



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

1476 J. A. Cochran Bypass

Council Chambers

May 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Shane Stuart- Presiding

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

Chairman Stuart stated he would like to add Cole McKinney from Catawba Regional Council of Governments to the agenda to speak about Neighborhood Innovation Program. **Council Member Branham motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Holcombe. Vote was unanimous.** Chairman Stuart called for a motion to delete #3 under Ordinances & Resolutions from the agenda since it was a duplicate of # 5. **Council Member Branham motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Guy. Vote was unanimous.**

III. Approval of May 4, 2015 Chester County Council Minutes

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

IV. Citizens Comments

Jerry Hinson stated on behalf of many people he would like to thank Shane Stuart for bringing a new day to Chester County and thanked the Council for their continued involvement. Mr. Hinson went on to say he was concerned about the tight budget and thought the County was spending too much money on legal fees. Unless it has changed the County Attorney should not process freedom of information request. He also stated when concern citizens comes to the podium they need feedback on the questions or statements they have.

V. **Public Hearing**

Chairman Stuart opened the Public Hearing on:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE POSTPONEMENT UNTIL PROPERTY TAX YEAR 2016 OF REASSESSMENT AND REVISED PROPERTY VALUES RESULTING FROM THE EQUALIZATION PROGRAM AS PROVIDED PRSUANT TO SECTION 12-43-217 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED.

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

VI. **Ordinances & Resolutions**

1. **2nd Reading AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE POSTPONEMENT UNTIL PROPERTY TAX YEAR 2016 OF REASSESSMENT AND REVISED PROPERTY VALUES RESULTING FROM THE EQUALIZATION PROGRAM AS PROVIDED PRSUANT TO SECTION 12-43-217 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED**

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

2. **3rd Reading of an Ordinance to offer a County Property for sale**

Chairman Stuart stated Council Member Oliphant recused himself from the last reading and also stated this is the old EMS building. Council Member Oliphant stated since the property borders his he might or might not have an interest in it and recused himself from this vote for the 3rd reading. Council Member Holcombe asked how the property will be sold. Chairman Stuart stated it will be appraised first then sold as is through sealed bids. County Attorney Winters stated the Council could use the same process used to sell Foote Street School, based on the appraisal and the threshold amount any sealed bids below would not be considered. **Council Member Branham motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Guy. Vote was 4-0 to approve. Council Member Oliphant recused himself.**

3. **2nd Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Code Section 2-176 Office Established**

Chairman Stuart stated this is for Chester County to have all ordinances be the same as SC Code of Laws 1976 section 4-9-110. The Code of Ordinance reads “the clerk of council shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the supervisor”. The County Council is amending to read “County Council is authorized to appoint the clerk to record all proceedings”. **Council Member Guy motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Oliphant. Vote was unanimous.**

4. **2nd Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Code Section 2-356 Fire Control/Hazmat; Regulations**

Council Member Branham stated he and other Council members thinks Hazmat should be under Emergency Management where it would be better suited.

Council Member Lucas stated the State mandates the rural fire department.

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

VII. **Old Business**

PLANNING COMMISSIONS RECOMMENDATION TO COUNTY COUNCIL

Second Reading: Text Amendment from Meeting of March 31, 2015

Commission Vote

Council Vote

6-0 Approve

CCTA15-2 Amending the Chester County Zoning Ordinance 2000 by adding to the Supplemental Regulations § Article 5-700 thru 701 Solar Farms located in 4-103 R2 (Rural Two) Zoning District as special exception #16.

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

VIII. **New Business**

1. **Leasing Program for new vehicles**

After much discussion from Council Members and Chief Deputy Sprouse, the Council requested more information to be presented by showing a spreadsheet with all the cars and mileage and cost of new cars. **Council Member Lucas motioned to take as information only, seconded by Chairman Oliphant. Vote was unanimous.**

2. **Airport-Rolling Stock Fund-Wayne Goodyear, Butch Church or Martha Hatcher**

Butch Church, airport manager stated they were asking for an ATV and zero turn lawnmower so they could maintain and cut the grass at the airport instead of county employees. Mr. Church stated the airport is the first impression for CEO's coming to Chester by plane like Giti Tire. Council Member Oliphant stated anything over \$10,000 must go through the procurement process, if anyone in the County is not doing this they are wrong. Chairman Stuart stated it was \$5000 to \$10,000 for the procurement process and three quotes. **Council Member Branham motioned to start the bidding process on both items requested, seconded by Council Member Lucas. Vote was 5-0 to approve.**

3. **EMS Training Room – Special Revenue Account – Britt Lineberger**

Britt Lineberger stated with the new EMS building they can now offer training. He was told by Tommy Darby to set up a special revenue account for training any money left over would be carried over to the next year. **Council Member Oliphant motioned to approve as a line item, seconded by Council Member Branham. Vote was unanimous.**

4. Quit Claim Deed for Chester Sewer District

County Attorney Winters stated the deed was given to her by Arthur Gaston who represents the Sewer District, the County is given it back to the Sewer District. By given the deed back to them they will be liable for maintenance and the liability.

Council Member Lucas motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Branham. Vote was unanimous.

5. Land Lease Agreement for Cell Towers – Sheriff’s Office

Doug McMurray stated the current tower is not structurally sufficient to make changes to further the communications. They will be adding more channels for the fire service, the only option to grow is to move it but stay as close to where they are now.

Council Member Oliphant motioned to take as information, seconded by Council Member Branham. Vote was unanimous.

6. Supervisor’s Report

Chairman Stuart stated the Bennett Landfill Fire will officially be handled by the EPA. Economic Development Director Karlisa Parker won the SC EDA award for local development. Met with CEO of GiTi Tire for official introduction and site update.

Finance Manager is pursuing a cost savings program for communications. Attended Strategic Planning meetings in both Fort Lawn and Great Falls. The Duke Energy relicensing agreement appears to be coming to fruition. The county officially paid off the new law enforcement facility 19-months early and saved tax payers \$109,128. The SC Association risk management will be doing an assessment on our county parks to ensure safety and security for the citizens. Also maintenance crews will be cleaning and preparing the parks for summer time activities. The 1% sales tax projects are being bid and worked.

7. Neighborhood Innovation Program- Cole McKinney

Cole McKinney stated they were awarded \$ 5.6 million dollars in funding from the South Carolina Housing Corporation for our four county region to remove blighted and derelict properties. They will have \$35,000 dollars for each property to acquire, demolish and reseed to put back on the County tax role. They must be residential and abandoned to qualify and gave the Council members a memorandum of understanding asking them to maintain the lots until the three years are up and must be in place to get started. **Council Oliphant motioned to accept the memorandum of understanding, seconded by Council Member Branham. Vote was unanimous.**

IX. Executive Session

Lucas

Chairman Stuart called for a motioned to go to Executive Session. **Council Member**

motioned to go in to Executive Session, seconded by Council Member Holcombe. Vote was unanimous. Time was 7:35 pm.

Council returned from Executive Session: **Council Member Oliphant motioned to go back into Regular Session, seconded by Council Member Guy. Vote was unanimous.** Time was 8:05 pm.

1. Personal Matter to discuss pending employment action.
No action was taken.

X. Council Comments

Council Member Lucas reminded everyone to attend the Flopeye Fish Festival this weekend.

Council Member Branham stated Miss Parker winning the Development of the Year was well deserved and by winning this it puts a lot of clout on Chester County.

XI. Adjourn

Council Member Lucas motioned to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Guy. Vote was unanimous. Time was 8:08 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.

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

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