



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
9:00A.M.
September 24, 2008
R. Carlisle Roddey Building

Minutes

In Attendance:

Chairman Roddey
Vice Chairman Lucas
Council Member Oliphant
Council Member Guy
Council Member Branham

Absent:

Council Member Martin
Council Member Jordan

I. Call to Order

Chairman Roddey called the Special Meeting to Order.

II. Public Hearing

Chairman Roddey opened the Public Hearing on:

To consider a motion and vote by the Chester County Council for the purpose of considering a motion and vote by the Chester County Council to set the millage rate for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

Mr. Bob Lynn, 588 Beltline Rd. came before Council to speak on the millage rate. Mr. Lynn stated that he could understand that Council had a double edged sword but that the 14% reassessment rate plus any new millage rate would be a windfall to the citizens of Chester County. Mr. Lynn said he did support the one cent sales tax but felt that the reassessment should go

1 back to where it was eight years ago. The numerous factory closings,
2 foreclosures, unemployment in Chester County and the rising home
3 cost and maintenance does not make a home more valuable. If people are hit
4 with an increase in the millage rate plus the one cent sales tax they are being
5 hit twice. He went on to say that if there is a 14% increase in property taxes
6 the people will scream.

7 **Public Hearing Closed**

8 There were no other speakers, therefore, **Chairman Roddey** closed the
9 **Public Hearing.**

10 **III. Setting of Millage Rates for FY2008-2009**

11 **Chairman Roddey** introduced the staff that compiled the proposed levy.
12 **Mr. Donnie Wade, Auditor, Mr. Jack Kindle Treasurer, Mr. Ellis**
13 **Faulkner, Assessor, Mr. Jerry Baker, Finance Director** and **Mr.**
14 **Richard Zhao, Deputy Finance Director** and asked Council if they had
15 any questions. **Council Member Oliphant** asked with the exception of
16 fire districts, what is the Chester Fire Bond. **Chairman Roddey** replied
17 the new ladder truck that was purchased and stated that Lando does not
18 have the development that Richburg does and that is the reason the
19 Lando Fire District moved a little. **Council Member Guy** asked if
20 the Chairman was saying that Lando didn't have the development that
21 Richburg did is the reason and **Chairman Roddey** replied yes.
22 **Councilman Oliphant** asked what a mill was worth now and the **Auditor,**
23 **Donnie Wade** replied \$86,030. **Councilman Oliphant** asked was that
24 County operations and **Mr. Wade** replied that you balance against the
25 \$86,030. **Councilman Oliphant** then said if he added correctly we would
26 reduce the millage. **Chairman Roddey** replied yes that was correct, a 17
27 mill decrease. **Councilman Oliphant** then said of course, with
28 reassessment did everything go up? **Chairman Roddey** replied yes plus
29 the fact that we lost \$5.0M in industrial. **Councilman Oliphant** then
30 asked what was the dollar rate on a \$100,000 home and the millage
31 lowered. **Finance Director, Jerry Baker** replied approximately \$18.00.
32 **Councilman Oliphant** asked if the millage had not been lowered what

1 would it be and the **Treasurer, Jack Kindle** replied basically 15% over
2 last year.

3 **Councilman Branham** then said anything pertaining to fire districts only
4 pertain to the people living in those districts and thanked everyone for
5 doing a great job especially with the increase we've had in insurance.

6 **Chairman Roddey** replied that with GASBY we were looking at
7 \$15,000,000 and **Councilman Branham** said that was mandated and
8 we are being very frugal. **Chairman Roddey** replied that we had to put
9 \$1.0M extra in the budget because of the unknown.

10 At this time, **Chairman Roddey** called for a Motion to set the millage.

11 **Councilman Branham made the Motion to set the millage rate at**
12 **\$86,030 for FY2008-2009, 2nd by Vice Chairman Lucas, Council vote**
13 **was unanimous.**

14 **IV. Land Design – Theron Pickens**

15 **Chairman Roddey** then introduced Mr. Pickens with Land Design
16 and told everyone this was concerning the Montrose Project.

17 Mr. Pickens said that the Montrose Project was continuing to move
18 along even though they are faced with hard economic times.

19 Presently, they are working on the utility issues. Mr. Pickens said the
20 item this morning was to request that Council adopt a Resolution to
21 expand the Chester Metropolitan District to include the Montrose site.

22 Mr. Pickens said that Chester Metropolitan has already agreed to this.

23 **Vice Chairman Lucas** asked where did CMD propose to bring the line in
24 from and Mr. Pickens stated 901 out of Richburg. **Vice Chairman Lucas**
25 asked if that would suffice for the entire project and Mr. Pickens replied
26 probably not but as it would expand we would tap in on the line off Hwy.

27 9. **Councilman Oliphant** said he wondered why 901 but this made sense
28 and asked what was the cost to put in a water line and Mr. Pickens replied
29 it was a 16 inch line and it was about \$80 a foot. **Vice Chairman Lucas**
30 asked if CMD felt that they could serve the site. Mr. Pickens replied down
31 the road other measures would be looked at, either to loop or another

1 water tower.

2 At this time, **Chairman Roddey** asked if anyone would entertain a
3 Motion to accept a Resolution that the County Attorney had drawn up to
4 get this project started and read the Resolution to Council.

5 **Councilman Oliphant then made a Motion to accept the Resolution to**
6 **authorize a public hearing to be held for the purpose of making a**
7 **determination as to whether and to what extent a special purpose**
8 **district shall be enlarged, diminished or consolidated, 2nd by**
9 **Councilwoman Guy, Council vote was unanimous.**

10 **V. Adjournment**

11 With no further business, **Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to**
12 **adjourn the Special Called Meeting, 2nd by Councilwoman Guy,**
13 **Council vote was unanimous.** Time was approximately 9:30 pm

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16 Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the **Chester News & Reporter,**
17 **The Herald in Rock Hill, SC, WSOC-TV, Channel 9 Eyewitness News, the Mfg. Housing**
18 **Institute of SC, WRHI Radio Station, C&N2 News, WCNC News and Capitol Consultants**
19 **were notified and a notice was posted on the bulletin board at the R. Carlisle Roddey**
20 **Government Complex 24 hours prior to the meeting**

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28 **R. Carlisle Roddey**
29 **Chester County Supervisor**

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Carolyn S. Clayton-Snipes, CCC
Clerk to Chester County Council

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