



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MINUTES

**R. Carlisle Roddey Chester County Government Building
1476 J A Cochran Bypass- Conference Room**

Thursday, June 6th, 2019-3:30 P.M.

Budget Workshop/Salary Study Minutes

Present: Chairman Shane Stuart, Vice Chairman Joe Branham, Council Member Brad Jordan, Council Member Alex Oliphant, Council Member Pete Wilson, Treasurer Tommy Darby, Finance Director Wes Carter. Karlisa Parker, Economic Development and Karen Campbell, Carlisle Associates and Carlton Segars, Tax Assessor.

Councilman Oliphant step out of the meeting for a brief moment.

Councilman Wilson came in late.

Absent: Councilwoman Mary Guy and Clerk to Council Karen Lee with prior notification.

- 1. Call to Order**-Meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Chairman Stuart.
- 2. Approval of May 23rd, 2019 Budget Workshop/Salary Study Minutes.**
Corrections to minutes: Councilman Jordan stated he was present for this meeting. Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve with corrections, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote was 3-0 to approve. Councilman Oliphant had stepped out the meeting momentarily.
- 3. Approval of May 28th, 2019 Budget Workshop/Salary Study Minutes.**
Corrections to minutes: Councilman Jordan stated he was present for this meeting. Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve with corrections, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote was 4-0 to approve.
- 4. Discussion Concerning the Gateway Expansion to Approve a Change Order for the Relocation of a Fire Riser.** Karen Campbell, Carlisle Associates presented a change order request from the contractor for \$15, 703.70 dollars for the fire riser that needed to be moved from the present location in the building to an exterior wall. When digging out the footings for the new building they found the fire line. She stated the fire line was not located on the plans. One solution was to move the fire line and the other was to raise the footing of the column it was sitting under, by code it must be 12 inches from the bottom of the building to the fire line and decided to go that way.

Mrs. Campbell stated in January the RFI came in and in March an RFI came in from IPI sprinkler people stating the fire line was more than 10 feet inside the building. By code you can't bring the fire line any more than 10 feet inside the building with a regular plastic pipe, so a special pipe would have to be used which would be 18 feet. At the time the slab had already been poured and the building was going up. She contacted Richard Miller about the issue, to talk to building & zoning. Their proposal was to either move the fire riser or come in and put pvc pi pi valve outside of the building between the building and the closed fire hydrant. She stated they were trying to avoid the extra cost and went with the pip valve. The State Fire Marshal would not accept it, according the State Fire Marshall, they had three options. 1. Dig up the entire fire line and place it under the slab. 2. Dig it up and put a trench under it and add plates across so it could be lifted up to be sure it was not leaking. 3. Move the fire riser line and bring it up and put in the proper metal piping and run along the floor and hook it back to the existing one. IPI and the contractors decided it would be cheaper to move the fire riser and run it up along the floor.

Councilman Oliphant asked why this the County's problem was since it should have been in the contract. Mrs. Campbell stated no, they did not know where the line was, and should have tried to have all the water lines located. The bid given was not including moving the fire riser the location of the fire riser was not known at that time. Councilman Oliphant stated the architect should have seen this in the beginning and why should the County have to pay for it. Mrs. Campbell stated even if it had been discovered the solution the fire riser would have to be moved. Councilman Oliphant stated he understood it must be moved, but this was after the fact and don't know what the contract states and what the County's obligation is. Mrs. Campbell stated they were willing to pay the difference in the cost of what it would have been verses what the cost is now. The cost of \$15,703.70 to Southside.

Councilman Vaughn asked if the total included Spartan and IPI, Mrs. Campbell stated yes. Councilman Vaughn also stated if the contract with the architect included doing a complete plan which included any changes that would have come up in the fire system which you would think with an expansion of this size there would be changes in the riser, it comes down to the contract with them and asked Mrs. Campbell if that was included. She stated they had a fire protection engineer that submitted with the plans so yes, they should have located the fire line but did not ask to have it located in the plans. Councilman Oliphant stated he knew this must be done but would like legal advice of what the County's obligation was. Chairman Stuart stated he would ask County Attorney Winters to review the contract and review what was presented today and come back to the next meeting.

Mrs. Campbell stated the reason they were presenting today she did not want to impact the schedule, they have submitted the plans to the State Fire Marshall for review last week. Chairman Stuart stated this would give the County Attorney time to look at the contract and maybe hold a special called meeting. Councilman Oliphant stated he was fine with that he did not want to clean up someone else's mess if it was not the County's obligation. Chairman Stuart stated the original cost would be re-evaluated along with waiting on the State Fire Marshall's review and have the County Attorney look over the contract. He asked Mrs. Campbell to let him know when she had heard from the fire marshal.

5. Discussion on 2020 Census.

Discussed adding \$25,000 for part time help in the Assessor's Office and \$25,000 to Voter Registration for a Census worker.

6. Discussion on Magistrates Office Computer and Phones to be added to the Counties Network.

This was taken as information only.

7. Budget Discussion-Supervisor/Council/Treasurer.

Department request were discussed, no action was taken.

8. Salary Study-Councilman Oliphant motioned to accept the salary study as information only, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 5-0 to approve.

9. Adjournment

Councilman Oliphant motioned to adjourn, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 5-0 to adjourn.

K. Shane Stuart, Chairman & Supervisor

Karen Lee, Clerk to Council