



## CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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

February 2, 2009  
6:00 p.m.

Carlisle Roddey, Chairman – 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**

1. Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2009

**Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to approve the Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2009, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Holcombe, Council vote was unanimous.**

**IV. Citizens Comments**

Mr. Jerry Thomas, 4228 Dye Rd., Edgemoor came before Council to encourage them to reinstate the Recreation Commission. Mr. Thomas said he represented the Lewisville Little League and Chester County Soccer Leagues and he would like to see them all pulled together. **Chairman Roddey** thanked Mr. Thomas for his suggestions.

At this time, **Chairman Roddey** said that **Vice Chairman Lucas** had an item he wanted to add to the Agenda.

**Vice Chairman Lucas wanted a Resolution in support of keeping Great Falls Schools open added to the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Guy, Council vote was unanimous.**

## V. Public Hearing

**Chairman Roddey opened the Public Hearing on:**

An Ordinance to Amend that Certain Agreement for the Development of a Joint Industrial and Business Park Between Chester County and York County dated December 5, 2005. There were no speakers, therefore, **Chairman Roddey** closed the Public Hearing.

## VI. Ordinances & Resolutions

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Amend that Certain Agreement for the Development of a Joint Industrial and Business Park Between Chester County and York County dated December 5, 2005  
**Council Member Guy made a Motion to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading of an Ordinance to Amend that Certain Agreement for the Development of a Joint Industrial and Business Park Between Chester County and York County dated December 5, 2005, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Lucas. Council vote was unanimous.**
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Authorize the Imposition of Service Fees for Motor Vehicle Incidents Occurring Within the Various Fire Districts of Chester County  
**Council Member Branham made a Motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Authorize the Imposition of Service Fees for Motor Vehicle Incidents Occurring Within the Various Fire Districts of Chester County, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Oliphant, Council vote was unanimous.**
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt the Enabling Act for the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals  
**Council Member Oliphant made a Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt the Enabling Act for the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Branham.** Discussion: **Councilman Branham** asked if each Council Member would appoint a person and **Chairman Roddey** replied yes and an At Large Member. **Vice Chairman Lucas** asked who should be appointed and **Chairman Roddey** replied someone that has construction experience. **Councilman Oliphant** also said that each members appointed term would run consecutive with the Council Member that appointed them. **Council then voted and the vote was unanimous.**
4. A Resolution Approving the Assignment of an Existing Fee-in-Lieu of Taxes Arrangement Chester County, South Carolina and Minteq International Inc., Successor by Merger with Synsil Products Inc., to Mississippi Lime Company  
**This item was removed from the Agenda.**
5. Inducement Resolution Providing for a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement Between Chester County and Southeastern Petroleum, LLC  
**Council Member Branham made a Motion to approve an Inducement Resolution Providing for a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement Between Chester County and**

**Southeastern Petroleum, LLC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Guy.** Discussion: **Council Member Oliphant** asked the Economic Development Director for a copy of the fee schedule and she said she would provide one for him. **Council then voted and the vote was unanimous.**

6. Draft Resolution in Support of University of South Carolina at Lancaster to Remain Open

**Chairman Roddey made a Motion to approve the Draft Resolution in Support of University of South Carolina at Lancaster to Remain Open, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Jordan.** Discussion: **Council Member Branham** asked if this Resolution would be sent to the Governor and **Chairman Roddey** stated it would be sent to Lancaster. **Council Member Jordan** then said he had attended USCL for two years and it was an extremely good College. **Council then voted and the vote was unanimous.**

Item added to agenda

**Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to accept the Resolution to keep Great Falls Schools open but added Chester County after Town of Great Falls on last page, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Jordan.** Discussion: There was a lengthy discussion on this subject and **Councilman Oliphant's** concern was that he was uncomfortable "telling the School Board what to do". **Chairman Roddey** said Council was not telling them what to do only asking. **Councilman Oliphant** then said he was uncomfortable going against the School Board. **Council Member Guy** then asked if Council was saying we support keeping the school open and **Vice Chairman Lucas** said we weren't telling them what to do. **Council Member Jordan** then said Council couldn't set their millage but this would affect Chester County. **Vice Chairman Lucas** then said the only thing Great Falls had were people, churches and a good school system. **Vice Chairman Lucas** also stated that he was at the meeting in Chester at the School District. **Council then voted and the vote was 5 to 1 supporting the Resolution with Council Member Oliphant opposing.**

## **VII. Old Business**

1. Planning Commissions Recommendation to County Council

### **Third Reading: From Meeting of CCPC 11-18-08**

<b><u>Commission</u></b>	<b><u>Council</u></b>
<b><u>Vote</u></b>	<b><u>Vote</u></b>
<b>6-0 to approve</b>	<b>6-0 to uphold</b>

### **MAP AMENDMENT # CCMA08-0013**

**From: R2 – Rural Two to GC – General Commercial**

**Name:** ..... Robert Walsh

**Tax Map**..... 079-01-18-002-000

**Location**.....6.514 acres located on the NE corner of JA Cochran Bypass and Saluda Rd, Chester, SC

**Council Member Guy made a Motion to Uphold Planning Commissions Recommendations on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading on Map Amendment #CCMA08-0013 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Holcombe, Council vote was unanimous.**

### **VIII. New Business**

1. Retired/FMLA Officers Weapons

**Sheriff Richard Smith** said some retired employees had asked that they are allowed to keep their weapons and **Sheriff Smith** said he had researched this and found that the weapons were actually in the Sheriff's Department name and suggested to Council that retiree's be given the money to buy a weapon. **Sheriff Smith** said they were under contract not to sell or give away any weapons. **Council Member Holcombe** said he would think they would want their own weapons. Council Member then asked if the County Attorney could get an opinion on this and have it at the next meeting and she said she would. **Council Member Guy** asked the Sheriff if he had the money in his budget and he said "we'd have to eat it". **Council Member Branham** asked the price and **Sheriff Smith** said about \$460. **Council Member Guy** asked if prior Sheriff's had given retiree's weapons and **Sheriff Smith** said the books were showing only one. **County Attorney Winters** asked **Sheriff Smith** for the contract on the weapons and **Sheriff Smith** said he would get that to her. **Council Member Branham then made a Motion that the County Attorney get more information on the disposal of weapons and bring back to Council, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Oliphant, Council vote was unanimous.**

At this time **Council Member Guy** had to leave for another meeting.

**Chairman Roddey** then stated that the Sheriff's Department also wanted to address Council about purchasing new vehicles. **Chief Deputy Cauthen** told Council Members about the fleet of vehicles at the Sheriff's Department that had an excess of 160,000 miles and stated that new vehicles were desperately needed. He had gotten prices on used Crown Vic's and Ford Explorers and stated he could get three new ones for approximately the same price. **Chief Deputy Cauthen** also relayed to Council that there were now more deputies on patrol and **Sheriff Smith** also assured Council that there no County Cars taken out of the County. **Council Member Oliphant** asked the approximate amount and **Chief Deputy Cauthen** stated about \$80,000 fully equipped. **Council Member Oliphant** then asked where the money

would come from and **Chairman Roddey** replied the Reserve Fund. It was also discussed having a sale of the old vehicles and equipment and **Council Member Branham** asked where would money from the sale go and **Chairman Roddey** said probably the Vehicle Fund for the Sheriff's Department. With no further discussion, **Council Member Holcombe made a Motion to allow the Sheriff's Department to purchase three new vehicles, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Jordan, Council vote was unanimous.**

2. Recreation Commission

**Council Member Jordan** stated that he was involved in coaching soccer and baseball and would like to see a Recreation Commission in Chester County to oversee recreation. He also said there was 100 acres at the Rodman Park area and showed a drawing of the area that included soccer fields, shelters, softball, volleyball, picnic areas, riding trails, horse shoes, hiking trails, etc. **Council Member Jordan** said he would like to see the re-establishment of our Recreation Commission to oversee sports in Chester County. **Council Member Oliphant** said he thought that we still had the Recreation Commission and could review what was in place even though there were no members appointed to it at present. **Vice Chairman Lucas** asked if this would be an Advisory Commission only and **Chairman Roddey** said that was correct. **Council Member Jordan** then said he wanted this item on the agenda for Council to give it some thought and that it was to be taken as information only.

3. Adopt New Insurance Plan Pertaining to Gasb

**Chairman Roddey** relayed to Council that Blue Choice had "come to the table" and the County would not be changing insurance plans but that Gasb leaves the County with a \$14M liability and asked that Council adopt the new insurance plan pertaining to Gasb.

**Chairman Roddey then made the Motion to Adopt New Insurance Plan Pertaining to Gasb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Oliphant, Council vote was unanimous.**

4. Planning Commissions Recommendation to County Council

**First Reading: From Meeting of CCPC 1-13-09**

<b><u>Commission</u></b>	<b><u>Council</u></b>
<b><u>Vote</u></b>	<b><u>Vote</u></b>
<b>5-1 to approve</b>	<b>5-0 to uphold</b>

**MAP AMENDMENT # CCMA09-0001**

**From: RG1 (Multi Family) to LC (Limited Commercial)**

**Name: .....** Adrian Buchanan

**Tax Map.....** 079-01-14-006-000

**Location.....**One Lot located at 564 York Rd., Chester, SC

**Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to uphold Planning Commissions Recommendations on Map Amendment # CCMA09-0001, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Branham, Council vote was unanimous.**

**First Reading: From Meeting of CCPC 1-13-09**

<b><u>Commission</u></b>	<b><u>Council</u></b>
<b><u>Vote</u></b>	<b><u>Vote</u></b>
5-1 to approve	Tabled

**MAP AMENDMENT # CCMA09-0002**

**From: RS1 (Multi Family) to LC (Limited Commercial)**

**Name: ..... Keith Stephenson**

**Tax Map..... 079-04-04-016-000**

**Location.....One Lot located at 745 Lancaster Hwy., Chester, SC**

There was some discussion on exactly what uses Limited Commercial could be used for and **Council Member Branham** said he would rather something went there that would compliment the Chester York Technical Site. **Chairman Roddey** said he would have **Mr. Paul, Planning and Zoning Director**, at the next meeting to answer any questions Council had. **Vice Chairman Lucas then made the Motion to table Map Amendment #CCMA09-0002 until the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Branham, Council vote was unanimous.**

5. Economic Development Year End Review and 2009 Update

**Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to move this agenda item after Boards & Commissions Appointments & Re-Appointments and Council Member Comments, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Branham, Council vote was unanimous.**

**IX. Boards & Commissions Appointments & Re-appointments**

1. Catawba Regional Council of Governments

**Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to appoint Councilman Branham to the Catawba Regional Council of Governments, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Oliphant.**

Discussion: **Councilman Oliphant** asked if two members from Council could be on the Catawba Regional Council of Governments and wanted some clarification from Catawba Regional. **Council then voted and the vote was unanimous.**

2. Airport Commission

**Council Member Branham made a motion to re-appoint Martha Hatcher to the Airport Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Lucas, Council vote was unanimous.**

3. Senior Services

**Council Member Holcombe made a Motion to appoint Mr. Ander Worthy to the Senior Services Board, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Lucas, Council vote was unanimous.**

4. Chester Fire Department

**County Supervisor Roddey made a Motion to re-appoint Mr. Cornwell Stone to the Chester Fire District Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Branham, Council vote was unanimous.**

## **X. Council Members Comments**

**Council Member Branham** wanted to remind everyone and especially the local newspaper that the one cent sales tax would go in effect May 1, 2009 and if needed the Purchasing Manager put this notification in any ad for bids.

**Chairman Roddey** told Council that the Fire Marshall had approved the new jail plans.

5. Economic Development Year End Review and 2009 Update

**Karlisa Parker, Economic Development Director**, gave Council a year end review and informative power point presentation in the Conference Room (included in minutes in Minute Book). After the presentation she asked if there were any questions.

**Vice Chairman Lucas** asked if any progress had been made on getting sewer lines to the mega site and Ms. Parker said no because of the cost. **Council Member Jordan** asked how many sites were certified and Ms. Parker replied only one. **Council Member Branham** commented on what a great job the entire Economic Development Department were doing. **Chairman Roddey** asked if there were any further comments and there were none so he asked for a Motion to adjourn.

## **XI. Adjournment**

**Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member Oliphant, Council vote was unanimous.** Time was approximately 8:20 pm

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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**R. Carlisle Roddey**  
Chairman, Chester  
County Council

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**Carolyn S. Clayton-Snipes, CCC**  
Clerk to Chester County Council

