

CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

R. Carlisle Roddey Government Complex
1476 J A Cochran Bypass, Chester, SC
Monday, July 2nd, 2018 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Shane Stuart, Vice Chairman Joe Branham, Council Member Alex Oliphant, Council Member Mary Guy, Council Member Archie Lucas, Council Member Pete Wilson, Council Member Brad Jordan, County Attorney Joanie Winters and Clerk to Council Karen Lee.

1. Call to Order- Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Stuart.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation- Pledge was recited in unison, Council Member Lucas led the invocation.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. **June 18th, 2018 Council Minutes-**Council Member Lucas motioned to approve, second by Council Member Guy. Vote 6-0 to approve.

4. Citizens Comments

Roxanne James, 3007 Steele Village Road, stated a public meeting was held in West Chester for input for the new comprehensive plan, she asked if there would be any additional meetings concerning this and if dates had been established.

5. Old Business

- a. **3rd Reading of CCMA18-12** – Ronald Clark request Tax Map # 101-00-00-001-000, located at 1635 Great Falls Hwy, Blackstock, SC be rezoned from R2 (Rural Two) to GC (General Commercial) Planning Commission voted 7-0 to Deny. Council Member Lucas motioned to uphold the Planning Commission’s recommendation to deny, second by Council Member Jordan. Vote 4-2 to Deny. Council Member Wilson and Vice Chairman Branham opposed.
- b. **3rd Reading of CCMA18-13** - Ronald C. Bowden request Tax Map # 160-02-00-032-000, located on Bowden Drive, Great Falls, SC be rezoned from RG1 (Multi-Family Residential) to RG2 (General Residential). Planning Commission voted 7-0 to Approve. Council Member Lucas motioned to approve, second by Council Member Guy. Vote 6-0 to approve.
- c. **3rd Reading of CCMA18-14** – David J. Wilson request Tax Map # 154-00-00-007-000, located at 3534 Catawba River Rd, Fort Lawn, SC be rezoned from R2 (Rural Two) to AG (Agricultural) Planning Commission voted 7-0 to Approve. Council Member Jordan motioned to approve, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.

- d. **3rd Reading of CCMA18-15** – Juliette Dutton request Tax Map # 161-04-05-008-000, located on Scott Rd, Great Falls, SC be rezoned from RG1 (Multi-Family Residential) to R2 (Rural Two). Planning Commission voted 7-0 to Approve. Council Member Guy motioned to approve, second by Council Member Lucas. Vote 6-0 to approve.
- e. **3rd Reading of CCCLTA18-16** - Article 13 § 13-5: Legal Status Provisions Change: Council to Planning Commission, thirty-(30) days to fifteen (15) days and delete and not more than forty-five (45) days. Planning Commission voted 7-0 to Approve. Council Member Oliphant motioned to approve, second by Council Member Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.

6. New Business

a. Approval of Bid – HVAC Units for the Detention Center in the amount of \$61,629.00

Susan Cok, Procurement Director stated two bids came in, she recommended CJ Compton Plumbing & Heating Inc. with the lowest bid of \$61,629.00. Council Member Wilson motioned to approve, second by Council Member Oliphant. Chairman Stuart stated when the new jail was built some of the HVAC systems were not addressed. Council set aside bond funds to have this completed. When the air is on, parts of the building is cooled where other parts are not. Mrs. Cok stated there are two portions of the funds that will be used for this, the other is electrical work to the furnaces. Vote 6-0 to award bid to CJ Compton Plumbing & Heating Inc for the amount of \$61,629.00 HVAC units at the Detention Center.

b. Approval of Bid – Classification and Compensation Study in the amount of \$29,800.00

Council Member Oliphant motioned to approve, second by Council Member Wilson. Susan Cok stated the second low bidder was Pontifex Consulting Group, LLC in the amount of \$29,800, the lowest bidder failed to include all the paper work required by the procurement policy. Chairman Stuart stated moving forward Council would like to see the location of the bidders added. He stated the salaries for County employees are fifteen years behind, the study has not been done in twenty years. This will decide employees’ salaries, this needs to be corrected since the County loses good employees to other counties that pay better.

Council Member Wilson asked would this be for county employees only or if the sheriff department would be included. Mrs. Cok stated the sheriff department is included. County Attorney Winters asked if they would also be looking at the classifications under the Fair Labor Standards Act, whether employees are exempt or nonexempt, example if they are exempt they do not get overtime. Mrs. Cok stated she would read the documents and contact her with the information. Vote was 6-0 to award bid to Pontifex Consulting Group, LLC in the amount of \$ \$29,800 Classification and Compensation Study.

- c. Departmental 2018-2019 Budget Request-T Melton, Mike Ehrmantraut and John Agee
This was taken off of the agenda.

7. Boards and Commissions

a. Hugh Stone’s Resignation from the Chester County Rural Fire Commission

Council Member Oliphant stated Mr. Stone resigned from the Rural Fire Commission because he moved to district two which is Joe Branham’s district, and thanked Mr. Stone for his years of service while he

served under district six. Council Member Oliphant motioned to accept Mr. Stones resignation, second by Council Member Lucas. Vote 6-0 to approve.

8. Executive Session-Council Member Guy motioned to enter executive session, second Council Member Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.

a. Legal Advice to discuss the Animal Control

9. Councils Action Following Executive Session-Vice Chairman Branham motioned to go back to regular session, second by Council Member Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.

a. Action Taken Regarding Legal Advice on the Animal Control

Chairman Stuart stated he met with the Sheriff last week concerning the Animal Shelter as of July 1st, the Sheriff relinquished operational control of the Animal Shelter, this will be brought back under control of the County. The County will do a 90-day probationary period to evaluate what's going on at the facility and work toward in improving the animal shelter. A small ad-hoc committee will be formed, Council Member Oliphant and Branham will serve on the committee along with members from the public, Chairman Stuart stated he would serve wherever he could. Chairman Stuart motioned to adopt a resolution to accept the Chester County Animal Shelter from the Chester County Sheriff's Office, and change the organizational chart and move it under the operation of the County, second by Council Member Oliphant. Vice Chairman Branham stated the County has less than two years to come up with a design to facilitate the animal shelter. Vote 6-0 to approve.

10. Council Comments

Council Member Wilson thanked the people of the West Chester Community stating there was a lot of good community feedback, thought it went well. He thanked Chairman Stuart and Vice Chairman Branham for coming.

Council Member Oliphant stated Unique Loom located beside the County Government building has done a lot of work to the building. They sell Persian rugs that are mostly made in Persia and have four locations including Chester.

11. Adjourn

Council Member Lucas motioned to adjourn, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to adjourn.

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