Mr. Darby stated the report from December 31<sup>st</sup> showed \$362,000 dollars had been spent in overtime. Through a five-year average for that six-month period, it showed \$350,000 so the County is right on target. The departments look good, the only one that may run over would be the EMS department. He had spoken with EMS Director Britt Lineberger, who stated to him they were seeing increases in calls along with employees call outs due to leave request and having significant leave accruals. They also have four employees who are on extended medical leave so other employees are having to cover those spots.

- c. **Appointments to the Grievance Committee- County Council.**

Vice Chairman Branham stated he would like to do a consent motion to approve all at one time.

Joe Roberts, Britt Lineberger, Suzette Elms, Charles Wells, Braylin Brown along with Sherri McCree and Lawanna Thompson as alternatives, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 5-0 to approve.

- d. **Nomination for Chester County Council Vice Chairman. -County Council.**

Councilman Vaughn motioned to nominate Joe Branham, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 5-0 to approve.

9. **Boards and Commissions- None**

10. **Executive Session-None**

11. **Council Actions Following Executive Session**

12. **Council Comments**

Councilwoman Guy stated the Martin Luther King annual parade will be January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Vaughn stated he would like to encourage everyone to get vaccinated against Covid.

Vice Chairman Branham wished everyone a prosperous New Year and enjoyed working with everyone. Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick thanked all the first responders for all they do.

13. **Adjourn-Councilman Killian motioned to adjourn, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 5-0 to adjourn.**

**Time: 7:00 PM**      *Karen Lee, Clerk to County Council*

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