



## **CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**December 1, 2014  
6:00 p.m.**

**Chairman Carlisle Roddey– Presiding**

### **MINUTES**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

- CHAIRMAN RODDEY**
- VICE CHAIRMAN BRANHAM**
- COUNCIL MEMBER OLIPHANT**
- COUNCIL MEMBER GUY**
- COUNCIL MEMBER JORDAN**
- COUNCIL MEMBER LUCAS**
- COUNCIL MEMBER HOLCOMBE**
- COUNTY ATTORNEY WINTERS**
- CLERK TO COUNCIL CLAYTON**

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

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

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

1. Chester County Council Meeting of November 17, 2014

**Council Member Lucas made a Motion to approve the Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2014, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Branham, Council vote was 4 to 0 approve with Council members Guy and Holcombe abstaining.**

#### **IV. Citizen's Comments**

**Mr. Al Bellavance** come before Council to say that there was a lot of concern in Chester County because of the lack of police officers. He went on to say that a lot of money was spend on the 911 dispute and more monies will be spent on another election but asked that Council “did somewhere and get money for more officers”, that they seemed to find money for other purposes.

**Mr. Shane Stuart** also came before Council to ask Council to hire more officers to keep the streets and schools safe. He stated this was (Gangs) a scary situation and keeping the kids and schools safe was extremely important.

**Jameka Ward** came before Council to ask that the rezoning on Lancaster Hwy. not be allowed, the logging trucks were dangerous and it was unsafe to have that many logging truck near the homes and school.

## V. New Business

1. Approval of County Council Meeting Dates for 2015

**Council Member Guy made a Motion to approve the County Council Meeting Dates for 2015, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Holcombe, Council vote was unanimous.**

2. From CCTC:

(a) Reimbursement for winter patching material \$5,265 to Road Dept.

**Council Member Oliphant made a Motion to approve reimbursement to Road Dept. in the amount of \$5,265 for winter patching material from C-Funds, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Holcombe, Council vote was unanimous.**

(b) Reimbursement for sign material to Recycle & Litter Control \$4,879.29

**Council Member Holcombe made a Motion to approve reimbursement to Recycle Dept. in the amount of \$4,879.29 for sign material from C-Funds, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Branham, Council vote was unanimous.**

3. Lando Beach Park

**Mr. Joe Landsford** came before Council and said that before the downturn in the economy he had planned to develop the Lando property and now **Mr. Jim Merrifield** had purchased the property and that he was very excited with the project he wanted to pursue. The Riverwalk in Rock Hill was similar to what they had in mind. **Mr. Merrifield** stated he planned to make a park similar to Riverwalk, there would be housing, churches, museums, and a school and he would like to offer the land to the county subject to the county building a park. Mr. Joe Polk then stated the community response was great and he felt they would need some funding from the county but mostly in kind labor. **Council Member Oliphant** stated that was a generous offer, but what kind of costs are associated with the project. **Mr. Merrifield** said he did not have a figure but it could be done in different layers. **Council Member Jordan** asked what time frame as far as the housing was concerned and **Mr. Merrifield** said it was a 5-10 year project. Other discussions took place regarding the park and Council thanked Mr. Landsford, Mr. Polk and Mr. Merrifield for their presentation.

4. Gangs in Chester County

**Sheriff Underwood** came before Council to ask for four more deputies and a gang investigator in light of the gang related shooting of City Council Member Odell Williams. The Sheriff stated there was a serious problem and had been 3 murders in Chester County recently. He stated he had 5 deputies patrolling over 500 miles in Chester County. He also said their bullet proof vests would need replacing and they would also need more guns. **Council Member Guy** stated she was very concerned about gang activity and **Vice Chairman Branham** asked what was the total amount of his budget, Sheriff Underwood stated just a little over \$2.0M. A great deal of discussion ensued and finally **Council Member Jordan** proposed a Task Force consisting of the municipalities, Sled, Solicitors, Public Defenders, Council, Sheriff's Office and anyone else that would like to participate stating that council should have a

voice and a report be given to Council by the next budget session and look at how to effectively use the resources we have. The Sheriff then said “you can talk about a Task Force, but we need action – maybe it would take someone in your district getting killed and we have to make a stand.” “We can’t wait until the next budget, these guys need more help.” A lengthy, heated discussion came after several questions from Council and **Council Member Guy** stated to the Sheriff “we just can’t get this money right now, we do not have that kind of money”. **Council Member Oliphant** stated that arguing won’t solve anything. **Council Member Jordan then made a Motion to appoint a Task Force Committee consisting of Council Members, Sled, the Municipalities, Public Defenders, Solicitor’s Office, Sheriff’s Dept. and other agencies to see how we can use the resources we have to aid with the gang problem in Chester County, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Branham, Council vote was unanimous.**

**5. Jury areas and monies**

**Judge Moore** said she needed approval for a county wide jury selection. **Vice Chairman Branham made a Motion to grant approval for county wide jury selection or the Magistrates Offices, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Jordan, Council vote was unanimous.**

**Judge Moore** then stated the juror funds were almost depleted and ask Council for \$9,000 to pay jurors. **Vice Chairman Branham then made the Motion to transfer \$9,000 from the Contingency Fund to the Magistrates Office to pay jurors, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Jordan, Council vote was unanimous.**

**6. SC Tobacco Free Collaborative**

**April Spruell** with the Hazel Pittman Center introduced **Mr. Doug Outlaw** and Mrs. **Robin Currence** with the “Eat Smart, Move More” group. **Mr. Outlaw** said he was working with the municipalities to make healthier decisions. He said to date 59 other municipalities have passed an ordinance to stop smoking in the counties. **Vice Chairman Branham** said he had attended the original meeting and had the ordinance, but a few changes needed to be made. **Chairman Roddey** then stated that the information given to Council would be taken as information.

**7. PLANNING COMMISSIONS RECOMMENDATION TO COUNTY COUNCIL**

**First Reading: From Meeting of NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

<b><u>Commission</u></b>	<b><u>Council</u></b>
<b><u>Vote</u></b>	<b><u>Vote</u></b>
<b>6-0 Approve</b>	<b>6-0 to Approve</b>

**REZONING AMENDMENT**

**Case # CCMA14-5**

Claude Melton  
 Tax Map # 77-193  
 1430 Aaron Burr Rd, Chester, SC  
 Request: Rezone 7.78 acres from RS1 (Single Family) to R2 (Rural Two)

**Council Member Guy made a Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading from Planning Commissions Recommendations of Case #CCMA14-5, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lucas, Council vote was unanimous.**

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<b><u>Commission</u></b>	<b><u>Council</u></b>
<b><u>Vote</u></b>	<b><u>Vote</u></b>
<b>4-2 Approve</b>	<b>6-0 to Approve</b>

**Case # CCMA14-7**

Margaret Lawson  
Tax Map # part of 79-52  
682 Lancaster Hwy, Chester, SC  
Request: Rezone 3.29 acres from GC (General Commercial) to ID2  
(Limited Industrial)

**Council Member Lucas made a Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading from Planning Commissions Recommendations of Case #CCMA14-7, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Branham, Council vote was unanimous.**

## **VI. Executive Session**

**Chairman Roddey** stated Council needed to go into Executive Session to discuss:

1. Legal Matter: Re: Land and Economic Development

**Council Member Lucas made a Motion to go into Executive Session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Guy, Council vote was unanimous.** (Time was 7:25pm)

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:05pm and **Council Member Guy made a Motion to go back into Regular Session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Lucas, Council vote was unanimous.**

**Chairman Roddey** stated a legal matter regarding land had been discussed in Executive Session and was taken as information only. An Economic Development Matter had also been discussed in Executive Session and was taken as information only.

## **VII. Council Comments**

**Chairman Roddey** reminded Council there would be a Special Called Council Meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

## **VIII. Adjourn**

**Council Member Oliphant made a Motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Holcombe, Council vote was unanimous.** (Time was 8:15pm)

**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.**

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**R. Carlisle Roddey, Chester County  
Council Chair and County Supervisor**

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**Carolyn S. Clayton, CCC**

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WHERE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ARE LOCATED, IS IN FULL COMPLIANCE  
WITH ADA STANDARDS**

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