



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

**Chester County Government Complex
Council Chambers September 8, 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 ALEX 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** led by Council Member Archie Lucas
- III. Approval of Minutes**
 - 1. Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2015
Council Member Lucas motioned to approve, 2nd by Council Member Guy. Vote was unanimous.**
 - 2. Chester County Council Special Call Meeting Minutes of August 31, 2015.
Council Member Guy motioned to approve, 2nd by Council Member Lucas. Vote was unanimous **Council Member Archie Lucas stated that, on page 2 of 1 of the minutes that were in the book this evening had the word treasurer misspelled.****
- IV. Citizen's Comments**

Richard Hulse, invited the Council Members to the Fort Lawn Community Center on Friday, September 11, 2015 for a 9/11 Remembrance Program at 7:30PM.

Nettie Archie, was not present.

Chairman Shane Stuart closed this portion of the meeting.

V. Public Hearing - Ordinance to Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Chester and Chester County

No one signed for this portion of the meeting. Chairman Stuart closed this portion of the meeting.

VI. Ordinances, Resolutions & Proclamations

1. Set the Millage Rate – Auditor Donnie Wade

The millage rate was presented by Auditor Donnie Wade and Treasurer Tommy Darby. There was a lengthy discussion on this matter. In 2009 the County had an option to correct a mistake that was made with the millage rate, but did not and this cost the County to lose \$2 million. Per Tommy Darby, in 2012 because of the lasting mistakes, the county lost approximately \$4million. The correction to this matter is to increase the millage rate and this will equal things out. Donnie Wade, Auditor gave an example, for a \$50,000 house the increase on taxes would only be \$33.00 of operations. **Motion was made by Council Member Branham & 2nd by Council Member Oliphant to approve the 206 millage increase. Vote – unanimous.**

2. 3rd Reading of an Ordinance to Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Chester and Chester County. **Motion made by Council Member Oliphant and 2nd by Council Member Branham to approve. Vote 5-1.**

3. 1st Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Chester Fire District to issue General Obligation bonds in the principal amount not to exceeding \$850,000; and other related matters – Chief Paul Caldwell This is not part of the County's budget and it's paid for by the citizens in the fire district. **Council Member Oliphant motioned, 2nd by Council Member Holcombe to approve. Vote was unanimous.**

4. Proclamation to Honor The Chester Active Day Care- Chairman Stuart read the proclamation and it was signed by K. Shane Stuart, County Supervisor and Tabatha Strother, Notary Public.

VII. Old Business

1 Approve Bid for Chester County Complex Roof Retrofit - Jarrett Davis (Tab#3) Jarrett Davis & Robert from Hall Architects explained in detail the elements that will be included in the Roof Retrofit project. **Council Member Branham motioned to approve this bid, 2nd by Council Member Holcombe. Vote was unanimous.**

2. Approval for Chester War Memorial Building, Family Court & Chester County Health Dept. Roof replacement - Jarrett Davis (Tab#3) There was a lengthy discussion by the council about the leak in the roof at the Health Department and how the roof will be fixed. **Council Member Holcombe motioned to approve the items on the list to be fixed, 2nd by Council Member Lucas. Vote 6-0 approved.**

3. Approve for Auctioning of Miscellaneous Items - (Tab#4) This auction will take place at the EMS Building. Council Member Jordan asked if the information from the servers of the computers that are being sold would be wiped off? Yes! Was the answer from Council Member Lucas. **Motioned by Council Member Oliphant to approve the items on the list be sold at the auction, 2nd by Council Member Jordan. Vote 6-0 for**

VIII. New Business

1. SC Human Affairs Commission - Community Relations - Ms. Sandra Ligon
Ms. Ligon, Senior Community Relations Consultant presented the council with pamphlets and information explaining the Community Relations program. This programs is funding by a grant, provides training and may ask ONLY for a place to meet. **It was determined that this be a topic and the September 21st meeting in Executive Session, due to Mrs. Winters' concerns.**
2. Request to have Senior Services removed from affiliation with Chester County - Mrs. Jennifer Davis - Mrs. Davis asked the County Council to not appoint/reappoint the board of the Senior Services. The reason they are asking to be released is so that they can pull out of the State insurance. The Senior Services is losing over \$20,000 a month trying to pay into the state retirement fund. **Council Member Alex Oliphant motioned to have this accepted as information, 2nd by Council Member Lucas. Vote was unanimous.**
3. Comprehensive Plan for Chester County - Robert Moody Mr. Moody works with the Catawba Regional Council. He had handouts and presented a power point presentation. Chairman Stuart asked, "Should the county should've renewed their plan in 2005?" Mr. Moody stated that it should've been reviewed in 2005 and now, 2015, is the time to renew it. The cost to renew this plan is \$40,000. They will work with us on a payment plan over 18 months. **Council Member Oliphant motioned to accept the Comprehensive Plan, 2nd by Council Member Branham. Vote 6-0**
4. Traffic Issues on Blaney Road - Joanna Angle Joanna brought packets for the Council that pertained information from Google Maps, SCDOT and members of the Blaney Road community. **Vote 6-0 for SCDOT to put the No Thru Truck Signs back on Blaney Road.**

IX. Boards and Commissions

1. Appointment of Debra Gill to the John Keziah Park Committee - Council Member Branham **Council Member Branham motioned, 2nd by Council Member Guy to approve this appointment. Vote was unanimous for.**

2. Appointment of Grievance Committee (Tab#5) Letter provided to the council by Cindy Goettsch. Motioned by Council Member Jordan, 2nd by Council Member Oliphant. Vote was 6-0 to approve.

X. Executive Session

Chairman Stuart called for a motioned to go to Executive Session. **Council Member Jordan motioned to go in to Executive Session, 2nd by Council Member Oliphant. Vote was unanimous.**

Council returned from Executive Session: **Council Member Lucas motioned to go back into Regular Session, 2nd by Council Member Holcombe. Vote was unanimous.**

XI. Actions following Executive Session

1. Discuss an economic Development Matter - Project Wrap

Resolution was read later in the meeting. Motion by Council Member Lucas, 2nd by Council Member Branham to accept the resolution. Vote was 6-0 approve.

2. Personnel Matter concerning the Clerk to Council Position - Mary Guy Received as information. Motioned by Council Member Oliphant to receive as information, 2nd by Council Member Branham. Vote was 6-0 approve.

3. To receive legal advice regarding the City of Chester's request - Brad Jordan **There was no action taken.**

4. Discuss a contractual matter and receive legal advice **Motion by Council Holcombe to receive as information, 2nd by Council Member Lucas. Vote was 6-0 for.**

IX. Council Comments

No comments

X. Adjourn

Council Member Lucas motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Oliphant. Vote was unanimous.

Shane Stuart, Council Chair & County Supervisor

Archie Lucas, Interim Clerk to Council

Minutes from September 8, 2015;

Minutes by Tabatha Strother, administrative assistant