



## **CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Chester County Government Complex  
Council Chambers July 6, 2015 at 6:00 PM  
1476 J A Cochran Bypass, Chester, SC 29706**

**Chairman Shane Stuart - Presiding**

### **MINUTES**

**IN ATTENDANCE: CHAIRMAN STUART  
VICE CHAIRMAN JOE BRANHAM  
COUNCIL MEMBER BRAD JORDAN  
COUNCIL MEMBER ALEC OLIPHANT  
COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN HOLCOMBE  
COUNCIL MEMBER MARY GUY  
COUNCIL MEMBER ARCHIE LUCAS  
COUNTY ATTORNEY JOAN E. WINTERS**

#### **I. Call to Order**

#### **II. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation**

Vice Chairman Branham asked if he could make a motion to add a time sensitive item a USDA Grant to the agenda. Tax Assessor Ellis Faulkner needs it by July 8, 2015 and filed by July 15, 2015, seconded by Council Member Oliphant. Attorney Winters stated for the recorded because the laws have changed for adding to the agenda the reason for this last minute agenda item was due to the emergency of the time sensitive agenda item.  
**Vote was unanimous.**

#### **III. Approval of Minutes**

- 1. Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2015**

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

2. Special Called County Council Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2015

Council Member Oliphant motioned to approve, seconded by Vice Chairman Branham. Council Member Guy and Council Member Jordan were absent from this meeting and therefore recused themselves. **Vote was 4-0 to approve.**

**IV. Citizen's Comments**

Nettie Archie stated at the last council meeting no comments were made on the executive session. She asked Council if they would consider changing their meeting dates. The School Board meets at the same time and she and others would like to attend both meetings. Calvin Gore signed up to speak but declined.

**V. Ordinances & Resolutions**

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading on an Ordinance to approve a renewal lease agreement for ResCare  
**Council Member Oliphant motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Jordan. Vote was unanimous.**

2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Authorize the Sale (or Donation) of Six (6) used SCBA Cylinders  
**Council Member Lucas motioned to donate SCBA Cylinders, seconded by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote was unanimous.**

3. Resolution for approval of Organizational Charts  
Chairman Stuart stated added on the chart was having an Administrative Assistant separate from the Clerk to Council. Also adding an Assistant Deputy Chief to the Coroner that was not approved in the proposed budget, a position through the maintenance budget would be eliminated therefore providing the funds for the Assistant Deputy Chief. Council Member Oliphant asked if Council could be provided a current organizational chart so they could compare it with the new one. Chairman Stuart stated through HR Human Resources the changes were adding the Administrative Assistant separate from the Clerk to Council, Building & Zoning would rather have Code Enforcement under the County Supervisor and a candidate had been selected and starts next week provided Council was ok with the organizational chart. **Vice Chairman Branham motioned to table for the next meeting of July 20, 2015, seconded by Chairman Jordan. Vote was unanimous.**

**VI. New Business**

1. Rolling Stock Allocation by Ordinance  
Attorney Winters stated this was a 2012 ordinance that was a GO bond done for rolling stock. Money was left over and is specifically for rolling stock (vehicles). Chairman Stuart stated he had request from Litter Control, Animal Control and the Sheriff's office for extra vehicles and the amount left over was around \$250,000 this was for information only to Council. Chairman Oliphant asked if there's a spreadsheet with all the county vehicles, when they were purchased, the mileage and the year. Chairman Stuart stated yes he was working on one.

**2. Budgetary review committee discussion**

Chairman Stuart stated since there with issues with the previous budget he would like to see if Council would consider meeting quarterly to discuss it. He stated Treasure Tommy Darby and his Assistant Wes Carter would sit in to see where the budget is quarterly to look and plan ahead instead of waiting at the end. Chairman Oliphant stated all the Council Members should be present and all agreed to attend. Vice Chairman Branham stated the Department Heads should also be there, Chairman Stuart agreed but the meeting would be during business hours. Attorney Winters stated this would be consider as a public meeting therefore the meeting would be published in the newspaper.

**3. USDA Grant (added by motion time sensitive item)**

Vice Chairman Branham asked Richburg Fire Chief John Agee to explain the importance of the grant. Mr. Agee stated they had been working with the Catawba Regional of Governments for the last few months trying to come up with a game plan on how to finance the fire needs for GITI Tire. Would like to be on the Council agenda July 20<sup>th</sup> if everything has been done to give a presentation. There's a USDA grant available for \$50,000 from excess funds that can be obtained, and also get one for next year for \$500,000. If we get both grants we could purchase a new tower truck that would cost around 1.2 million dollars. Also the Richburg Fire Department lowered the ISO rating from a class 5 to a class 4 and this needs to be maintained. Mr. Agee stated GITI Tire will build the first prototype tire in July of next year, if they ordered the tower truck now it would be finished around the same time. Council Member Lucas asked if GITI had been asked to help, Mr. Agee stated GITI was looking at them to do everything. Chairman Stuart asked if he had spoken with Rural Fire to see if they would be involved in the process. Mr. Agee stated he had spoken to the Fire Board all this money cannot come out of the Richburg Fire District it has to come from the County. Chairman Stuart asked how much money has been saved by the Richburg Fire Department. Mr. Agee stated they did not have any money saved for this but has \$100,000 saved for the new fire station that will be built on the corner of Knox Station Road and Old Richburg Rd. He went on to say hopefully the County will be able to kick in money from the C funds and also try to raise the rest from industrial businesses without raising taxes. Council Member Oliphant stated GITI was not being taxed by the Richburg Fire District, Mr. Agee stated that was correct. Thysseen Steel has always paid, Outokumpu, Footprints, Haddon House and Guardian Glass all pay fee in lieu so there is no money coming back to the Fire District but the Fire Protection Requirement is there. Council Member Oliphant stated this needs to be looked at right now the residents are footing the bill there should be a formula included in the fee in lieu. Mr. Agee stated the distribution of fee in lieu needs to be fixed. **Vice Chairman Branham motioned to have Chairman Stuart sign the grant, seconded by Council Member Oliphant. Vote was unanimous.**

**VII. Executive Session**

Chairman Stuart called for a motioned to go to Executive Session. **Council Member Holcombe motioned to go in to Executive Session, seconded by Council Member Guy. Vote was unanimous.** Time was 6:40 pm.

Council returned from Executive Session: **Council Member Guy motioned to go back into Regular Session, seconded by Council Member Holcombe. Vote was unanimous.** Time was 7:45 pm.

- 1. A contractual matter concerning the airport. **No Action Taken**
- 2. A legal matter regarding county roads. **No Action Taken**
- 3. To discuss an employment matter about county council. **No Action Taken**

**VIII. Council Comments**

Council Member Guy stated the Chester Dixie Youth Baseball Team won the championship and will be going to play for the State July 24, 2015.

Chairman Stuart stated the complex for phase one had been completed, still have two more phases before the foundation will be finished. He also stated he was still working on the proclamation for the AME Zion Church in Charleston.

**IX. Adjourn**

**Council Member Lucas motioned to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Oliphant. Vote was 6-0 to adjourn.**

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**Shane Stuart, Chester County  
Council Chair & County Supervisor**

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**Council Member Archie Lucas  
Interim Clerk to County Council**

**Minutes from July 6, 2015**