

# CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Zoom Meeting

## AGENDA

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

- 1. Call to Order**-Chairman Stuart called the meeting to order. Chairman Stuart motioned to add to the agenda under the approval of minutes from the CCTC meeting items, Approval of Grant Options for Flooding Damage Improvements on Britt Lane, Little Mac Drive and Deer Branch Road. To also add Approval of Reimbursement to the County Recycling Department for Sign Material in the amount of \$1931.32., from the CCTC meeting, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 6-0 to approve.

Councilman Jordan motioned to postpone 6.b. Discuss County Revenue Fund to the first meeting in August, second by Councilman Oliphant. Vote 6-0 to approve.

Councilman Vaughn motioned to postpone 6.d. Update on Great Fall Projects Regarding the Rail Bed Trail and the White-Water Center to the first meeting in August, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Due to the meeting being on zoom the pledge was not recited. Councilwoman Guy gave the invocation.

- 3. Approval of Minutes**

- a. June 18<sup>th</sup>, Special Called Council & Budget Workshop Minutes.**

Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 6-0 to approve.

- b. July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Council Minutes.**

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

**From CCTC:**

- 1. Approval of Grant Options for Flooding Damage Improvements on Britt Lane, Little Mac Drive and Deer Branch Road.** Councilman Jordan motioned to approve the grant option for Britt Lane, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.

- 2. Approval of Reimbursement to the County Recycling Department for Sign Material in the amount of \$1931.32.** Councilwoman Guy motioned to approve, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**4. Public Hearing** – Chairman Stuart opened the public hearing.

**a. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading 2020-20 An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement By And Between Chester County And Project 2026; The Inclusion Of The Project Site (Located In Chester County) In A Multi-County Industrial Park; The Execution And Delivery Of Other Documents As May Be Necessary To Effect This Ordinance’s Intent; And Other Related Matters.**

**b. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading 2020-21 An Ordinance to Create The Chester County Radio Users Advisory Committee And Adopt Its Enabling Act.**

Shane closed the public hearing

**5. Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations**

**a. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading 2020-20 An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement By And Between Chester County And Project 2026; The Inclusion Of The Project Site (Located In Chester County) In A Multi-County Industrial Park; The Execution And Delivery Of Other Documents As May Be Necessary To Effect This Ordinance’s Intent; And Other Related Matters.** Councilman Wilson motioned to approve, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote to approve.

**b. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading 2020-21 An Ordinance to Create The Chester County Radio Users Advisory Committee And Adopt Its Enabling Act.** Councilwoman Guy motioned to approve, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 2020-22 An Ordinance to Authorize the County Of Chester, By Chester County Council, To Sell The Real Estate Described On Attached Exhibit “A” Which Is Incorporated Herein By Reference To Mr. F.G. Dellaney, Jr. Upon Such Terms and Conditions as Described In The Request For Bid.** Councilman Oliphant motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**d. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of 2020-23 An Ordinance To Amend Chester County Code Chapter 2, Administration, Section 761et Seq., Fort Lawn Fire Protection District And Lewis Fire Protection District.** Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve, second by Councilman Oliphant. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**e. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of 2020-24 An Ordinance To Amend Chester County Code Chapter 2, Administration, To Create Division 19, Section 2-767 To Include Lewis Fire Protection District.** Councilwoman Guy motioned to approve, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**f. Declaration 2020-3 A Declaration of a Continued State of Emergency for Chester County.** Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve adding sixty more days to the current State of Emergency which ends on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**g. Resolution 2020-25 A Resolution Identifying the Capital Projects as Part of a Program of General Obligation Borrowing; and Other Related Matters.** Councilman Wilson motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 6-0 to approve.

## 6. Old Business

### a. Discussion Regarding County Bonding for New Animal Shelter- Councilman Oliphant

Councilman Oliphant requested to add to August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting agenda.

b. **Removed-** *Discuss the County Revenue Fund- Councilman Jordan.*

### c. Update on Fort Lawn Projects Regarding Heart & Soul Progress, Revitalization. Robin Currence.

Robin Currence gave an update on the new Fort Lawn Revitalization brochure; they plan to start writing the Community Action Plan which will outline community projects for the next three to five years and would like to have Council's input as well. They have launched a Community Watch team that partners with the Sheriff's office. Has assisted with senior and student meals, gave revitalization updates to state legislators, economic development, COG and plans to visit I-77 Alliance staff. They also want to encourage the support of County Collaborative, a County Grant Writer and continuation of an ambulance/EMS service in Fort Lawn. Councilman Wilson asked to include the County Collaborative Group to September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 agenda.

d. **Removed** *Update on Great Fall Projects Regarding the Rail Bed Trail and the White-Water Center.*

e. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading CCMA20-02:** Patton Development SC, LLC Request 2.95 acres of Tax Map # 079-01-17-013-000 (survey provided) located on JA Cochran By-Pass be rezoned from R2 (Rural Two) to GC (General Commercial) Planning Commission Voted 6-0 to Approve. Councilwoman Guy motioned to uphold, second by Councilman Oliphant. Vote 6-0 to approve.

f. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading CCMA20-06:** Gary Howell, with Howell Homes of the Carolinas, Request Tax Map # 123-00-00-090- 000 located on Hamilton Rd, Chester, SC be rezoned from R2 (Rural Two) to R1 (Rural One) Planning Commission Voted 4-1 to Deny. Chairman Stuart motioned to uphold, second by Councilman Jordan. Councilwoman Guy, Councilman Vaughn and Councilman Jordan voted to uphold, Councilman Wilson, Councilman Oliphant and Vice Chairman voted to approve. Chairman Stuart broke the tie in favor to uphold the Planning Commission's recommendation. Vote 4-3 to deny.

### g. May and June Litter Pickup and June/July Litter Enforcement Report-Chairman Stuart.

Chairman Stuart stated 602 bags was picked up in May and June. The total amount of trash pickup this year was 2158 bags. Litter enforcement report showed all the fines, but cases were still pending. Councilman Vaughn stated he still has not seen where the names of the offenders had been published in the paper that was included in the updated litter ordinance.

### h. Update on County Procedure Related to the Coronavirus. - Councilman Oliphant

Councilman Vaughn motioned to require employees to wear a face mask upon entering the building, second by Councilman Jordan. After discussion, Councilman Jordan withdrew his second, Councilman Vaughn amended his motion to include to require any person entering a county building must wear a mask, second by Councilman Jordan. The third amended motion, Councilman Jordan withdrew his second, Councilman Vaughn amended his motion to include if an employee is in a private office the employee is not required to wear a mask in the office where the public is not entering. The final amended motion, Councilman Jordan withdrew his second, Councilman Vaughn amended his motion to include any employee entering a county building must wear a mask until they reach their workspace, required social distancing of six feet from other employees. If they are in a private office, they can remove their mask with the exception of ADA issue where they can't wear a mask the County will work with that request. Also required to wear a mask upon existing the building and will last until the state of emergency has ended second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**7. Boards and Commissions**

**a. Reappointments to the Catawba Regional Council of Government. - County Council**

It was discussed to have Attorney Winters reach out to Catawba Regional Council of Governments to inquire about attendance and if a member can serve on dual boards. Councilman Oliphant motioned to delay the appointments until the August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 council meeting, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.

**8. Council Comments**

Councilman Wilson stated in November the change of form of government will be on the ballots, his position would be any hiring of the Administrator it would be best if the person lived in the County. He suggested when voting to hire the administrator it should be done by a super majority vote; it would be more than four members choosing.

Vice Chairman Branham asked to have the property on Dawson Drive belonging to Mrs. Anderson back on the agenda to discuss and offer to purchase.

Councilman Oliphant stated the zoom meeting went well, but there are more resources in the County to hold the meetings and not jeopardize anyone’s health.

Chairman Stuart stated they have made modifications in the Council chambers. MUSC will be holding a COVID-19 testing August 8<sup>th</sup> at the government building.

**9. Adjourn-Councilman Oliphant motioned to adjourn, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 6-0 to adjourn.**

Time: 8:16 PM.

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K. Shane Stuart, County Supervisor & Chairman

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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