



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

R. Carlisle Roddey Chester County Government Complex

1476 J.A. Cochran Bypass Chester, SC 29706

Monday, October 17, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Present: Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick, Vice Chairman Branham, Councilman Jordan, Councilwoman Guy, Councilman Wilson, Councilman Vaughn, County Attorney Winters, and Clerk to Council Lee.

Absent: Councilman Killian.

1. **Call to Order-** Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick called the meeting to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation-** Pledge was recited in unison; Councilwoman Guy gave the invocation.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **September 7th, 2022 Special Called Council minutes.**
Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 5-0 to approve.
 - b. **October 3rd, 2022 Council minutes.**
Councilman Jordan motioned to approve with a correction under citizens comments a typo to correct the attorney's last name Schusterman who was in favor of the rezoning of CCMA22-16, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 5-0 to approve.
4. **Citizen Comments-**None.
5. **Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations**
 - a. **Proclamation for First Responders Day.**
Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick read the proclamation aloud, all of Council gave a standing ovation to all First Responders of Chester County.
 - b. **Resolution 2022-12 to approve the 2022-2023 Departmental Organizational Charts.**
Under Public Works, an HVAC position was added, positions that were removed were two janitors, two grass cutters and one part time employee. In Economic Development, an Assistant Director was added. In Information Technology an GIS analyst position was added. Under Finance the chart was restructured which included dissolving the payroll clerk and added AP Coordinator. EMS added four EMT/AEMT positions, Fire Coordinator added four part time firefighters and Building & Zoning reclassified lead zoning back to Permit Zoning Specialist.

Councilman Wilson stated under the Sheriff's org chart General Legal Counsel was added and wanted to make sure the County Attorney has her work and the new general counsel to the Sheriff has hers and where those boundaries were for them to work together. He stated for the record "he voiced his concern about this new change that was put into effect last May".

Sheriff Dorsey stated in the general counsel job description it specifically states they would be in cooperation and coordination with the existing county and state legal resources. It was not to supersede or supplant it was to cooperate and coordinate with existing county resources. It was never his desire to replace or duplicate what exist now. It was his desire that his legal counsel work in conjunction with Council and Attorney Winters.

Councilman Wilson asked if Attorney Winters and the Sheriff's legal counsel could work out the boundaries and figure out job duties. He was looking for solutions, this council needs to know that anybody giving legal advice to you or anyone else needs to be good advice.

Councilman Jordan stated most Sheriff departments have their own legal counsel, York County does, he didn't know exactly what role they played he knew it was litigation.

Sheriff Dorsey stated legal counsel does not represent him, but the office of the sheriff, his purpose was to move the county forward. He has proven he is transparent by bringing everything to you.

Councilman Wilson asked if there were any other changes to his department on the org chart.

Sheriff Dorsey stated responsibility changes were added to PIO, and sex offender positions.

Councilman Wilson asked Sheriff Dorsey for future organization charts to list the changes on the chart so it will be clear in council packets from what the position was and what the changes would be.

Councilman Vaughn stated he thought under the Parks and Recreation position tourism was supposed to be added to the job title. He motioned to approve Parks Recreation and Tourism Director, second by Vice Chairman Branham.

Attorney Winters asked if that had been discussed, Clerk Karen Lee stated she didn't think that had been approved but would check.

Vice Chairman Branham stated it would be a good idea but not sure how it would work considering all the other duties in the job description. He would like to know exactly what they would be doing and wouldn't want to add more on them that they wouldn't have time to do. He stated he would like to look at the description again before voting on it.

Dr. Frederick stated if he recalled tourism was in the current job description.

Councilman Vaughn stated this was not only his opinion to include tourism to the job title but also the president of the Chamber of Commerce and everyone who is involved with tourism.

Councilwoman Guy stated if tourism is in the job description why not expound more on what is already there.

Vice Chairman Branham withdrew his second, Councilman Vaughn withdrew motion.

Attorney Winters stated they could change it up and expound more on the title and description and bring it back at the next council meeting. Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve the resolution with changes that were discussed and to be worked out at a later date, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 5-0 to approve.

6. Old Business

a. Update regarding naming a county road entrance off of J A Cochran Bypass-Robert Hall.

Mr. Hall stated the road was deeded to Chester County on April 9th, 2013, the road currently isn't named.

Councilman Vaughn motioned to name the street after Councilwoman Guy and call it "Mary's Lane" to commemorate her long years of service to Chester County, second by Vice Chairman Branham.

Vote 5-0 to approve.

7. New Business

a. Approval of Bid RFP 2223-03 Breathing Air Compressor System to Newton's Fire & Safety Equipment in the amount of \$88,715.48. – Susan Cok & Ben Grant.

Mrs. Cok stated they received one bid; they have \$80,000 dollars from the one cents sales tax and had spoken with Treasurer Tommy Darby who verified they could use contingency money for the remaining balance. Mr. Grant stated \$88,715.48 only covered the cost of the unit. Councilman Wilson asked if Public Works could do the installation and wiring. Mr. Hall stated yes. Councilman Wilson motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 5-0 to approve.

b. Council to authorize Richburg Fire Department to accept a partial grant from 2021 FEMA AFG Grant in the amount of \$90,000 dollars with a \$ 4285.72 dollar match, Federal government providing \$85,714.28 to purchase 12 MSA G1 Air packs. T. Melton. Councilman Jordan motioned to approve, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 5-0 to approve.

c. Council to approve Richburg Fire Department to apply for a 2022 SC Forestry Commission grant in the amount of \$10,000 dollars with a \$5000 dollar match to purchase a 13 Unication pagers. T. Melton. Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 5-0 to approve.

d. Discuss campground requirements in R3 (Rural Three) and R4 (Rural Four) zoning districts. - Councilman Vaughn. Councilman Vaughn stated a potential campground did not come to Chester because of the zoning regulations, with tourism growing in Chester County he had been receiving calls in the last year and half wanting to put campgrounds in the Great Falls area. He stated the ordinance is too restrictive thus making others go to other counties that have less restrictions. The current setback was 500 feet from all residential property lines in the R3 and R4 zoning district and suggested reducing that number to 200 feet. He asked Planning Director Mike Levister how much property was in R3 and R4.

Mr. Levister stated R3 had 1.20 % and R4 had 0.46%, he said R2 had 78.8%, the Planning Commission in 2010 removed R2 from the recommendation since R2 was the majority zoning of the County and they didn't want campgrounds to be all over the county If any changes were made it would go back to the Planning Commission for a text amendment to the zoning regulations.

Councilman Vaughn recommended changing the setback from 500 feet to 200 feet in R3 and R4 zoning district. He also suggested creating a special exception in R2 for campgrounds but keep the 500-foot setback from property lines.

Councilman Wilson asked if Councilman Vaughn's concern was people having to rezone there property to meet there needs since Council does that all the time with many parcels.

Councilman Vaughn stated there wasn't enough of R3 and R4 zoning in Chester County and they were taking their campgrounds to Lancaster County.

Mr. Levister stated that potential campground that didn't come here but went to Lancaster County still had the same issue there. The seller did not want to wait on him to have the property rezoned.

Vice Chairman Branham agreed stating with white water coming to Great Falls people would want to stay close by so having campgrounds in that area would be good.

Attorney Winters stated she would bring back language to the next meeting based on the conversation from tonight that was discussed.

8. Executive Session

Vice Chairman Branham motioned to go to executive session, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 5-0 to approve.

- a. Receive legal advice regarding Project Phoenix. Attorney Winters.
- b. Receive legal advice regarding the Coroner's Office. Attorney Winters.

9. Council Actions Following Executive Session

Councilwoman Guy motioned to go back to regular session, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 5-0 to approve.

- a. Action taken regarding Project Phoenix. Taken as information.
- b. Action taken regarding Coroner's Office. Taken as information.

10. Council Comments

Councilman Wilson asked what the timeline was for the next workshop with Mr. Compton. He specifically wants to know what the impact on Lewisville High School Road would be if the planned development was approved.

Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick stated a meeting for tomorrow was setup to iron things out and then set the date for the workshop.

Attorney Winters stated what was being discussed in the morning was to determine the cost of the Sheriff, EMS along with other first responders having to send a vehicle. Mr. Compton is the wrap up person once the data has been received.

11. Adjourn

Vice Chairman Branham motioned to adjourn, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 5-0 to adjourn.