

CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

R. Carlisle Roddey Government Complex

1476 J A Cochran Bypass, Chester, SC

October 7th, 2019 Monday started after the CCTC meeting that met at 6:30 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. **Approval of September 16th, 2019 Council Minutes**
Councilman Jordan motioned to approve, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 5-0 to approve.
Vice Chairman was out of town for the Sept. 16th meeting and did not vote.
4. **Citizen Comments**

Diane Holcomb of 1687 Orrs Station Road, Chester, SC had concerns of how tax payer's money is spent.
5. **Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations**
 - a. **Proclamation Recognizing National 4-H Week in Chester County.**
Chairman Stuart and Council recognized October 6-12, 2019 as National 4-H week.
 - b. **Resolution 2019-26 to Partner on 2020 Census Partnership.**
Chairman Stuart motioned to approve, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 6-0 to approve.
 - c. **Resolution 2019-27 Creation of the 2020 Chester County Complete Count Committee**
Chairman Stuart motioned to approve, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.
 - d. **1st 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.** Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.
 - e. **1st Reading of Ordinance 2019-14 - To Amend the Enabling Act for the Medical Responder Advisory Council.** Councilwoman Guy motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 6-0 to approve.
 - f. **Resolution 2019-24 -To Amend the Chester County Employee Handbook Policy 1-13 Transportation and Travel/Maintenance and Care of County Vehicles, Section 1(a), Maintenance.**
Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve, second by Councilman Oliphant. Vote 6-0 to approve.

g. Resolution 2019-25 Appointing the Members of the 2019-2020 Capital Projects Sales and Use Tax Commission (“Commission”); And Other Related Matters. Bond Attorney Michael Kozlarek had several conversations with the City of Chester’s appointee and verified Dr. Jacques Days was ready to appoint a citizen from Great Falls. The other resident he considered did not live in Fort Lawn but will hopefully have some to appoint from that municipality. Mr. Kozlarek, if Dr. Days does not appoint the two openings that would give Chester County Council the option to appoint them. Councilwoman Guy motioned to appoint Kelvin Moyd for the second Counties appointment, second by Councilman Oliphant. Vote 6-0 to approve. Vice Chairman Branham motioned to appoint Sylvia Jennings for the third Counties appointment, second by Chairman Stuart. Vote 6-0 to approve.

6. Old Business

a. Impact Fee Study Discussion- Cole McKinney, Catawba Regional Council of Governments

Cole McKinney, gave an update on the Capital Improvement Project and Impact Fee and stated the capital improvement project must be completed prior to conducting the impact fee study. He told Council he had received some information back from some of the department heads but needs all of them to proceed. Once all forms are received back along with other information, they can deliver the CIP to Council for adoption consideration and develop and deliver the impact fee study for adoption consideration by the first quarter of 2020.

b. Approval of Three-Year Contract with Tru Vista for Great Falls War Memorial Building-Susan Cok Chairman Stuart motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 6-0 to approve.

c. From CCTC: Action Taken Regarding Baseball Alley

Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve Lineberger Construction for the amount of \$519,308.37 dollars, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 6-0 to approve.

d. Update as to County Council’s Investigation by Outside Counsel-Councilman Wilson

Councilman Wilson gave an update of the Council’s investigation from outside Counsel Attorney Thomas Morgan concerning the incident at Manhattan Lounge April 29th, 2019. Attorney Morgan had spoken to multiple people and plans to speak to more and present in open session a detailed report and his findings to Council at the November 4th, 2019 Council meeting.

7. New Business

a. Discuss Photo Voice Project for Alcohol and Tobacco Advertisement-Melody Reid-Hazel Pittman

Prevention Director. Melody Reid, April Spruell and Elizabeth Rowe along with students from Lewisville and Chester High School presented a project they had been working on called content neutral advertising to change tobacco and alcohol advertising in Chester County especially for vaping. They asked Council if they would consider adopting a local ordinance to limit the number of signs for tobacco and alcohol on store fronts.

b. Gigs at The Gateway-Karlisa Parker Dean-Economic Developer

Karlisa Parker Dean, talked about the Gigs at the Gateway that will take place November 7th, at 8:00 pm, which would be the first entertainment series held there with many more to come. The Blue Dogs will be playing who have opened up for Hootie and the Blowfish. She also thanked everyone who has been a part of this especially the sponsors of the event.

c. Discuss Adding Media Packets to the County Website.

Councilman Oliphant, would like to add media packets to the County website so citizens can access information for any upcoming meetings the County has whether they are from Building & Zoning, County Council etc. He asked IT Director David Schuelke if he could put something together and present it back to them and go from there. Attorney Winters was also asked to draft a memo of guidance of what should be redacted.

d. Discuss Replacing the Heat Boiler at the Court House-Ellis Faulkner

Public Works Director Ellis Faulkner told Council the boiler at the court house needed to be replaced. The boiler was put in in the 1987, they had it inspected and was told by the inspector recommended not starting it up. They have asked to have it replaced for the last three years at when the budget process starts. The cost to replace would run around \$30 to \$50,000 dollars. He asked Council if they could approve it through an emergency to circumvent the purchasing process, which is in the procurement policy. Chairman Stuart motioned to declare the heat boiler an emergency in the Court House to suspend the procurement policy, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.

8. Boards and Commissions

a. Appointment of Michael Harrington to the Hazel Pittman Center Board-Councilman Jordan

Councilman Jordan motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 5-0 to approve. Councilman Oliphant had stepped out of the meeting.

b. Resignation of Trina A. McFadden from the Fort Lawn Fire Protection Commission- Councilman Jordan.

Councilman Jordan motioned to accept Trina A. McFadden's Resignation, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 5-0 to approve. Councilman Oliphant had not returned to the meeting.

c. Appointment of James E. Lipscomb to the Fort Lawn Fire Protection Commission-Councilman Jordan

Councilman Jordan motioned to approve, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 6-0 to approve. Councilman Oliphant had returned to the meeting.

9. Executive Session-Councilman Jordan motioned to go Executive Session, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 6-0 to approve.

a. Receive Legal Advice on County Property

Councilman Wilson came out of the meeting when he heard what they were discussing. Siting his brother was on the board and he shares a business with him as well.

10. Council Actions Following Executive Session- Councilman Jordan motioned to go back to Regular Session, second by Vice Chairman Branham.

b. Action Taken Regarding Legal Advice on County Property- Taken as information only.

11. Council Comments-Councilman Wilson reminded everyone the next Council meeting would be held in Lowrys at the Community Center.

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

Time 8:30 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.