



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES

R. Carlisle Roddey Chester County Government Building
1476 J A Cochran Bypass, Chester, SC

Thursday, May 20th, 2021 at 3:00 PM

Budget Workshop

Present: Interim Chairman Dr. Wylie Frederick, Councilwoman Guy, Councilman Brad Jordan, Vice Chairman Joe Branham, Councilman Pete Wilson, Councilman Mike Vaughn, Attorney Joanie Winters, Clerk to Council Karen Lee, Treasurer Tommy Darby and Finance Manager Wesley Carter. **Absent:** Councilman William Killian

1. **Call to Order**-Interim Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order.

2. **Budget Discussion - General Funds**

Treasurer Tommy Darby provided an overview of the general funds for EMS:

- Unfreezing the operations manager position.
- Discussed the timeline for purchasing new ambulances.
- Increase in office supply budget to replace mattresses.
- Increase in professional development for training.
- Increase in maintenance and service contracts.

Treasurer Tommy Darby provided an overview of the general funds for Gateway Conference Center:

- Suggested an annual local Atax fund be allocated to the Gateway to offset the cost.
- Revenue increased yearly but still off in expenditures and revenues.
- Council suggested finding ways to increase rental usage and possibly use marketing tools and asked Dr. Frederick for a report showing the vacancy dates, what has been rented out in the last year and what did future rentals look like.

3. **Budget Discussion - Other Funds**

Treasurer Tommy Darby provided an overview of other funds:

- Services paid to the Landfill by the County annually.
- Suggested the County pay to rent the Gateway.
- Council suggested lowering the rental price during the week.

4. **Budget Discussion - Capital Funds**

Treasurer Tommy Darby provided an overview of capital funds:

- The project fund was \$1,565,000.
- Recommendation's request was around \$1.1 million.
- Planned to have more information regarding the Sheriff's request.
- Have a finalized recommendation at next week's budget workshop.

5. **Adjourn**

Vice Chairman Branham motioned to adjourn, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 5-0 to adjourn.

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