



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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

**May 17, 2010
Monday
6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Roddey– Presiding

Minutes

In Attendance:

**Chairman Roddey
Vice Chairman Lucas
Council Member Oliphant
Council Member Guy
Council Member Jordan
Council Member Branham
Council Member Holcombe
County Attorney Winters**

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

III. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Roddey stated that several items needed to be deleted from the agenda and one item added. **Chairman Roddey then made a Motion to add the Minutes from the Special Called Meeting of May 13, 2010, 2nd by Vice Chairman Lucas, Council vote was 5-0 with Council Member Branham abstained.**

Chairman Roddey then stated that the Amended Ordinance for Animal Control needed to be postponed until the County Attorney could review the Ordinance. **Vice Chairman Lucas made the Motion to postpone the Amended Ordinance for Animal Control, 2nd by Councilman Jordan, Council vote was unanimous.**

Chairman Roddey also said the Resolution to Approve the Execution and Delivery of a Memorandum of Understanding by and Among Chester County, South Carolina, Chester Sewer District, South Carolina and the Town of Great Falls, South Carolina;

and Other Matters relating Thereto also would be postponed. **Councilman Holcombe made a Motion to postpone the Resolution, 2nd by Vice Chairman Lucas, Council vote was unanimous.**

1. Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2010
Councilman Branham made a Motion to approve the Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2010, 2nd by Council Member Jordan, Council vote was unanimous with Vice Chairman Lucas abstaining.

IV. Proclamation – National Transportation Week

Chairman Roddey presented a Proclamation to **Mike Wessinger, Director of Senior Services** for National Transportation Week.

V. Citizens Comments

Mr. Jerry Hinson, 143 Lancaster St., Chester, SC spoke on Zoning. Mr. Hinson first thanked Council for allowing him to speak. Mr. Hinson stated he did not see rezoning recommendations on the agenda and his concern was the Accessory Structure on the agenda. He asked what was the origin and why now, and why was Agriculture not included. He also asked what an accessory structure was. He felt that it was very limited because of agriculture.. Mr. Hinson also asked if this was standard on construction sites, did it mean that mobile units could not be used or mobile homes brought in temporarily if a house burned and if this included motor homes. Mr. Hinson said he felt that these zoning recommendations should be looked at before council reacted too quickly.

VI. Ordinances and Resolutions

1. 1st Reading to Amend Animal Control Ordinance - **Postponed**
2. Resolution to Approve the Execution and Delivery of a Memorandum of Understanding by and Among Chester County, South Carolina, Chester Sewer District, South Carolina and the Town of Great Falls, South Carolina; and Other Matters Relating Thereto. - **Postponed**

VI. Old Business

1. **2010 PLANNING COMMISSIONS RECOMMENDATION TO COUNTY COUNCIL**

Second Reading: From Meeting of April 20, 2010

Commission

Vote

6-0 to approve

Council

Vote

6-0 to approve

3-3.107 Accessory Structure

- a. **No accessory structure or building shall be constructed prior to construction of the principal building on the lot. Buildings intended to serve as accessory structures constructed prior to the principal building shall be considered the principal building and shall meet all applicable district and building code regulations. (Exception: Property classified as Agriculture Use in the Tax Assessor's.)**
- b. **Accessory structures shall be located in the rear or sides of the principal building and shall meet accessory yard setbacks and applicable district regulations.**
- c. **Manufactured or Mobile homes cannot be used as accessory units.**
- d. **Accessory buildings shall occupy the same lot as the principal building unless identified as agriculture use.**

Council Member Branham made a Motion to approve 2nd Reading of Planning Commissions Recommendations on 3-3.107 Accessory Structure, 2nd by Council Member Jordan. Discussion: **Vice Chairman Lucas** asked if the Planning Commissions recommendations meant that someone couldn't add on to a mobile home. **Chairman Roddey** asked **Mr. Mack Paul** to step to the podium to answer the question. **Mr. Paul** replied that this had nothing to do with that, you could add on to a mobile home. **Mr. Paul** stated that the State says you can't use a mobile home as a storage unit. **Council Member Guy** asked if construction was going on could a unit be placed on site and **Mr. Paul** replied it could and also a mobile home or motor home could be placed on site if a home was burned as temporary living quarters. **Council then voted and the vote was unanimous.**

VII. New Business

1. County Employee Health Insurance – **Taken as Information Only**
Cindy Goettsch, HR Director and **Larry Reese/Wells Fargo** explained the proposed County Insurance to Council Members. **Council Member Oliphant** said he would prefer to have a work session to go over the material. **Chairman Roddey** agreed and said one would be set up. **Council Member Branham** said that the deductible being reduced from \$3,500 to \$1,500 was a tremendous asset for the employees. It was agreed to take this agenda item as information only and have an insurance workshop soon.
2. Memorandum of Understanding - **Postponed**
Chairman Roddey stated this item also needed to be postponed. **Council Member Oliphant made the Motion to postpone the Memorandum of Understanding, 2nd by Council Member Guy, Council vote was unanimous.**
3. Permission to Apply for USDA Grant and Permission to Apply for Loan

Mr. Odell Steele came before Council to ask permission to apply for a USDA Grant to aid in building a new fire station and substation at a cost of approximately \$1.8M. A lengthily conversation about how Richburg was going to pay these monies followed and **County Attorney Winters** said that USDA says they can apply through “taxes”. **Mr. John Agee, Fire Chief for Richburg** said it would take about 4 mills to pay this money back. **Council Member Branham** asked if the ISO Rating would be lowered and Mr. Agee replied it would and it wouldn’t put a burden on the tax payers. **Council Member Holcombe** asked what was the ISO Rating presently and Mr. Agee replied a 7.

Council Member Branham made a Motion to approve permission to apply for the USDA Grant, 2nd by Council Member Jordan, Council vote was 5-1 to approve with Council Member Holcombe voting against the Motion.

4. Permission to Apply for Grant

Fire Chief T.J. Martin came before Council to ask permission to apply for a Homeland Security A.F.G. Grant to purchase air system with compressor and storage cylinders to Refill SCBA cylinders. **Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to approve permission for Chief Martin to apply for the Homeland Security A.F.G. Grant with the stipulation that the match would come from the 2011 budget year, 2nd by Council Member Oliphant, Council vote was unanimous.**

5. Permission to Apply for Assistance to Firefighter Grant

Beth Huey, Interim Fire Coordinator and EMA Director, Eddie Murphy came before Council to request permission to apply for Assistance to Firefighter Grant to purchase radios for EMS, Hazmat, Rescue Squads, City and Rural Fire Departments. **Council Member Oliphant made a Motion to approve permission to apply, 2nd by Vice Chairman Lucas, Council vote was unanimous.**

6. Permission to Apply for Assistance to Firefighter Grant

EMA Director Eddie Murphy then requested permission to apply for Assistance to Firefighter Grant to purchase a 2011 Tanker Truck for the Lando Fire Department. **Council Member Guy made a Motion to allow Mr. Murphy permission to apply For the Assistance to Firefighter Grant to purchase a 2011 Tanker Truck for the Lando Fire Department, 2nd by Council Member Oliphant, Council vote was 5-1 to approve with Council Member Holcombe voting against the Motion.**

7. Update on Convenience Sites

Council Member Jordan said there had been several meetings to discuss the operation of the Convenience Sites and updated Council Members. There were several items that had been discussed (minutes from meeting included with Council Meeting minutes). **Council Member Jordan made a Motion to extend the Convenience Site hours on Wednesday until 2:00PM, 2nd by Council Member Guy, Council vote was 4 to 2 with Vice Chairman Lucas and Council Member Holcombe voting against.**

Council Member Jordan then made a Motion that the Salvation Army place bins at two Convenience Sites on a trial basis, 2nd by Council Member Oliphant, Council vote was unanimous.

Council Member Jordan's next Motion was that the County have two Haz Mat Days and two Free Days, 2nd by Council Member Guy. Discussion: **Council Member Guy** asked if the Haz Mat days were going to be in different locations of the County and **Council Member Jordan** replied they would. At this time, **Council Member Guy withdrew her 2nd and Council Member Jordan his original Motion.**

Council Member Jordan then made a Motion to have two Haz Mat Days in different locations of the County and two Free Days a year, the first Haz Mat day would be on June 26th at Lewisville, 2nd by Council Member Guy, Council vote was unanimous.

VIII. Boards and Commissions

1. Resignation from Library Board

a. Roxann James – **Chairman Roddey made a Motion to accept the resignation of Mrs. Roxann James from the Library Board, 2nd by Council Member Oliphant, Council vote was unanimous.**

IX. Council Members Comments

Chairman Roddey asked **County Attorney Winters** to give Council Members an update on the Eureka Mill. **County Attorney Winters** stated that at the Special Called Meeting on May 13th, Mr. Ramsey was going to bring \$50,000 to her office. By Friday at 5:00pm no check had come in. **County Attorney Winters** said today Mr. Ramsey's Attorney Tom Hall said his client wanted to negotiate the letter of credit and that is bank had called at 4:28 asking for information (originals of documents) and that it was too late for office to get the information required to send to the bank.

X. Adjournment

Council Member Oliphant made a Motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Guy, Council vote was unanimous. (Time was approximately 7:40pm)

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, CN2 News, WCNC News, WBTV 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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