



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

**1476 J.A. Cochran Bypass Chester, SC 29706
Monday March 6, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.**

Council Chambers

Members Present

Council Member Joe Branham, Vice Chairman
Council Member Brad Jordan
Council Member Archie Lucas
Council Member Alex Oliphant
Council Member Mary Guy
Council Member Pete Wilson
County Attorney Joan Winters
Clerk to Council Karen Lee

- I. Call to Order-** Called to order by Vice Chairman Branham at 6:00 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation-** Invocation and Pledge was recited in unison.
- III. Approval of Minutes**
 1. February 21, 2017 – Regular Chester County Council Minutes
Council Member Lucas motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Council Member Wilson. Vote was unanimous.
- IV. New Business**
 1. Discuss Funding for the District Wide Track- Dr. Angela Bain and City Council Member Angela Douglas

Dr. Angela Bain stated the school district had received \$500,000 dollars from the one cent penny sales tax a few years ago and presented a drawing for a field track to be built at the Joe Collins Stadium. Currently the track teams for Chester County has to play away for all games because there is no field. The cost to have the field completed will run around 1.2 million dollars which could increase. The City Council has put forth 102, 000, along with 75,000 coming from the State Commerce. Shane Stuart mentioned giving 10, 000 dollars. The track would consist of field turf which does not require as much maintenance.

Angela Douglas stated the Joe Collins stadium was once deserted but, has been revitalized, currently they have baseball games and in the fall football games.

It will also keep money in the City and County since parents will not be traveling to other Counties for a game when the home games can be held here. Council Member Jordan asked if the City is the sole owner of the property. Ms. Douglas stated the City of Chester will be the owner of the property but, a memorandum of understanding will be done with the School District. Council Member Lucas asked if they had applied for any grants. Ms. Douglas stated they were trying to obtain grants.

Dr. Bain stated it would be great to have industries look at Chester and see what the School District, the City of Chester and Chester County are doing for the children. Council Members Oliphant and Wilson asked if they could bring back a breakdown of the numbers of what the money would be spent on. Vice Chairman Branham stated this would have to be discussed at budget time. No action was taken. Council urged them to speak to Grazier Rhea, from Catawba Regional of Governments which was in the audience to discuss potential grants for the project also.

2. Trash on County Roads-Vice Chairman Branham

Vice Chairman Branham stated he was receiving calls from citizens concerning trash on the roads and is becoming an epidemic and something needs to be done. Other Council members agreed, they too had received calls.

A six seat truck was bought for the Sheriff and maybe a trailer, but does not seem to be working out the way it was planned. He thought he had understood the Sheriff to say he would have to pay overtime to his officers to do this. He stated his idea was to hire a County employee, send him to training at the law enforcement center in order to drive inmates around the county to pick up trash.

Council Member Oliphant stated it goes back to education and what you're taught at home. He also suggested finding out how many people the Sheriff has picking up trash, and if anyone had written tickets. Vice Chairman Branham said this would also have to wait until budget discussions.

V. Citizen Comments-No one signed up.

VI. Public Hearing

1. Needs and Assessment Hearing- Grazier Rhea, Catawba Regional Council of Governments.

Grazier Rhea/Catawba Regional asked Council to prioritize the Needs Assessment List for Chester County. After much discussion the following needs was added to the Chester County 2016 Needs Assessment: *Additions are in italic. *

1. Upgrade of water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer services in low and moderate income areas, including the East Chester, Lancaster Street, Saluda Street and McClure Street, *Cedar Grove Community* and areas in the City of Chester.
2. Addressing slums and blighted areas. This included the clearance of Brownfield areas, as well as the following abandoned mills: Great Falls Mill *Number 1* Number 2 and Number 3, Eureka Mill and the Gayle Mill. This also included the demolition of dilapidated buildings and residences.
3. Expansion of water sanitary sewer and storm sewer services to low and moderate income areas currently not being served.

4. Construction and upgrade of infrastructure to promote economic development through the expansion of existing industries and location of new industries.
5. Construction of a fire substation in the West Chester Township and *North Chester Township* in order to provide expanded fire protection services.
6. Support of Chester County Library facilities to provide education and training for low and moderate income citizens in order to enhance employment opportunities.
7. Extension of water, sewer and other infrastructure services to affordable housing sites in order to promote housing opportunities for low and moderate income persons.
8. Extension of water and sewer along the I-77 corridor, including the SC Highway 97 interchange from Richburg.
9. Improvements to make the I-77 and SC Highway 9 interchange less dangerous, including the addition of turning lanes.
10. Upgrade of sidewalks, to include Ashford Street from Ella to the J.A. Cochrane Bypass, the area from Parkway Avenue to the J.A. Cochrane Bypass, York Street, the Gayle Mill neighborhood, Brendale Street and areas along J.A. Cochrane Bypass.
11. Continue to further fair housing in Chester County.

Council Member Oliphant motioned to approve with additions, seconded by Council Member Guy. Vote was unanimous.

VII. Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations- None

VIII. Old Business

1. Third Reading to adopt the Planning Commission's Recommendations for the Following:

a. The Planning Commission voted 6-0 to approve Debra and Jackson Kisamore's request to rezone 3.018 acres located at 4109 Great Falls Hwy, Richburg, SC from General Commercial (GC) to Rural Two (R2) and known as Tax Map Number 139-00-00-098-000.

Council Member Lucas motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Jordan. Vote was unanimous.

b. The Planning Commission voted 6-0 to approve Patricia Craig's request to rezone 4.00 acres located at 1339 Halselville Rd, Chester, SC from Agriculture (AG) to Rural Two (R2) and known as Tax Map Number 054-00-00-025-000.

Council Member Wilson motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Lucas. Vote was unanimous.

c. The Planning Commission voted 6-0 to approve Jason Warren, representing Kelly Scarry's request to rezone 4.00 acres located on Mountain Gap Rd, Richburg, SC from Rural Two (R2) to Limited Industrial (ID2) and known as Tax Map Number 126-00-00-062-000.

Council Member Lucas motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Oliphant. Vote was unanimous.

d. The Planning Commission voted 6-0 to approve Jason Warren, representing Susan Scarry's request to rezone 7.00 acres located on Mountain Gap Rd, Richburg, SC from Rural Two (R2) to Limited Industrial (ID2) and known as Tax Map Number 126-00-00-155-000.

Council Member Guy motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Lucas. Vote was unanimous.

2. Employee Concerns Over Excessive Speeds Near the Lewis Recycling Center On Saluda Road.

Vice Chairman Branham stated he had spoken with an employee at the Recycling Center and was told the State Highway Patrol had sent an unmarked car and had stopped over nine vehicles speeding over seventy miles an hour. He said Chairman Stuart had addressed the issues, Fire Chief Jay Williams worked with the County to allow employees to enter from the side keeping them out of traffic. SCDOT is currently doing a traffic study for that area. Additional traffic enforcement has been requested from both the Sheriff and the Highway Patrol. The County is also exploring the option of installing a guard rail for the safety purposes of the Guard building.

3. Discussion concerning Portrait to be commissioned for Carlisle Roddey-Vice Chairman Branham

Vice Chairman Branham stated he had spoken to Stewart Morgan from the South Carolina Association of Counties concerning the portrait for Carlisle, he stated Mr. Morgan told him he would do the picture for twenty dollars or free of charge. He also stated Mrs. Roddey had the picture she would like to be used for the portrait. The frame would be the most expensive item, the rest of Council suggested getting the prices for the frame and portrait and bringing the quotes back then a decision could be made.

IX. Boards and Commissions

1. Appointments- County Council Member Lucas

a. Resignation from the Library Board by Diana Smith

Council Member Lucas motioned to accept the resignation, seconded by Council Member Oliphant. Vote was unanimous.

b. Resignation from Parks & Recreation Advisory Board by Joshua Hefner

Council Member Lucas motioned to accept the resignation, seconded by Council Member Guy. Vote was unanimous

c. Appoint Charles P. Weiland to the Library Board

Council Member Lucas motioned to approve the appointment, seconded by Council Member Oliphant. Vote was unanimous.

- d. Appoint Kyle Hefner to Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.
Council Member Lucas motioned to approve the appointment, seconded by Council Member Jordan. Vote was unanimous.

X. Executive Session-None

XI. Councils Action Following Executive Session-None

XII. Council Comments

Vice Chairman Branham recognized Laurel Sharp as the new Library Director and was in attendance.

XIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7.25 pm

**Joe Branham,
Chester County Vice Chairman
& County Council Member**

Karen Lee, Clerk to Council

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 Chester County Government Building 24 hours prior to the meeting