



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Where: **Great Falls War Memorial Building**
401 Dearborn Street, Great Falls, SC 29055

When: **Monday June 6, 2016 – at 6:00PM**

Members Present:

Chairman Shane Stuart – Presiding
Council Member Joseph Branham, Vice-Chair
Council Member Archie Lucas, Interim Clerk
Council Member Brad Jordan, Recreation Liaison
Council Member Mary Guy
Council Member John W. Holcombe
Council Member Alex Oliphant
County Attorney, Joan E. Winters

- I. **Call to Order** ~ called to order by Chairman Stuart
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation** ~ pledge recited in unison & invocation led by Council Member Lucas.

In remembrance of D-Day, Chairman Stuart gave each Council Member and Attorney Winters an American Flag lapel pin
- III. **Approval of Minutes** ~
 1. **Chester County Council Meeting May 23, 2016** ~ Motioned by Council Member Lucas, 2nd by Council Member Branham to approve these minutes. The council voted 6-0, to approve.
- IV. **Citizen Comments** ~ 3 Citizens Signed up to speak
 1. **Allen Culp, 3267 Catawba River Road, Fort Lawn, SC 29714, (803)246-0331**
– Allen is the chief of the Fort Lawn Fire Department. In the past there was a proposal to hire firefighters for the day shift, that was turned down. He wanted to

inform the council that the Fort Lawn Fire Department will use their fire tax district money, to hire 2 part-time fire fighters to cover the Fire Station during the day shift. He asked the council to take this into consideration for perhaps a county wide effort. There are a lot of firefighters that have to work a 2nd job in order to make ends meet.

2. **Richard A. Hulse, Huntington Dr., Fort Lawn SC 29714, (803) 872-7309** – He spearheads the county wide 9/11 Remembrance Program every year. Mr. Hulse provided handouts that contained this information as well. This year’s 15th Anniversary program will be held on 9/11/2016 at 3:30PM at the Richburg Fire Department Headquarters on Highway #9. All fire, police, and EMS members are asked to wear their uniforms. The names of any emergency service personnel will be recognized.
3. **David Galloway, 41 Oak Street, Great Falls, SC 29055, (803)320-8506** – He’s the chief of Great Falls Fire Department. He thanked the Supervisor and the County Council for coming to Great Falls. He also thanked them for their efforts in getting a new roof put on the Fire Station and EMS Building there in Great Falls. He’s already spoken with the supervisor and Council Member Lucas about getting a helipad in Great Falls. Currently they have to use the practice field at Great Falls school to land the helicopter. It’s hard on the patients and the ambulance getting to the field. They are only asking for permission to clear out the trees, fill in areas in the road near their station and to build a helicopter pad.

V. Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations ~

1. **2nd Reading on the Chester County Planning Commission recommendation to approve:**
 - a. **Jonathan Starr’s request, Tax Map # 142-96, 25 acres located at 5068 Caulderwood Lane, Catawba-SC, rezone from RS1 (Single Family) to R2 (Rural Two) ~ Motioned by Council Member Guy, 2nd by Council Member Jordan to approve this 2nd Reading. The council voted 6-0, to approve.**
 - b. **Mahendra Patel’s request, Tax Map# 124-78, 3.193 acres located at 3275 Edgeland Road, Richburg-SC, rezone from R2 (Rural Two) to RG1 (Multi-Family) ~ Motioned by Council Member Branham, 2nd by Council Member Oliphant to approve this 2nd Reading. The council voted 6-0, to approve.**

2. **1st Reading of an Ordinance Calling for a Referendum Authorizing South Carolina Department of Revenue to Issue Temporary Permits to Allow for the Possession, Sale, and Consumption of Alcoholic Liquors by the Drink to Bona Fide Nonprofit Organizations and Business Establishments Authorized to be Licensed for Consumption-on-Premises Sales and to Allow for the Sale of Beer and Wine for Off-Premises Consumption without Regard to the Days or Hours of Sale.** ~ Motioned by Council Member Holcombe, 2nd by Council Member Guy to approve this 1st reading. The council voted 5-1, to approve. Council Member Jordan opposed.

3. **Resolution to Renew a Lease Agreement with ResCare for a Portion of the Property Known as the Chester County Library** ~ Motioned by Council Member Lucas, 2nd by Council Member Jordan to accept this Resolution. The council voted 6-0, to approve.

VI. New Business ~

1. **To discuss the Solid Waste contract** – Chairman Stuart stated that they reached out to *Waste Management* and *Republic* Council Member Oliphant stated that last year in Hilton Head he spoke with Mendy of Waste Management concerning the cost that the county was paying. She came to Chester on September 9, 2015 and then sent a proposal on September 10, 2015 for a 5 year contract, it was discussed at the council meeting on 9/21. Our contract is up with them in 2017. He stated that he was glad no action was taking. In that contract there would be some savings, but he thinks that it would be more savings if the county would put it out for bid. Chester County w/ Waste Management, we own 11 convenience sites, waste Management provides 12 self-contained compactors, they charges the county **\$172.02** every time they take the compactors to the transfer stations in the landfills that the county owns. We are paying approximately **\$150k** per year for this service. Council Member Oliphant suggested that we/Chester County should purchase self-contained compactors at **\$14k** and a brand new rollback- truck for **\$200k** and take care of this portion ourselves. Other counties, such as Fairfield and York counties are already doing this. Waste Management also charges Chester County **\$47.95** per ton to take the garbage away from our own transfer station. York County pays **\$31.12** and they also charge other municipalities **\$37.50** for bringing their trash. In Fairfield County, they pay higher because Waste Management owns their transfer station, etc. Chester County only charges **\$48.00** to other municipalities, we are only making **\$0.05**. Mendy with Waste Management stated that she would lower our price to **\$42.95**. That's only saving **\$5**. Again he suggested that the county should put this out for bid and this would be a better service for the County and the citizens. Motioned by Council Member Lucas, 2nd by Council Member Holcombe to ask Ms. Miller with Waste Management to come up and discuss the contract in

executive session. Council Member Oliphant and Branham stated that this request does not require a motion. Council Member Branham also stated that he feels Republic should be invited to come as well. **The council voted 6-0, to approve.**

- 2. To discuss a potential recreational partnership with Duke Energy regarding the Fishing Creek Access** ~ Jennifer Bennett w/ Recreation & Safety Strategy Team, Richard and Mr. Crutchfield were present. Council was provided with copies of information. Duke Energy received a re-license agreement with the Catawba Wateree. Chester County has an option to gain access to the Fishing Creek Reservoir through this agreement. This would include fishing piers, walking trails, paid parking and swimming access. The County would have to take responsibility to take care of and maintain this property. This is specifically recreational access areas to the waterways. There was a lengthy discussion concerning this project. Chairman Stuart read County Council minutes from August 1, 2005 which gave the County Manager authority/permission to negotiate with this project at that time. Chairman Stuart stated that he thinks it's great that Duke Energy has taken the initiative to provide Chester County and the citizens of Great Falls recreational opportunities such as these.

- 3. Appointments to Richburg Fire District by Council Member Brad Jordan ~**
- A. **Billy Gladden** – Motioned by Council Member Jordan, 2nd by Council Member Branham to Re-appoint Billy Gladden to the Richburg Fire District. **The council voted 6-0, to approve.**
 - B. **O'Dell Steele** – Motioned by Council Member Jordan, 2nd by Council Member Holcombe to Re-appoint O'Dell Steele to the Richburg Fire District. **The council voted 6-0, to approve.**
 - C. **Jeff Coleman** – Motioned by Council Member Jordan, 2nd by Council Member Guy to Re-appoint Jeff Coleman to the Richburg Fire District. **The council voted 6-0, to approve.**
 - D. **Jerry Williams** – Motioned by Council Member Jordan, 2nd by Council Member Guy to appoint Jerry Williams to the Richburg Fire District. **The council voted 6-0, to approve.**

- VII. Council Comments** ~ Council Member Guy publically wanted to thank the St. Marks Church and those who sponsored the **“Eye to Eye” Yard Sale**. It was a huge success and they are looking forward to next year.

VIII. Adjourn ~ Motioned by Council Member Lucas, 2nd by Council Member Holcombe to adjourn. The council voted 6-0, to approve.

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, CN2 News, WCNC News and Capital Consultants were notified and a notice was posted on bulletin boards at the Chester County Government Building and the Chester County Courthouse 24 hours prior to the meeting.

**K. Shane Stuart, Council Chairman
and County Supervisor**

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

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