



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

**1476 J.A. Cochran By-Pass
Council Chambers**

**March 16, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Shane Stuart – Presiding

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

Vice Chairman Branham stated he would like to add a personnel matter to Executive Session and put that in the form of a Motion, 2nd by Council Member Lucas, Council vote was unanimous.

III. Approval of Minutes

1. Chester County Council Meeting of March 2, 2015

Council Member Lucas made a Motion to approve the Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2015, 2nd by Council Member Holcombe, Council vote was 5-0 to approve with Council Member Jordan abstaining.

2. Chester County Council Meeting of February 16, 2015

Council Member Guy made a Motion to approve the Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2015, 2nd by Vice Chairman Branham, Council vote was unanimous.

3. Chester County Special Called Meeting of February 25, 2015

Council Member Lucas made a Motion to approve the Special called Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2015, 2nd by Council Member Jordan, Council vote was unanimous.

IV. Citizen's Comments

There were no Citizen's comments

V. Public Hearing

Chairman Stuart opened the Public Hearing on:

An Ordinance Authorizing (1) the Execution and delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement (“Incentive Agreement”) between Chester County, South Carolina (“County”), and Footprint South Carolina, LLC, a Company previously identified as Project Phoenix, acting for itself and one or more affiliates or other Project Sponsors, (“Company”), Pursuant to which the County shall Covenant to accept certain negotiated Fees in Lieu of *Ad Valorem* Taxes with respect to the establishment of manufacturing facilities located in the County (“Project”); (2) Certain Special Source Credits in connection with the Project; (3) the Benefits of a Multi-County Industrial or Business Park to be made available to the Company; and (4) Other Related Matters

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

VI. Ordinances

Council Member Oliphant made a Motion to approve 3rd Reading of An Ordinance Authorizing (1) the Execution and delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement (“Incentive Agreement”) between Chester County, South Carolina (“County”), and Footprint South Carolina, LLC, a Company previously identified as Project Phoenix, acting for itself and one or more affiliates or other Project Sponsors, (“Company”), Pursuant to which the County shall Covenant to accept certain negotiated Fees in Lieu of *Ad Valorem* Taxes with respect to the establishment of manufacturing facilities located in the County (“Project”); (2) Certain Special Source Credits in connection with the Project; (3) the Benefits of a Multi-County Industrial or Business Park to be made available to the Company; and (4) Other Related Matters, 2nd by Vice Chairman Branham, Council vote was unanimous.

VII. New Business

1. Eat Healthy/Move More

Melody Reid, Chairman and **Robin Currence**, Co-Chairman came before Council to ask they pass an ordinance for a “Smoke Free County”. **Council Member Oliphant** emphasized that County Government already had a policy, although it wasn’t widely enforced. **Council Member Lucas** stated he felt that government was too involved in private lives and that government had no right to infringe it wishes on anyone. **Ms. Reid** said she was just offering general support. **Council Member Guy** asked how many counties were totally smoke free and **Ms. Reid** replied “one”. **Chairman Stuart** asked “how did Lancaster respond” and **Ms. Reid** said “not well at first, but they came around”. **Council Member Guy then made a Motion to take this as information, 2nd by Council Member Lucas, Council vote was unanimous.**

VIII. Executive Session

Chairman Stuart stated Council needed to go into Executive Session to discuss:

1. Economic Development Matter and Personnel Matter that was added.

Council Member Guy made a Motion to go into Executive Session, 2nd by Council Member Jordan, Council vote was unanimous. (Time was 6:25pm)

Council returned from Executive Session and **Council Member Lucas made a Motion to go back into Regular Session, 2nd by Vice Chairman Branham, Council vote was unanimous.** (Time was 6:50pm)

Chairman Stuart stated an Economic Development Matter had been discussed in Executive Session and was taken as information only. **Chairman Stuart** stated a personnel matter had also been discussed in Executive and was taken as information only.

IX. Council Comments

Vice Chairman Branham reminded Council Members of the Leadership Forum on March 30th in Lowrys, SC

Council Member Oliphant welcomed the new supervisor and said he looked forward to working with him.

X. Adjourn

Council Member Holcombe made a Motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Guy. Council vote was unanimous. (Time was 6:55pm)

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.

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

Carolyn S. Clayton, CCC

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