

CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Lowrys Community Center
2266 Old York Road, Chester, SC

October 21st, 2019 Monday at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

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

- 1. Call to Order-**Chairman Stuart 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. October 1st, 2019 Capital Project Sales Tax Workshop Minutes.** Councilman Jordan motioned to approve, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.
 - b. October 7th, 2019 Council Minutes.** Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 6-0 to approve.
- 4. Citizen Comments**

Coach Donald Kingcade of 4102 Christine Lane, Chester stated he wanted to inform Chester County about the Community Christian College based out of Remonds, California, currently they play at Joe Collins Stadium in Chester and housed in Lancaster, SC. They have athletics from all over who attend the college online. He asked if he could give Council more information and needs at a future meeting and would like to build in Chester.
- 5. Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations**
 - a. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2019-11 An Ordinance To Provide For An Election In Chester County, South Carolina To Determine The Wishes Of The Qualified Electors Of The County With Reference To Whether The County Should Adopt The Council-Administrator Form Of Government With Six (6) Council Members Elected From Single Member Districts And A Council Member Elected At Large Or Whether The County Should Keep Its Present Form Of County Government (County-Supervisor With Six (6) Council Members); The Referendum To Be Called In Accord With Section 4-9-10, S.C. Code Of Laws 1976 As Amended.** Councilman Wilson motioned to approve, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.
 - b. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2019-14 - To Amend the Enabling Act for the Medical Responder Advisory Council.** County Attorney Winters stated the name changes from Council to Commission. Councilwoman Guy motioned to approve, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.

c. **Resolution 2019-25 Appointing the Members of the 2019-2020 Capital Sales Tax Commission (“Commission) and other related matters.** Chairman Stuart read aloud the appointees: Herbert Lutz, Jr., Kelvin Moyd, Sylvia Jennings. City of Chester representative Dr. Jacques Days, Great Falls representative Larry Loflin and Fort Lawn representative Brenda McDow. He stated the commission of citizens who were appointed will go through a list of items that voters would approve later next year. Chairman Stuart motioned to approve, second by Councilman Oliphant. Vote 6-0 to approve.

d. **Resolution 2019-28 To Adopt the Third Amendment to Lease Agreement with South Carolina Medical University.** Councilman Jordan asked why the Church Street Clinic was being removed. Attorney Winters stated they were restructuring along with doing inventory, the clinic was one of the issues. The first amendment was to assign the lease agreement from HMA to MUSC, the second amendment was to change wording such as the name from MUSC to South Carolina Medical University. The third amendment will remove the church street clinic from the lease. Chairman Stuart motioned to approve, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 6-0 to approve.

6. Old Business

a. **Litter Report for September and Litter Enforcement Report-Chairman Stuart.**

Chairman Stuart stated 590 bags of trash were picked up in the month of September. Also, people were issued tickets and fined in September in the amount \$5662.50 dollars through litter enforcement.

b. **Update of County Seal Placement on County Vehicles- Vice Chairman Branham**

Vice Chairman Branham asked if the permanent seals had been placed on all the county vehicles and if all county vehicles had numbers. Chairman Stuart stated the seals were on order and waiting on them to come in. He was not sure how many County vehicles did not have permanent seals or numbers. Vice Chairman Branham motioned have permanent seals on County vehicles and vehicle numbers on the rear of County vehicles, second by Councilman Wilson.

Councilman Oliphant stated the actual question was whether the Supervisor and the Coroner had permanent seals on their vehicle and if all vehicles had been numbered since it was the will of Council. Councilman Wilson stated he would like to have this agenda item placed on the November 4th agenda for an update to consider whether Council would sell the vehicle the County Supervisor drives. Vote 6-0 to approve.

7. New Business

a. **Approval of Bid: Tanks for 3 Tanker Trucks in the amount of \$247,478.14-Bond Monies. Susan Cok/Barkley Ramsey.** Councilman Jordan motioned to approve Leslie Welding & Fabrication, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 6-0 to approve.

b. **Discuss the Addition of a School Resource Officer- Sheriff Max Dorsey.**

Sheriff Dorsey stated with the approval of Council and the School District, the SRO would be placed at the Chester Park School. Councilman Oliphant motioned to adopt a resolution to amend the Sheriff’s Org Chart to add an additional SRO officer upon the approval of the school district, use the money the State funds for the SRO as long as the State funds it, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 6-0 to approve.

c. **Discuss Cost Estimates for Capital Project Sales and Use Tax- Matt Hines.**

Matt Hines, Engineer Manager, Dennis Corporation stated Chairman Stuart asked him to provide assistance for cost estimates for the new animal shelter, recycling center improvements, library parking improvements, courthouse parking and building improvements and the County Government building improvements to be considered in the capital sales tax commission. Councilman Oliphant motioned to take money out of the fund balance in the amount of \$34,000 dollars, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.

- d. **Discuss Tickets for County Employees to Attend Gigs at the Gateway-Councilman Oliphant.** Councilman Oliphant motioned to buy each county employee two tickets, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 4-2 to approve. Councilman Wilson and Vice Chairman Branham opposed.
- e. **Consideration for Local ATAX Funding for the Town of Lowrys Holiday Events. -Mayor Joseph Wilson.** Councilwoman Guy motioned to approve the allocation of \$1987.50 for the Town of Lowrys Christmas Events, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 6-0 to approve.
- f. **Consideration for Local ATAX Funding for the Fort Lawn Community Center Holiday Events. Libby Sweatt Lambert.** Councilman Wilson motioned to approve the allocation of \$4318.50 for the Fort Fort Lawn Community Holiday Events, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.
- g. **Discuss Fishing Creek Access Area Leasing to Chester County-Councilman Vaughn.** Councilman Vaughn stated the fishing creek access is located on Hwy 21 outside of Great Falls, Duke Energy proposes to make changes by including a swimming area, fishing pier, additional parking along with non-project campsites, office building along with a non-project concession stand. The non-project means Duke will not fund them. They have a proposed lease agreement inquiring if the County was interested, Councilman Vaughn stated he planned to gather more information on the cost and projected revenue and bring it back at a future meeting.
- h. **Discuss Salary for the Economic Development Director.** Chairman Stuart stated the County was in the process of hiring a new economic developer, the current salary was \$88,400 dollars. Comparable' s from surrounding counties indicates Chester's salary is low. The median was \$115,000. Chairman Stuart motioned to amend the budget pro rata in title only in the amount of \$166,471.51 cent for the economic development, second by Councilman Oliphant. Vote 5-1 to approve. Councilman Wilson opposed.

8. Boards and Commissions

- a. **Resignation of Bill Clark from the Lewis Fire Protection Tax District Board- Councilwoman Guy.** Councilwoman Guy motioned to accept Bill Clark's resignation, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.
- b. **Appoint Anthony Williams to the Lewis Fire Protection Tax District Board-Councilwoman Guy.** Councilwoman Guy motioned to approve Anthony Williams, second by Councilman Oliphant. Vote 6-0 to approve.

9. Council Comments

Councilman Oliphant stated how awesome the building was and this is what restoration looks like.

10. **Adjourn-Councilman Jordan motioned to adjourn, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 6-0 to adjourn.**

Time: 7:43 pm.

K. Shane Stuart, County Supervisor & Chairman

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.