



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

**R. Carlisle Roddey Government Complex
1476 J.A. Cochran By-Pass**

**January 19, 2010
Monday
10:00 a.m.**

Chairman Roddey– Presiding

Minutes

In Attendance: Chairman Roddey
Vice Chairman Lucas
Council Member Guy
Council Member Jordan
Council Member Branham
Council Member Holcombe
County Attorney Winters

Absent: Council Member Oliphant

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

III. Approval of Minutes

1. Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2009

Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to approve the Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2009, 2nd by Council Member Branham, Council vote was 4-0 to approve with Council Member Jordan abstaining.

IV. Citizens Comments

Mr. Perry Troutman, 1592 Wellridge Rd., Chester, SC came to speak on behalf of the Covanta Plant. Mr. Troutman said he was Vice President of Encompass Machinery and that Covanta was one of their customers and that he had been in many of their plants. Mr. Troutman said it was a world class operation, extremely clean and the way they operated was something to see. He said there was nothing offensive and no odor at their facilities and definitely supported Covanta coming to Chester.

V. Ordinances

1. 2nd Reading of An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve an Agreement for the Development of a Joint Industrial and Business Park by and Between Lancaster County and Chester County with Property Located in Lancaster County (Greyne Custom Wood Co., LLC); to require the payment of a Fee In Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes by Businesses and Industries Located in the Park; to apply Zoning and other Laws in the Park; to provide for Law Enforcement Jurisdiction in the Park; and to provide for the Distribution of Park Revenues within the County.

Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to approve 2nd Reading of an Ordinance to Authorize an Agreement for the Development of a Joint Industrial and Business Park by and Between Lancaster County and Chester County with Property Located in Lancaster County (Greyne Custom Wood Co., LLC); to require the payment of a Fee in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes by Businesses and Industries Located in the Park; to Apply Zoning and Other Laws in the Park; to Provide for Law Enforcement Jurisdiction in the Park; and to Provide for the Distribution of Park Revenues within the County, 2nd by Council Member Holcombe, Council vote was unanimous.

2. 2nd Reading of an Ordinance to Amend that Certain Agreement for the Development of a Joint Industrial and Business Park Between Chester County and Lancaster County dated December 1, 2008 to Include Additional Haile Gold Mine, Inc. Property

Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to approve 2nd Reading of an Ordinance to Amend that Certain Agreement for the Development of a Joint Industrial and Business Park Between Chester County and Lancaster County dated December 1, 2008 to Include Additional Haile Gold Mine, Inc. Property, 2nd by Council Member Jordan, Council vote was Unanimous.

- 3 . 2nd Reading An Ordinance to Create the John Keziah Park Commission for Chester County

Council Member Branham made a Motion to approve 2nd Reading of an Ordinance to create the John Keziah Park Commission for Chester County, 2nd by Vice Chairman Lucas, Council vote was unanimous. County Attorney Winters had made the requested changes to The Enabling Act and gave each member a copy.

4. 1st Reading of an Ordinance to Authorize the Postponement Until Property Tax Year 2011 of Reassessment and Revised Property Values Resulting from the Equalization Program as Provided Pursuant to Section 12-43-217 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as Amended

Council Member Branham Made a Motion to approve 1st Reading of an Ordinance to Authorize the Postponement Until Property Tax Year 2011 of Reassessment and Revised Property Values Resulting from the Equalization Program as Provided Pursuant to Section

12-43-217 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as Amended, 2nd by Vice Chairman Lucas, Council vote was unanimous.

VI. Old Business

1. Signage for Highway 99 Industrial Park

Council Member Branham presented several different ideas to Council Members on the Hwy. 99 sign and stated he would like for Council to make a decision in February. **Council Member Jordan** asked if there were other bidders and **Chairman Roddey** stated that Ms. Parker, Economic Development Director had requested bids but only received one. **Vice Chairman Lucas** said he really like the way the one **Council Member Branham** had given them looked. At this time, **Council Member Branham made a Motion to bring this up at the February 1, 2010 meeting and make a decision, 2nd by Council Member Holcombe, Council vote was unanimous.**

VIII. New Business

1. Exit 65 Solar Lighting Project Update

Sherron Marshall/Catawba Regional gave Council an update on the Solar Lighting Project. She stated that the County had received the award in September of 08 but not a contract. At the time, SCDOT had an audit and because the government said they needed more oversight, nothing had been done. Chester County will manage the project themselves but we were still waiting to hear from SCDOT. **Council Member Branham** asked if the Dennis Corporation would manage this and **Chairman Roddey** replied they would along with Catawba Regional. **Council Member Jordan** asked if the county could push this through and Ms. Marshall replied not to her knowledge and that there had been a lot of changes at SCDOT. **Council Member Jordan** asked if they needed anything from the county and Ms. Marshall replied that everything requested had been sent and that they were just waiting on a contract to see how the project would be administered.

Chairman Roddey thanked Ms. Marshall for the update.

2. **2009 PLANNING COMMISSIONS RECOMMENDATION TO COUNTY COUNCIL**

First Reading: From Meeting of December 15, 2009

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Council</u>
<u>Vote</u>	<u>Vote</u>
5-0 to approve	5-0 to approve

MAP AMENDMENT #CCMA09-0011

Change Zoning from RS1 (Single-Family) to GC (General Commercial)

Applicant: Tim Montgomery

Tax Map Number: 080-01-06-019

Size & Location: 1 Lot located at 644 Columbia Rd. Chester, SC

Council Member Branham made a Motion to uphold Planning Commissions Recommendations on Map Amendment #CCMA09-0011, 2nd by Vice Chairman Lucas, Council vote was unanimous. Council Member Jordan asked what's around this lot and Council Member Branham replied all but one in the area was GC.

3. Request change in Organization Chart

Britt Lineberger – EMS Director requested Council approve a change to accurately reflect how EMS was structured. The Chart added a 4th Shift and Supervisor. **Vice Chairman Lucas** asked if there was a Billing Clerk and Mr. Lineberger replied there was one and that she did all the checks and balances before bills were sent to the outside company for billing. **Vice Chairman Lucas** then inquired about EMS and Fire Departments both billing and stated that was “double dipping” Mr. Lineberger stated if it was patient care it was EMS responsibility and that some Fire Departments were first responders but any fire department can dispatch themselves. **Council Member Branham** asked what was the 4th Shift and Mr. Lineberger replied 24 on and 72 off. **Council Member Holcombe** asked what was the billing rate and Mr. Lineberger replied 7 ¼%. **Council Member Branham** asked if EMS did their own billing how many more employees would he need and Mr. Lineberger replied at least 2-3 more. With no further discussion, **Council Member Holcombe made a Motion to approve the EMS Organizational Chart, 2nd by Council Member Guy, Council vote was unanimous.**

4. Request to accept low bidder on Darby Road Project

Chairman Roddey asked that Council approve the low bidder on the Darby Road Project. **Chairman Roddey** stated the low bidder was Double R Utilities, Inc. of Gaffney, SC and the amount was \$357,534.22. **Vice Chairman Lucas** asked if Double R had been investigated and Ms. Marshall with Catawba Regional answered that they had. **Council Member Branham** asked if Mr. Mike Medlin with the Water District had looked over the bid and **Chairman Roddey** replied that the paper work came directly from Mr. Medlin's office. With no further discussion, **Council Member Guy made the Motion to approve Double R. Utilities, Inc. as the low Bidder, 2nd by Vice Chairman Lucas, Council vote was unanimous.**

5. Grant Request for Gang Investigator

Sheriff Richard Smith asked Councils approval for two Grants. Sheriff Smith stated that neither Grant would take effect until July 1, 2010. The first Grant was for an investigator and that included all equipment. **Council Member Jordan** asked if this was a one year Grant and Sheriff Smith replied three years for the Investigator and one year on the LiveScan. **Council Member Holcombe** asked what the equipment covered on the Investigator and Sheriff Smith said automobile, vest, etc. **Council Member Jordan** asked what would happen after the three years on the Investigator and Sheriff Smith said we would either keep the person if they were doing a good job or let them go. **Council Member Jordan** then asked the Sheriff to elaborate on gangs. Sheriff Smith said they start in Middle School where they're “wanna be's” and escalades to High

School. **Council Member Holcombe** asked if drugs were involved and Sheriff Smith said the murder in Fort Lawn was drug related. **Council Member Branham** asked if the Sheriff's dept. was talking to schools about gangs and Sheriff Smith replied that the SRO's did that. With no further discussion on this Grant, **Council Member Branham made a Motion to allow the Sheriff to apply for a Gang Investigator Grant, 2nd by Council Member Guy, Council vote was unanimous.**

Sheriff Smith then asked to apply for a LiveScan Grant that would do the entire palm print.

Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to allow the Sheriff's Dept. to apply for the LiveScan Grant, 2nd by Council Member Guy, Council vote was unanimous.

Council Member Holcombe then said he would like to know what Grants go through and **County Attorney Winters** replied that the Department Head is suppose to come back to Council if a Grant is approved and ask that Council accept the Grant and **Council Member Holcombe** replied that was not happening.

IX. Boards & Commissions-

a) Appointment to Planning Commission

Council Member Jordan asked that Council approve Mr. James Bowman, Jr. to replace Mr. Alex Amos on the Planning Commission and put that in the form **of a Motion, 2nd by Council Member Brenham, Council vote was unanimous.**

X. Executive Session

Chairman Roddey stated that Council needed to go into Executive Session to discuss:

a) Personnel Matter: Re: Voter Registration/Elections Commission

Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion that Council go into Executive Session, 2nd by Council Member Holcombe, Council vote was unanimous. (Time was approximately 10:45am)

Council returned from Executive Session and **Council Member Holcombe made a Motion to return to Regular Session, 2nd by Council Member Guy, Council vote was unanimous.**

(Time was approximately 11:00am)

Chairman Roddey stated that a Personnel Matter regarding the Voter Registration/Elections Commissions had been discussed in Executive Session and was taken as information only and would be handled by the HR Department.

XI. Council Members Comments

Council Member Guy thanked everyone involved for the attendance and cooperation for the Martin Luther King Parade.

Council Member Jordan said that Mr. Ted Mathews of the Greater Richburg Assoc. and Mr. Phillips at the Chamber wanted to have public meetings on Covanta and asked that the Chairman check on dates.

Council Member Branham said he thought dates were already set up by Covanta.

Chairman Roddey said he would like for the Covanta people to talk to the lady that was pregnant and spoke to Council at the December 7, 2009 meeting. **Chairman Roddey** also

told Council the summary for Free Day at the Landfill was in their packets and that he felt twice a year was acceptable in place of four and several other Council Members agreed. Lastly, **Chairman Roddey** reminded everyone about the Intergovernmental Forum at the Wagon Wheel on Monday, January 25th.

XII. Adjournment

Council Member Guy made a Motion to adjourn, 2nd by Vice Chairman Lucas, Council vote was unanimous. Time was approximately 11:15am

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 R. Carlisle Roddey Government Complex 24 hours prior to the meeting

R. Carlisle Roddey
Chairman, Chester
County Council

Carolyn S. Clayton, CCC
Clerk to Chester County Council

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