

CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

R. Carlisle Roddey Chester County Government Complex

1476 J.A. Cochran Bypass Chester, SC 29706

Monday, May 16th, 2022 at 6:00 PM

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

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. May 2nd, 2022 Council Minutes. Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 5-0 to approve. Councilman Killian was not present for the May 2nd meeting and did not vote.

Interim Chairman called for a motion to remove 6.d. from the agenda. Councilman Wilson motioned to remove 6.d., second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote unanimous.

4. **Citizen Comments**-No one signed up to speak.

5. **Public Hearing**- Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick opened the public hearing, no one signed up to speak.

a. **3rd Reading of Ordinance 2022-6** Authorizing The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds, In One Or More Series, Tax-Exempt Or Taxable, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$850,000 For The Purpose Of Acquiring, Constructing, Equipping, Or Rehabilitating Various Capital Projects In The Lando Rural Fire District; Authorizing The Interim Chairman Of The County Council/County Supervisor To Prescribe The Form And Details Of The Bonds; Providing For The Payment Of The Bonds And The Disposition Of The Proceeds Of The Bonds; Providing For Borrowing In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of The Bonds; And Other Related Matters. *Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick closed the public hearing.*

6. **Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations**

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b. **1st Reading in Title Only Ordinance 2022-7** Chester County Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget to Establish Operating And Capital Budgets For The Operation Of The County Government Of Chester County, South Carolina For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2022; To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes For Chester County For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2022; To Provide For The Expenditure Of Tax Revenues And Other County Funds; To Provide For Other County Purposes; To Authorize The County To Borrow Money In Anticipation Of Taxes And To Provide For The Repayment Of Sums Borrowed By The County Governing Body; To Provide For The Payment Of Tort Claims And Worker's Compensation Claims Against Chester County; To Provide For Certain Fiscal And Other Matters Relating To County Government. Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote was unanimous.

c. **1st Reading in Title Only Ordinance 2022-8** An ordinance to Purchase property TM 080-03-03-001-000. Councilman Wilson motioned to approve in title only, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote was unanimous.

d. **Removed** **1st Reading in Title Only Ordinance 2022-9** An Ordinance for Fee schedules for development agreements.

7. Old Business

a. **2nd Reading of CCMA22-02: Applicant: Timothy D. Fudge request Tax Map #: 122-00-00-190-000 located at 2206 Fudge Guinn Rd. Edgemoor SC to be rezoned from Rural Two (R2) to Rural one (R1). Planning Commission voted 6-0 to approve.** Councilman Jordan motioned to approve, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote was unanimous.

b. **Update Council on the progress of the Pal800 system upgrades, tower use and other system details. 911 Director Doug McMurray.** Mr. McMurray gave a brief update stating the last time he spoke with Council was around six months ago. All the user parts of the radio system were in. Currently they are having supply chain issues for some of the accessories such as microphones, batteries, and antennas they are slowly arriving. The state working on contracts for towers and equipment. They anticipate having everything in and operational about the middle of August or October if everything keeps flowing to make it happen. They still have committee meetings, trying to get the radio programming templates nailed down to program around July 1. The fire service had the most equipment to install. The municipalities are anxious to get things going, currently Great Falls does not have representation on the committee, but they were working on that. Councilman Wilson asked where they were at with someone in charge to the radio system and a paid employee.

Mr. McMurray stated that had been rescinded, it was going to fall under the emergency management, but that position was rescinded. Right now, he was the single point of contact. They have put in their budget a request for a contract with MCA, which is Mobile Comm America who is also their vendor on Motorola's behalf to assist with everything from additional programming, installations, logistics, inventories anything that they would need help with that would be done remotely.

8. New Business

a. **Council to approve award of bid RFP2122-07 regarding Solid Waste Collection & Transportation to Republic Services with a savings of \$187,000 dollars a year.** Mrs. Cok stated when they only received two bids which was Waste Management and Republic Services. They recommended Republic Services which would be a four-year contract and savings each year for the County of \$187,000 each year. Treasurer Tommy Darby stated comparing the two bids currently the County was paying \$222.85 per haul with the new contract it would be \$195 per haul and would be savings on the recycling side. The cost per ton would go up from 4744 to 4950 on the disposal rate. There would be some additional cost to remove the trash from the landfill, he stated the savings between the contracts was \$187,000 dollars. Councilman Wilson motioned to approve the bid regarding solid waste collection and transportation to Republic Services for a four-year contract, second by Councilman Vaughn. Councilman Jordan asked when the contract would be ready for Attorney Winters to review. Mrs. Cok

stated once they give them notice to proceed, they would start the contract documents, so it would be around two to three weeks. Councilman Vaughn withdrew his second, Councilman Wilson withdrew his motion. Councilman Wilson motioned to award the bid regarding solid waste collection and transportation to Republic Services contingent for four years contingent upon the contract being approved by our legal counsel, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 4-2 to approve. Councilwoman Guy and Councilman Killian opposed.

9. Executive Session

Interim Chairman recused from 9.b.

Councilwoman Guy motioned to go into executive session, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote was unanimous.

- a. Receive legal advice regarding a personnel matter in the Human Resource Dept. Attorney Winters.
- b. Receive legal advice regarding the County Administrator search. Attorney Winters.

10. Council Actions Following Executive Session

Vice Chairman Branham motioned to go back to regular session, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote was unanimous.

- a. Action taken regarding legal advice for a personnel matter in the Human Resource Department. Taken as information.
- b. Action taken regarding the County Administrator search. Taken as information.

11. Council Comments-None

12. Adjourn- Councilwoman Guy motioned to adjourn, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote was unanimous.

Time: 7:45 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.