



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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

May 20, 2013
6:00 p.m.

Chairman Carlisle Roddey– Presiding

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Carlisle Roddey
Vice Chairman Joe Branham
Council Member Alex Oliphant
Council Member Mary Guy
Council Member Brad Jordan (arrived at 6:10pm)
Council Member Archie Lucas
Council Member John Wayne Holcombe
County Attorney Joanie Winters
Clerk to Council Carolyn Clayton

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

III. Approval of Minutes

1. Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2013
Council Member Guy made a Motion to approve the Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2013, 2nd by Council Member Holcombe, Council vote was 4-0 to approve with Council Member Lucas abstaining and Council Member Jordan not present.
2. Chester County Council Special Called Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2013
Council Member Lucas made a Motion to approve the Chester County Council Special Called Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2013, 2nd by Council Member Guy, Council vote was 4-0 to approve with Vice Chairman Branham abstaining and Council Member Jordan not present.

IV. Citizen's Comments

There were no Citizen's Comments

V. Ordinances, Resolutions & Proclamations

1. 1st Reading of an Ordinance to Develop a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial and Business Park in Conjunction with York County, such Industrial and Business Park to be Geographically located in York and Chester Counties and Established Pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as Amended; to Provide for a Written Agreement with York County, to Provide for the Expenses of the Park, the Percentage of Revenue Application, and the Distribution of Fees in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes to the Counties and Relevant taxing Entities; and to Permit a Fee in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxation; to Provide for a Public Hearing; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto. (Agreement for the Development of a Joint Industrial and Business Park between York and Chester Counties also included with Ordinance)

Council Member Lucas made a Motion to approve 1st Reading of An Ordinance to Develop a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial and Business Park in Conjunction with York County, such Industrial and Business Park to be Geographically located in York and Chester Counties and Established Pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as Amended; to Provide for a Written Agreement with York County, to Provide for the Expenses of the Park, the Percentage of Revenue Application, and the Distribution of Fees in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes to the Counties and Relevant taxing Entities; and to Permit a Fee in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxation; to Provide for a Public Hearing; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto. (Agreement for the Development of a Joint Industrial and Business Park between York and Chester Counties also included with Ordinance), 2nd by Council Member Oliphant, Council vote was unanimous.(6-0)

3. Resolution to Amend the Chester County Employee Handbook
County Attorney Winters explained to Council that updates needed to be made concerning the employee drug use and drug testing policy and the Section on overtime and compensatory time was taken out.

Council Member Lucas made a Motion to approve the Resolution to Amend the Chester County Employee Handbook only on the drug use and drug testing policy, 2nd by Vice Chairman Branham, Council vote was unanimous.

VII. New Business

1. Rental prices for Gateway Conference Center
Karlisa Parker/Eco. Dev. Director and **Mr. Chris Winters** came before Council with the rental price agreements for the different rooms at the Gateway Conference Center after looking at various facilities of the same size (enclosed with minutes). **Council Member Oliphant made a Motion to approve the rental prices on each room at the Gateway Conference Center, 2nd by Vice Chairman Branham Council vote was unanimous.**
2. Restructuring Elections and Registration

Mr. Earl Moore came before Council to state that Ward 3 had too many people and would be divided. Some would be placed in Ward 5 and would vote here at the County Complex. **Council Member Lucas** wanted to make absolutely sure that the citizens in Ward 3 would be notified and **Mr. Moore** said they would be. **Vice Chairman Branham made a Motion to take this as information only, 2nd by Council Member Guy, Council vote was unanimous.**

Mr. Bill Marion came before Council to basically ask for a new job description for the Elections Director and an increase in salary.

Council Member Guy made a Motion to take their recommendations as information only, 2nd by Council Member Oliphant, Council vote was unanimous.

VIII. Executive Session

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

1. Economic Development Update
 - a. Project Phoenix
 - b. Project Triathlon
2. Legal Matter – Re: Property Matter
3. Legal Matter – Re: Update on Litigation

Council Member Lucas made a Motion to go into Executive Session, to receive an Economic Development update 2nd by Vice Chairman Branham, Council vote was unanimous.

Council Member Guy made a Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Legal Matter and receive an update on Litigation, 2nd by Council Member Oliphant, Council Vote was unanimous. (Time was 7:00pm)

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:15 pm and **Vice Chairman Branham made a Motion to go back into Regular Session, 2nd by Council Member Lucas, Council vote was unanimous.**

Chairman Roddey stated that Ms. Parker had given Council Members an update on Project Phoenix and Project Triathlon and both were taken as information only.

Chairman Roddey then stated that item “2” was a legal matter regarding property and that it was the acre at the front adjoining County property. When the building was purchased, Omnova would not sell that acre and the County had been leasing it for one dollar a year. Omnova now has a contract on the acre (did not offer to sell to the County first) and **Chairman Roddey** had spoken with their financial officer and has told him that the County will start condemnation procedures on this acre and offer Omnova fair market price after an appraisal has been done. **Vice Chairman Branham made a Motion to start condemnation procedures and to offer Omnova fair market price after an appraisal was done, 2nd by Council Member Lucas, Council vote was unanimous.**

Chairman Roddey then stated that item “3” was a legal matter regarding an update on a litigation case and **County Attorney Winters** stated that the case will now go into arbitration.

IX. Council Member Comments

Council Member Lucas reminded everyone that the Flop Eye Fish Festival is this coming weekend in Great Falls.

Council Member Oliphant said he had attended a disaster exercise this morning on behalf of the County Supervisor and that it was very informative and ran very smoothly.

Council Member Jordan apologized for being late stating he was in court in Gaston County and would be the rest of the week.

Chairman Roddey reminded Council of the Council Budget Workshop being held on Tuesday, May 21st at 2:00pm

X. Adjourn

Council Member Lucas made a Motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Guy, Council vote was unanimous. (Time was 8:25pm)

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

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