

# **SPECIAL CALLED CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

## **R. Carlisle Roddey Chester County Government Complex**

1476 J.A. Cochran Bypass Chester, SC 29706

**Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00PM**

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

**Absent:** Councilman Killian.

1. **Call to Order-** Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick called the meeting to order.
2. **Public Hearing-** Interim Dr. Chairman Frederick opened the public hearing.
  - a. **3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2022-14- An Ordinance to authorize a referendum to permit Chester County to partner on Sewer and Treatment Services in unserved areas of the County.**

Philip Thompson King, Angela Douglas and John Agee, were all opposed to the ordinance.

Mr. King stated he wanted more information regarding joint authority, referendum answers proposal to the ordinance where it stated planning, finance and development. They had previously asked for a workshop with Council and asked if the third reading could be tabled.

Ms. Douglas also asked Council to table until a workshop could be scheduled to get more information.

John Agee stated if existing properties with septic tanks had issues, by law they would have to attach to public water and sewer.

Interim Chairman Frederick closed the public hearing.

3. **Ordinances/Resolution/Proclamations**
  - a. **3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2022-14- An Ordinance to authorize a referendum to permit Chester County to partner on Sewer and Treatment Services in unserved areas of the County. Councilman Jordan motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn.**

Councilwoman Guy asked what the date deadline was to have the ordinance to the state.

Attorney Winters stated August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Councilwoman Guy stated she would like to try and hold a workshop before the 15<sup>th</sup> to answer any questions.

Vice Chairman Branham stated the key word in the ordinance was to partner with the sewer district, Council was not trying to take over water and sewer in the County in no way shape or form. Council wants to build a better relationship.

Councilman Jordan stated with the growth the County has had along with industrial business in the county there was a need to open areas like West Chester and Lowrys. He saw this as a partnership with Chester Wastewater.

Councilman Vaughn agreed.

Councilwoman Guy stated she understood the reasons this was being done but wished a workshop would have been held.

Councilman Wilson stated this would be on the November election ballot and would not be any extra cost. He said the County was not in the sewer business. His intentions were to partner and not create something from nothing.

**4. Executive Session**

Councilman Wilson motioned to go to executive session, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 5-0 to approve.

- a. To receive legal advice regarding ARPA money. - Attorney Winters.

**5. Council Actions Following Executive Session**

Councilwoman Guy motioned to go back to regular session, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 5-0 to adjourn.

- a. **Action taken regarding legal advice of APRP money.** Taken as information.

**6. Adjourn**

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