

# CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**R. Carlisle Roddey Government Complex**  
1476 J A Cochran Bypass, Chester, SC  
**Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

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

1. **Call to Order**-Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick called the meeting to order. He asked for a motion to remove agenda item 7.g. Councilwoman Guy motioned to remove, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Councilman Wilson asked to keep it on the agenda for questions. Vice Chairman Branham withdrew his second, Councilwoman Guy withdrew her motion. Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick asked for a motion to accept the agenda, Vice Chairman Branham motioned to accept the agenda, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 6-0 to approve.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**- Pledge was recited in unison; Councilwoman Guy gave the invocation.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. **November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 Council minutes.**  
Councilman Jordan motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 6-0 to approve.
4. **Citizen Comments**

Roxanne James of 3007 Steele Village Dr, Rock Hill SC said it was time for Chester County Council to choose tourism and recreation.
5. **Public Hearing**- Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick open the public hearing and stated on one signed up to speak.
  - a. **3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2020-34** An ordinance to create an AD Hoc committee for Burnt House Meeting Cemetery advisory committee and adopt its enabling act.
  - b. **3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2020-32** An ordinance to amend Chester County ordinance No. 2020-16 the 2020-2021 Chester County budget ordinance in certain limited particulars only. *Unfreeze certain positions.*

Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick closed the public hearing.
6. **Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations**
  - a. **3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2020-34** An ordinance to create an AD Hoc committee for Burnt House Meeting Cemetery advisory committee and adopt its enabling act.  
Councilman Oliphant motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 6-0 to approve.
  - b. **3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2020-32** An ordinance to amend Chester County ordinance No. 2020-16 the 2020-2021 Chester County budget ordinance in certain limited particulars only. *Unfreeze certain positions.*  
Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 6-0 to approve.
  - c. **Declaration 2020-5** A Declaration of a Continued State of Emergency for Chester County.  
Councilwoman Guy motioned to extend the state of emergency until January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**d. Resolution 2020-26 Declaring the Results of the 2020 Capital Projects Sales and Use Tax Referendum; And Other Related Matters. Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 6-0 to approve.**

## **7. Old Business**

**a. Update regarding widening Murdock Road- Vice Chairman Branham.**

Vice Chairman Branham motioned to add Murdock Road to the existing CCTC road list, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**b. Council to consider to temporally close or repair Deer Branch Road– Councilman Vaughn.**

Council asked County Attorney Winters to obtain information to see if Deer Branch Road could be closed and bring it back to a future meeting.

**c. Update on funding and planning for the new animal shelter-Councilman Wilson.**

Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick gave an update after visiting other county animal shelters that ranged in the amount of 3.3 million dollars which exceeded 1.3 million dollars the county currently has. There could be alternative funding revenues to make it happen, he looked at their policies, handbooks and leadership and stated the facility should be able to accommodate our goals. He knows this has been discussed for a long time and it needs to move forward but wants to have a good animal shelter.

**d. Update on Pinckney Road & Eureka Community Project and derelict houses and vehicles in**

**Chester County. Councilman Oliphant.** Councilman Oliphant thanked Planning Director Mike Levister for the list he provided showing how many properties had been identified by RCI to be abated. He asked if Council could receive a spreadsheet on a regular basis showing what the issue was with the property along with the address and what the status is. It was discussed to have IT Director David Schuelke create a form where citizens can click the link on the website to make complaints about litter, derelict houses and vehicles. Councilman Wilson suggested waiting until the next meeting to give Dr. Frederick time to talk to his staff in order to put a plan together so Council could be on board as well.

**e. Information regarding Palmetto Pride- Councilman Oliphant.**

Mallory Coffey from Palmetto Pride gave a presentation as to how Chester County could receive grant money to help keep the county clean.

**f. Private organizations raising money for County Projects-Councilman Oliphant.**

Councilman Oliphant stated procedures needed to be worked out in order for private organizations to raise money for county projects so they would know the steps they have to take to eliminate any confusing. Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick stated they were working on procedures to make that happen and hoped to have it in place by January of next year.

**g. Update on plans for a spec building and grant from SC Commerce to support a spec building.**

**-Economic Developer Robert Long.** Mr. Long stated GITI had offered around twenty acres in the past and currently there were waiting on a survey to be completed, once that's done, he would come back with more information on that tract to see if Council wants to receive the site for the spec building. Attorney Winters said a secondary site was identified as well and wouldn't be as problematic or as expensive since the first site was landlocked. Also, Council was never presented any information on the second site, it would be helpful for them to know where the second site is and have more information presented to Council moving forward. Mr. Long said there could be a better option they were still in the evaluation process and would keep Council updated.

**h. October Litter report and Litter/Nuisance Abatement Report-Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick.**

Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick stated 535 bags of trash were picked up in October.

**8. New Business**

**a. Approval of bid for Rodman Grading-Soccer fields in the amount of \$148,509.00-Procurement Director Susan Cok.** Councilman Jordan motioned to approve, second by Councilman Oliphant. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**b. PARD grant monies for parks. – Moral Wellness Director Anthony Worthy.**

Mr. Worthy stated the money would be used to put down mulch on all the parks, add a fence at the Gayle park and add new grill bottoms. The total cost was \$31,415, the PARD grant would cover \$ 25,132 leaving the County to pay only \$ 6,283.00. Councilwoman Guy motioned to allow Moral Wellness Director Anthony Worthy to apply for the grant, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**9. Boards and Commissions**

**a. Appointments to the Ad-Hoc committee for Burnt House Meeting Cemetery.**

Councilman Oliphant motioned to appoint Gloria Kellarhals, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 6-0 to approve.

Councilman Oliphant motioned to appoint Roxann James, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 6-0 to approve.

Councilman Jordan motioned to appoint Harry Fudge, second by Councilman Oliphant. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**10. Executive Session**-Councilman Oliphant motioned to go to Executive Session, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**a.** To receive legal advice regarding a potential economic development matter. -Attorney Winters

**b.** To discuss economic development project 2024. - Attorney Winters.

**c.** To discuss economic development project 2026.- Attorney Winters

**d.** To discuss economic development project 2038-Attorney Winters

**11. Council Actions Following Executive Session**-Councilman Oliphant motioned to go back to Regular Session, Second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**a.** Action taken regarding legal advice for a potential economic development matter. Taken as information.

**b.** Action taken regarding economic development project 2024. Taken as information.

**c.** Action taken regarding economic development project 2026. Taken as information.

**d.** Action taken regarding economic development project 2038. Taken as information.

**12. Council Comments**-No comments.

**13. Adjourn**-Councilman Vaughn motioned to adjourn, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 6-0 to approve.

  
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Karen Lee, Clerk to Council

Time: 9:15 PM

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.