



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

R. Carlisle Roddey Chester County Government Complex

1476 J.A. Cochran Bypass Chester, SC 29706

Monday, December 5, 2022 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

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

1. **Call to Order-** Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick called the meeting to order. He called for a motion to amend the agenda to remove 6.a., 9.a. and 9.b along with 10.a. and 10.b. Councilman Vaughn motioned to remove items 6.a. 9. a. 9.b. 10. a. and 10.b., second by Vice Chairman Branham. 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 18, 2022 Special Called Minutes.**
Councilwoman Guy motioned to approve, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 5-0 to approve.
 - b. **November 21, 2022 Council Minutes.**
Councilwoman Guy motioned to approve, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 5-0 to approve.
 - c. **November 28th, 2022 Special Called Minutes.**
Councilman Jordan motioned to approve, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.
4. **Citizens' Comments**

David Claytor spoke regarding the need of funding for BLK Festival that would be held January 13th through January 16th, 2023.
5. **Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations**
 - a. **Proclamation to honor the service of Councilwoman Mary Guy.**

Dr. Frederick read the proclamation aloud, he and Council thanked Councilwoman Guy for her fifteen years of service for District Five, which she carried on the significant work of her beloved husband, George "Bunny" Guy following his passing. She served her residents without prejudice and was a strong advocate for her district. She helped guide Chester County through many difficult decisions and was the voice of faith opening up County Council meetings with her thoughtful and reverent prayers for fifteen years.
 - b. **Proclamation to honor the service of Councilman Brad Jordan.**

Dr. Frederick read the proclamation aloud, he and Council thanked Councilman Jordan for his fifteen years of service for District One. He served his residents without prejudice all while running a private business and raising an active family. He was also a strong advocate for his district and guided Chester County through many difficult decisions. He made many positive contributions to Chester County and shown tireless devotion for the quest to provide a better quality of life for the citizens of Chester County.

c. Proclamation to honor the service of Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick.

Vice Chairman Branham read the proclamation aloud, he and Council thanked Interim Dr. Wyle Frederick for his service for the past two years as Interim County Supervisor. He agreed to step in and assist Chester County during a difficult time and was able to navigate the County through such times. The County was grateful for his service and willingness to serve during the interim period.

d. 2022-18 1st reading in title only An Ordinance Authorizing An Amendment To The Master Agreement Governing The York-Chester Industrial Park By And Between Chester County, South Carolina (The “County”) And York County, South Carolina (“York County”) To Enlarge The Boundaries Of The Joint County Industrial Park To Include Certain Real Property Located In Chester County; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 6-0 to approve.

e. 2022 -20 A Resolution Committing Chester County (1) To Enter Into, Execute And Deliver A Fee Agreement With A Company Identified Under The Code Name “Project Raven” Pursuant To Which Chester County Shall Covenant To Accept Certain Negotiated Fees In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes; (2) To Ensure The Benefits Of A Multi-County Industrial Or Business Park Be Made Available To Project Raven; (3) To Provide Payments For Certain Investments In Infrastructure; And (4) Other Economic Development Incentives And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Wilson motioned to approve, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 6-0 to approve.

6. Old Business

a. Update regarding Campgrounds. Attorney Winters. (Removed)

7. New Business

a. Discussion on tourism. Councilman Vaughn.

Councilman Vaughn stated the white-water projects was not only for Great Falls but for all of Chester County. The county has a lot to offer to tourist, he asked Britt Stoudemire who grew up in Chester County and his father was once the high school principal in the 70’s. Mr. Stoudemire stated he resides in Virginia now and was currently active in tourism and he and his wife currently run the New River Outdoor Company. They have been doing this for twenty years and started a tourism committee in their hometown. The Whitewater Recreation would bring in millions of dollars to Chester County, not just in Great Falls but on the Broad River as well. When people come here to go rafting, they will also want to go to the Broad River to catch small mouth bass. He spoke about Broad River in Chester County having the prettiest section of all , along with hiking the Carolina Thread Trail.

Brooke Clinton, with the Chester County Chamber of Commerce stated she as well supported tourism. She stated since the pandemic in 2020 they have had 120 small businesses join the chamber. Around 46 of those businesses were directly impacted by tourism.

b. Discussion on the Rules of Procedure. Attorney Winters.

Attorney Winters stated in January the County will move to the County Administrator form of government. Therefore, the rules of procedure would change. Under the supervisor form the chair is automatically the chair that’s not the case under the administrator form of government which is elected by Council along with the vice chair. This is an opportunity to review the rules and decide what changes need to be made and hold a workshop in January with the new council members so that everyone can be educated on the new rules under the administrator form of government. The chair is entitled to additional compensation, over and above what is normal for everyone else on council. After talking to other counties and to the South Carolina Association of Counties the range is between 8% to 10% of the aggregate of what all of the Council is paid. For those coming on to Council in January the rules are living breathing documents that can be changed.

8. Boards and Commissions

a. Resignation from Parks and Recreation Advisory Board- Councilman Jordan.

Councilman Jordan motioned to accept Jerry Thomas’s resignation, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.

b. Resignation from the Board of Assessments of Appeals- Councilman Jordan.

Councilman Jordan motioned to accept David Loftin’s resignation, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.

9. Executive Session

Vice Chairman Branham motioned to go to executive session, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 6-0 to approve.

- a. To receive legal advice regarding the Bailey Bill. Attorney Winters. (Removed)
- b. To receive legal advice regarding contract negotiations. Attorney Winters. (Removed)
- c. To receive legal advice regarding Project 2169. Attorney Winters.
- d. To receive legal advice Project 2298. Attorney Winters
- e. To receive legal advice Project 2228. Attorney Winters.
- f. To receive legal advice regarding the hiring of the County Administrator. Attorney Winters.

10. Council Actions Following Executive Session

Councilwoman Guy motioned to go back to regular session, second by Councilman Killian. Vote 6-0 to approve.

- a. Action taken regarding the Bailey Bill. (Removed)
- b. Action taken regarding contract negotiations. (Removed)
- c. Action taken regarding Project 2169. Taken as information.
- d. Action taken regarding Project 2298. Allowed Economic Development to continue with negotiations.
- e. Action taken regarding Project 2228. Allowed Economic Development to continue with negotiations.
- f. Action taken regarding the hiring of the County Administrator. Taken as information.

11. Council Comments

Councilman Wilson, Councilman Vaughn, Councilman Killian and Vice Chairman Branham along with County Attorney Winters stated how much they enjoyed working with Councilwoman Guy, Councilman Jordan and Interim Supervisor Dr. Frederick and how much they would miss them.

12. Adjourn-Vice Chairman Branham motioned to adjourn, second by Councilman Killian. Vote 6-0 to adjourn.

Time: 8:20 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.