



## CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL “SPECIAL CALL” MEETING

Where: **Chester County Government Building**  
1476 J.A. Cochran Bypass Chester, SC 29706

When: **Monday July 25, 2016 – at 6:00PM**

### Members Present:

Chairman Shane Stuart, Presiding  
Council Member Joe Branham – Vice- Chair  
Council Member Archie Lucas – Interim Clerk to Council  
Council Member Brad Jordan – Recreation Liaison  
Council Member Mary Guy  
Council Member John W. Holcombe  
Council Member Alex Oliphant  
County Attorney Joan E. Winters

- I. **Call to Order** ~ called to order by Chairman Shane Stuart at
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation** ~ the pledge was recited in unison and the invocation was led by Council Member Archie Lucas.
- III. **Citizen Comments ~ There were 5 citizens to sign up to speak**
  1. **John Lyle, P.O. Box 370, Richburg, SC 29729, (803)789-3238** – Mr. Lyle wanted to know, instead of trying to change the form of government like it has been done in the past, why not try adding another council member to represent the Richburg area. He also said that we spent \$250,000 the last time and that form of government didn't work. He likes the current form of government that the county presently has works better.
  2. **John Solomon, 601 Penn Lake Drive, Chester, SC 29706, (803)581-3864** – Mr. Solomon thanked the council for allowing him the opportunity to make his comments. He feels that the current model of government is working well for the

citizens of Chester. He feels that asking the citizens of Chester County to give up the right to choose their County Supervisor is believing that they can't make a wise decision. On behalf of him and his wife, he feels that the council should not move forward with the referendum.

**3. Makeda Cheryl Baker, 115 Caldwell Street, Chester, SC (803) 374-1380 –**

Ms. Baker began by thanking Chairman Stuart and Councilman Oliphant for attending the Race 101, Town Hall Meeting on the previous Saturday. 1) If voters are to vote for the change of the form of government on the referendum, then allow them to vote on all 5 forms of governing bodies, 2) she expressed how she feels that some council members are placing personal agendas ahead of Chester County's needs of this council 3) she expressed her disapproval of the County Council's disrespect toward the wishers of the electoral people of Chester 4) the failure of council has failed their duties as elected positions by operating from a sense of egos, friends and prearranged negotiations behind closed doors. She said that she put them on public notice and charge them with disobedience for trying to disarm the vote and place the citizens on political lock down. She left them with a quote from Vultere.

**4. Nettie Archie, (803) 374-1080 –** She is a citizen and business owner. She

expressed her displeasure at this meeting being held during the same time as the city Council meeting is being held.

**5. Donald Crocket, 200 York Street, Chester, SC (803) 209-4194 –** wanted to

know why is there suddenly someone wanting to change the form of government? He stated that the citizens of Chester are tired of voting. He feels that the citizens voted and the right person is in office now and there are people who are not pleased. There is no longer the Good Ole Boy system running things in Chester.

**IV. Public Hearing ~ 6 Citizens Signed up to speak**

**1. Gus Poulos, 1764 Poulus Rd., Chester, SC 29706 (803) 519-6630 –** said that he

wanted to make it clear that he is 100% in favor of the supervisor form of government.

**2. Ralph Gregory, 1014 Davis Drive, Chester, SC 29706 (803) 385-5632 –** he is

100% in favor of a change of the form of government. We are of 4 counties in

South Carolina that is still under the Supervisor form of government. He asked the council to pass this so that the citizens will have a right to vote in November.

3. **John Lyle, 6072 Lyle Rd., Richburg SC (803) 789-3238** – He feels that the form of government needs to stay the way that it is. We tried another type before and it cost us a whole lot of money for us to come back to the Supervisor form of government. He is pleased and feels as though the citizens of Chester want to be able to vote on the County Supervisor.
  4. **Ashley Jones, Chester, SC** – she feels that whoever keeps bringing this up to go on the ballot needs to grow up. This is a witch hunt for Shane Stuart and everyone knows it. Shane Stuart as the County Supervisor is working for us. She feels as the vote needs to stay in the hands of the citizens.
  5. **Nettie Archie, (803) 374- 1080** – She’s known Supervisor Stuart for a long time. She stated that she is in favor of changing the form of government, she has been for years. She has done plenty of research and feels that Chester is missing out on a lot and for this reason feels as though a change of government can’t help Chester grow to where it needs to be.
  6. **Donald Crocket, 200 York Street, Chester SC (803) 209-4194** – he feels that it’s a witch hunt against Shane Stuart. When you begin to bring young people in like Shane Stuart, Alex Underwood, Mike Fanning, etc older people may not like it. When you look back, look at a certain person who was running the town and ran it in the ground. The voters want to vote and Shane Stuart is staying in office.
- A. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Provide for an Election in Chester County, South Carolina to determine the wishes of the qualified Electors of the county with reference to whether the county should keep its present form of county government (Council-Supervisor with six (6) council members) or whether the county should adopt the council-administrator form of government with six (6) council members elected from single member districts and a council member elected at large; the referendum to be called in accord with section 4-9-10, S.C. CODE of Laws 1976 as Amended.**

## V. Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations –

1. **Resolution to adopt 2016/2017 Organization Charts ~**
  - A. **County Supervisor Org Chart, changes are Administrative Assistant being part-time & Clerk to Council full-time with**

**additional duties added ~ Motioned by Council Member Oliphant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Jordan to approve this Org chart as discussed. The council voted 6-0, to approve.**

**B. Public Works ~ Motioned by Council Member Oliphant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member to approve this Org chart as discussed. The council voted 6-0, to approve.**

**C. EMS – Motioned by Council Member Jordan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Branham to approve this Org chart as discussed with the changes. (dropped the training position, added the operations Manager position and added EMTs) **The council voted 6-0, to approve.****

- 2. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Provide for an Election in Chester County, South Carolina to determine the wishes of the qualified Electors of the county with reference to whether the county should keep its present form of county government (Council-Supervisor with six (6) council members) or whether the county should adopt the council-administrator form of government with six (6) council members elected from single member districts and a council member elected at large; the referendum to be called in accord with section 4-9-10, S.C. CODE of Laws 1976 as Amended ~ Motioned by Council Member Branham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Jordan to approve this 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. The Council voted 4-2, to approve. Council Members Lucas and Oliphant opposed.**
- 3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF (A) A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE FEE AGREEMENT DATED AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2008 BY AND BETWEEN CHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE “COUNTY”) AND PPG INDUSTRIES, INC. (THE “COMPANY”), AND (B) A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1995 BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE COMPANY, IN BOTH CASES TO DELETE CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN; AND (2) OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. \*\*\*\*Chairman Stuart dropped this item from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. Attorney Winters stated that PPG was not ready\*\*\*\***
- 4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to enter into an MOU between the Chester County Sheriff’s Office and the Chester County School District to engage the services of the Chester County Sheriff’s Office School Resource Officers ~ Motioned by Council Member Jordan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Guy to approve this 2<sup>nd</sup> reading in title only. The council voted 6-0, to approve.**
- 5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance to sell property to Contiguous Property Owner, specifically 0.266 acres (1,659 square feet) of the real property located on the**

property known as the Chester County Airport, Chester County, to tract A owned by John E. McKeown ~ Motioned by Council Member Oliphant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Branham to approve this 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. The council voted 6-0, to approve.

**VI. Boards & Commissions**

1. **Accept the resignation** ~ Motioned by Council Member Holcombe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Oliphant to accept this resignation of Mr. Walter James Holley, Jr. The council voted 6-0, to approve.
2. **Appointment of John Bunnell to the Zoning Board of Appeals – (Council Member Holcombe)** ~ Motioned by Council Member Holcombe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Oliphant to appoint Mr. John Bunnell to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The council voted 6-0, to approve.

**VII. Council Comments ~ No Council**

**VIII. Adjourn** ~ Motioned by Council Member Guy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Holcombe to adjourn. Council voted 6-0, to adjourned. Adjourned at 6:51pm

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**K. Shane Stuart, County Supervisor  
& County Council Chairman**

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**Council Member Archie Lucas,  
Interim Clerk to Council**

\*minutes prepared by Tabatha Strother, Administrative Assistant

**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**