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CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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

June 15, 2009

Monday

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 Holcombe
County Attorney Winters

Absent:

Council Member Branham

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

III. Approval of Minutes

1. Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2009

Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to approve the Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2009, 2nd by Council Member Guy, Council vote was unanimous.

IV. Citizens Comments

There were no Citizens Comments

V. Public Hearing

Chairman Roddey opened the Public Hearing on:

An Ordinance to Establish Operating and Capital Budgets

for the Operation of the County Government of Chester County, South Carolina

for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2009, to Provide for the Levy of Taxes for

Chester County for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2009; to Provide for the

Expenditure of Tax Revenue and other County Funds; to Provide for Other County

1 Purposes; to Authorize the County to Borrow Money in Anticipation of Taxes and to
2 Provide for the Repayment of Sums Borrowed by the County Governing Body; to
3 Provide for the Payment of Tort Claims and Worker's Compensation Claims against
4 Chester County; to Provide for Certain Fiscal and other Matters Relating to County
5 Government

6 There were no speakers, therefore, **Chairman Roddey** closed the Public Hearing.

7 **VI. Ordinances & Resolutions**

- 8 1. 3rd Reading of an Ordinance to Establish Operating and Capital Budgets
9 for the Operation of the County Government of Chester County, South Carolina
10 for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2009, to Provide for the Levy of Taxes for
11 Chester County for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2009; to Provide for the
12 Expenditure of Tax Revenue and other County Funds; to Provide for Other County
13 Purposes; to Authorize the County to Borrow Money in Anticipation of Taxes and to
14 Provide for the Repayment of Sums Borrowed by the County Governing Body; to
15 Provide for the Payment of Tort Claims and Worker's Compensation Claims against
16 Chester County; to Provide for Certain Fiscal and other Matters Relating to County
17 Government
18 **Council Member Guy made a Motion to approve 3rd and final Reading of an**
19 **Ordinance to Establish Operating and Capital Budgets for the Operation of the**
20 **County Government of Chester County, South Carolina for the Fiscal Year**
21 **Commencing July 1, 2009, to Provide for the Levy of Taxes for Chester County**
22 **for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2009; to Provide for the Expenditure of Tax**
23 **Revenue and other County Funds; to Provide for Other County Purposes; to**
24 **Authorize the County to Borrow Money in Anticipation of Taxes and to**
25 **Provide for the Repayment of Sums Borrowed by the County Governing Body; to**
26 **Provide for the Payment of Tort Claims and Worker's Compensation Claims**
27 **against Chester County; to Provide for Certain Fiscal and other Matters Relating**
28 **to County Government, 2nd by Council Member Holcombe, Council vote was**
29 **unanimous.**
- 30 2. 2nd Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Chester County Code of Law
31 **Council Member Oliphant made a Motion to approve 2nd Reading of an Ordinance**
32 **to Amend the Chester County Code of Law, 2nd by Council Member Jordan,**
33 **Council vote was unanimous.**
- 34 3. A Resolution to Adopt an Employee Handbook
35 **Council Member Oliphant made a Motion to approve the Resolution to Adopt**
36 **the Chester County Employee Handbook with the recommended changes made by**
37 **Council, 2nd by Council Member Guy.**
- 38 Discussion: A lengthy discussion followed the Motion.

1 **Council Member Oliphant** asked if the smoking part of the handbook “jived”
2 with the ordinance and **County Attorney Winters** replied that the ordinance states
3 50 feet from the beginning of the property or County facility. **Council Member**
4 **Holcombe** asked about the use of County vehicles, did Mrs. Goettsch contact the
5 insurance company and she replied that she did, **Council Member Holcombe** then
6 asked if the Sheriff’s Department have their own handbook and Mrs. Goettsch
7 replied they did. **Council Member Oliphant** asked if the handbook for the Sheriff’s
8 Department was updated and Mr. Robert Cauthen, Chief Deputy, replied that they
9 were actually working on it. **Council Member Holcombe** wanted a statement
10 added to the handbook that if an employee had a reportable accident they would be
11 required to take the driving test over and also be drug tested. Mrs. Goettsch said
12 that was not a problem and could be added in. **Council Member Guy** asked if
13 any wording had been changed since their last recommendations from the workshop
14 and Mrs. Goettsch replied no. **Council Member Oliphant** asked if “facility” should
15 be explained in the smoking part of the handbook and **County Attorney Winters**
16 replied it could be amended as well. **County Attorney Winters** then said that
17 Council should understand that policies change all the time and that is why this
18 is being done by Resolution. **Vice Chairman Lucas** asked if drug use and testing
19 covered alcohol and that the only time an employee could be drug tested was when
20 they were being considered for employment, what was considered “reasonable
21 suspicion” and **County Attorney Winters** replied that they preferred the Department
22 Heads discussed that with Dr. Hughes and **County Supervisor Roddey**. **Vice**
23 **Chairman Lucas** then asked who would check an employee and **County Attorney**
24 **Winters** replied if a co-worker suspects someone on drugs or alcohol they would go to
25 the Department Head and if there was reasonable suspicion then a drug test
26 would be requested and if the employee refused they would be terminated.
27 **Council Member Guy** asked if the ball fields were considered facilities and **County**
28 **Attorney Winters** replied they were. **Council Member Holcombe** asked if there
29 was anything about secondary employment mentioned and Mrs. Goettsch replied
30 there was. **Council Member Jordan** asked about “light duty” and Mrs. Goettsch
31 said generally the County doesn’t have any light duty work but some time, depending
32 on the injury and if a department needs help we use people for light duty if its
33 Workers Comp that they’re out on, personal no. **Council Member Oliphant** then
34 asked if he should rescind his Motion to include a definition of property owned by
35 the County and the change **Council Member Holcombe** wanted and **County**
36 **Attorney Winters** suggested that he and **Council Member Guy** rescind their Motions.
37 **Council Members Oliphant and Guy rescinded their original Motion and 2nd**.
38 **Council Member Holcombe then made a Motion to amend the Resolution to add**

1 if an employee had a chargeable accident in a County vehicle they would be
2 required to take the defensive driving course again and a drug test and to
3 define property owned by the County, 2nd by Council Member Oliphant,
4 Council then voted and the vote was 4 to 1 with Vice Chairman Lucas opposing.

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6 **VII. Old Business**

7 1. Planning Commissions Recommendation to County Council

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9 Second Reading: From Meeting of May 19, 2009

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<u>Commission</u>	<u>Council</u>
<u>Vote</u>	<u>Vote</u>
4-0 To Approve	5-0 To Uphold

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MAP AMENDMENT # CCMA09- 0005

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From: ID1 (Restricted Industrial) to R2 (Rural Two)

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Name: Jewel Jessee

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Tax Map..... 158-01-03-038

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Location..... One lot located on 1519B Catawba River Rd, Fort Lawn, SC

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Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to Uphold Planning Commissions recommendations

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on Map Amendment #CCMA09-0005, 2nd by Council Member Jordan, Council vote was unanimous.

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2. Contract on Great Falls Memorial Building

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Chairman Roddey said a Committee consisting of **Vice Chairman Lucas, Council Member**

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Oliphant and **Council Member Guy** had met to discuss a fee for the Great Falls Memorial

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Building. **Vice Chairman Lucas** then stated that he appreciated the work the County had done

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on the building and there had been about 125 people at the open house and that everyone

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was very impressed. **Vice Chairman Lucas** said the Committee had decided on a \$400 fee

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with \$200 deposit refundable if the place was cleaned properly. The Committee also suggested

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a separate account be opened at the First Citizens Bank in Great Falls for the monies taken

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in and that Mrs. Glenda Coleman would handle the rental. **Vice Chairman Lucas** then said

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that the Treasurer and Finance Director would take care of opening an account. **Council**

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Member Holcombe then said he would go along with the motion but he thought the fee should

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be lower. **Vice Chairman Lucas** then read some of the rental fees that are presently being

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charged in Chester for other facilities and **Chairman Roddey** stated this was a much nicer

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facility than some of the others and if a reasonable fee wasn't charged then the place would

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not remain nice very long. With no further discussion, **Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion**

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to adopt a Resolution on the Great Falls Memorial Building with the same rules in place as

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the Chester War Memorial Building, 2nd by Council Member Oliphant, Council vote was

1 **unanimous.**

2 3. Clean up at Eureka Mill

3 **Chairman Roddey** tabled this item until more information was received.

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5 **VIII. New Business**

6 1. Change in Organizational Chart

7 **Chairman Roddey** first asked **Mr. Eddie Murphy/EMA Director** to speak on the change

8 he was asking for in his department. **Mr. Murphy** asked that the Administrative Assistant

9 employee now in that position is changed to Deputy EMA Director. **Council Member**

10 **Jordan** asked if the salary would change and had there been any training for this person.

11 **Mr. Murphy** stated there would be an upgrade in the pay but that it was funded through
12 monies from EMD from Columbia and that Mr. Darby had and was going through training.

13 **Council Member Holcombe** then asked what was he going to do about an Administrative
14 Assistant that he would be back in six months asking for that position to be filled. **Mr.**

15 **Murphy** said he knew what they could and could not ask for. **Council Member Holcombe**

16 then said that EMA had an Administrative Assistant and when she left, **Mr. Murphy** hired an

17 older man. **County Attorney Winters** then told **Council Member Holcombe** that they could

18 not discriminate on age. **Council Member Guy** asked who would answer the phones when

19 everyone was gone and **Mr. Murphy** replied that everyone was not gone all the time. **Council**

20 **Member Guy** then asked if he would be able to do more and **Chairman Roddey** replied that

21 he would. **Council Member Holcombe** then asked what was wrong with Mr. Darby staying

22 in his present position and **Chairman Roddey** replied that they needed to have a second

23 person in charge. **Chairman Roddey then made a Motion to allow the move from**

24 **Administrative Assistant to Deputy Director on the Organizational Chart, 2nd by Council**

25 **Member Guy, Council vote was 3 to 2 in favor with Vice Chairman Lucas and Council**

26 **Member Holcombe opposing.**

27 The next Organizational Change **Chairman Roddey** asked for was to make the IT Department

28 a separate Department and remove it from Purchasing. **Chairman Roddey** said with all the

29 computers the current IT person was in charge of and the Purchasing Manager position

30 was already a busy job he wanted to make Mr. Atkinson a Department Head reporting to him.

31 **Chairman Roddey then Made a Motion to move Mr. Atkinson from the Purchasing**

32 **Department and create the IT Department on the Organizational Chart, 2nd by Council**

33 **Member Jordan, Council vote was unanimous.**

34 The next change **Chairman Roddey** brought before Council was to move the Nuisance

35 and Abatement office out from the Recycling Department and create a Nuisance and

36 Abatement Department on the Organizational Chart. **Chairman Roddey** said this person

37 would also report directly to him. **Chairman Roddey then made a Motion to create a**

38 **Nuisance and Abatement Department on the Organizational Chart, 2nd by Council Member**

1 **Oliphant, Council vote was unanimous.**

2 **Chairman Roddey** then stated an item that needed immediate attention had just been
3 brought to him and requested that the sale of old voting machines be added to the agenda.

4 **Council Member Oliphant then made the Motion to add old voting machines to the agenda**
5 **under new business, 2nd by Council Member Holcombe, Council vote was unanimous.**

6 **Chairman Roddey** then informed Council Members that an offer of \$20,000 came in from
7 Micro Vote General Corp. on the obsolete voting machines and asked that Council consider
8 taking the offer. **Chairman Roddey** also said that in 2006 Mr. George Thomas had an offer
9 from the same company for \$40,000 but the County Manager at the time, Mr. Frick would
10 not allow him to take the offer. **Council Member Oliphant** then said that Mr. Frick never
11 consulted with Council on this offer at all. **Chairman Roddey** then said the machines were
12 just collecting dust and suggested that Council take the offer. **Council Member Oliphant**
13 **then made the Motion to accept the offer of \$20,000 from Micro Vote General Corp., 2nd**
14 **by Council Member Jordan, Council vote was unanimous.**

15 **IX. Council Members Comments**

16 There were no Council Members Comments

17 **X. Adjournment**

18 **Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to adjourn, 2nd Council Member Guy Council**
19 **vote was unanimous.** Time was approximately 6:45 pm

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21 Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the **Chester News & Reporter,**
22 **The Herald in Rock Hill, SC, WSOC-TV, Channel 9 Eyewitness News, the Mfg. Housing**
23 **Institute of SC, WRHI Radio Station, C&N2 News, WCNC News and Capitol Consultants**
24 **were notified and a notice was posted on the bulletin board at the R. Carlisle Roddey**
25 **Government Complex 24 hours prior to the meeting**

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34 **R. Carlisle Roddey**
35 **Chairman, Chester**
36 **County Council**

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

Chester County Council Meeting of June 15, 2009