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## CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

R. Carlisle Roddey Government Complex  
1476 J.A. Cochran By-Pass

April 20, 2009  
6:00 p.m.

Carlisle Roddey, Chairman – Presiding

### Minutes

**In Attendance:**

Chairman Roddey  
Vice Chairman Lucas  
Council Member Oliphant  
Council Member Guy  
Council Member Jordan  
Council Member Branham  
Council Member Holcombe  
County Attorney Winters

#### I. Call to Order

#### II. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

#### III. Approval of Minutes

1. Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2009  
Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to approve the Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2009, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Holcombe, Council vote was unanimous.

#### IV. Citizens Comments

There were no citizen's comments

#### V. Public Hearing

Chairman Roddey opened the Public Hearing on:

1. An Ordinance to Create the Chester County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission  
There were no speakers, therefore, **Chairman Roddey** closed the Public Hearing.

#### VI. Ordinances & Resolutions

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Create the Chester County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission  
Council Member Jordan made a Motion to approve e 3<sup>rd</sup> and final Reading of an

1 **Ordinance to Create the Chester County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission,**  
2 **2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Branham, Council vote was unanimous.**

3 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Provide for the Transfer of Full Authority to the Chester  
4 County Election Commission for the Conduct of Municipal Elections for the City of  
5 Chester

6 **Council Member Guy made a Motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Provide**  
7 **for the Transfer of Full Authority to the Chester County Election Commission for the**  
8 **Conduct of Municipal Elections for the City of Chester, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member**  
9 **Holcombe, Council vote was unanimous.**

10 3. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Amend that Certain Agreement for the Development  
11 of a Joint Industrial and Business Park between York County and Chester County  
12 dated December 5, 2005

13 **Council Member Branham made a Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance**  
14 **to Amend that Certain Agreement for the Development of a Joint Industrial and**  
15 **Business Park between York County and Chester County dated December 5, 2005,**  
16 **2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Lucas, Council vote was unanimous.**

17 4. Approval of a Proclamation Honoring our war heroes and proclaiming May 1<sup>st</sup> as Silver  
18 Star Banner Day

19 **Chairman Roddey** asked for a Motion to approve a Proclamation Honoring our War Heroes.

20 **Council Member Guy made the Motion to approve the Proclamation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council**  
21 **Member Branham, Council Vote was unanimous.**

22 **Chairman Roddey** then presented the Proclamation to **Ms. Judy McWaters, Director of**  
23 **Veterans Affairs.**

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25 **VII. Old Business**

26 1. Planning Commissions Recommendation to County Council

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28 **Second Reading: From Meeting of March 17, 2009**

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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>4-0 to DENY</b>	<b>6-0 to Uphold</b>

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34 **MAP AMENDMENT # CCMA09- 0004**

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36 **From: RG1 (Multi Family) to R2 (Rural Two)**

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38 **Name: .....** Daniel Clayton

39 **Tax Map.....** 069-03-00-033-000

40 **Location.....** One lot located on the corner of Pineridge Rd and Linden Dr in Chester, SC

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42 **Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to Uphold Planning Commissions Recommendation**

1 on Map Amendment #CCMA09-0004, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Guy, Council vote was  
2 unanimous.

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4 **VIII. New Business**

5 1. Audit Update

6 **Bob Faulkner, Faulkner Associates**, thanked Council for allowing his firm to do the audit and  
7 said that he had great cooperation from the County. Also, that great improvements had been  
8 made over the past two years and this was the second year in a row that the County had received  
9 an unqualified opinion. **Mr. Faulkner** gave a brief overview (Council Members had a hard copy  
10 of the Audit) and asked if there were any questions. **Vice Chairman Lucas** asked were was the  
11 A-Tax that went to recreation and someone said it was on page 76. **Council Member Oliphant**  
12 said everything that passes through the County should be in the Audit and **Mr. Faulkner** replied  
13 that was correct. **Vice Chairman Lucas** asked if all of the Department Heads had their numbers  
14 ready and **Mr. Faulkner** replied they did and that over a three year period this was the best.

15 **Mr. Faulkner** said that they had made several administrative comments and **Council Member**  
16 **Oliphant** asked if they were listed in the Audit report. **Mr. Faulkner** replied no that they were  
17 in a separate communication and **Council Member Oliphant** said he would like to have a copy  
18 of that report that in the past Council had received one and also he would like to have a copy  
19 of the Audit in PDF form. **Council Member Oliphant** also said he felt that we needed to have  
20 more internal control as far as investments, etc were concerned. **Mr. Baker, Finance Director**,  
21 said that **Mr. Richard Zhao, Assistant Finance Director** had started going over the bank  
22 statements and investments with the Treasurer and actually had to sign off on them. **Council**  
23 **Member Oliphant** asked how long that had been happening and **Mr. Baker** replied since  
24 February. **Council Member Oliphant** said that the Treasurer was doing an  
25 outstanding job but he felt there should be more internal control and was happy to hear this was  
26 being done. **Vice Chairman Lucas** said he had spoken with the Treasurer last week and he had  
27 told him that he was going to give Council a financial report every month. **Chairman Roddey**  
28 then said there was a financial report in the Information Section of Council packages in front of  
29 them.

30 **Council Member Jordan** then stated that the County was in good shape according to the Audit  
31 but some citizens had concerns about the upcoming Bond but what the Audit showed was over  
32 the next two years more than \$1.2M in annual payments would drop off.

33 With no further comments by Council, **Chairman Roddey** asked if anyone would entertain a  
34 Motion to accept the Audit as is. **Council Member Holcombe made a Motion to accept the**  
35 **Audit as an “unqualified opinion”, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Jordan, Council vote was**  
36 **unanimous.**

37 2. Chester County Economic Quarterly Report for January – March 2009

38 **Karlisa Parker** gave Council a Quarterly update report. (copied into minute book)

1 **Ms. Parker** went over the highlights with Council and said she would be giving quarterly  
2 reports. She also commented on the grants they have gotten, one from the Dept. of  
3 Commerce for the purchase of land that she was excited about, also the website and  
4 talked about the virtual spec building than can be viewed. **Mr. Hal Stone, Business**  
5 **Extension and Expansion Director**, then gave Council highlights from the Existing  
6 Industry side (also included) and **Mrs. Lawana Thompson, Administrative Assistant**  
7 **to Economic Development**, talked about the sites and building updates (also included)  
8 in minutes. **Ms. Parker** then opened the floor for questions. **Council Member Jordan**  
9 asked if there were two sites that were certified and **Ms. Parker** replied there were,  
10 SC Hwy 9 Industrial Tract and the L&C Tract. **Council Member Jordan** asked if a  
11 spec building was on the web site yet and **Ms. Parker** replied no, they were looking at several but  
12 just to pour a pad was about \$167,000 and she was looking into a Grant for that.  
13 In closing, **Ms. Parker** said that her office would continue looking for Grants and that  
14 the CDA (Chester Development Assoc.) has been a tremendous asset to Economic  
15 Development and their internal strategy is to keep Council informed. **Council Member**  
16 **Oliphant** asked if the rail site has been repaired and **Ms. Parker** said it had. **Council**  
17 **Member Oliphant** then asked if the Hwy 9 site was the Al Thompson site and **Mrs.**  
18 **Thompson** replied it was. **Council Member Branham** then said he would like to thank the  
19 Economic Development Department for the updates and said all of the Grants obtained  
20 by the Economic Development Department speaks volumes on what they have done.

21 3. Update on Free Day at Landfill

22 **Chairman Roddey** read the memo from Ms. Bickett, Recycling and Liter Control  
23 Manager and stated he absolutely could not believe that they took in 3.38 tons  
24 of tires and that this had to stop. **Council Member Oliphant** said there were people  
25 that took advantage and that it's not fair for other people but the "Free Day" was  
26 good for the County. **Council Member Branham** asked **Chairman Roddey** if he  
27 could come back to Council with a recommendation for the next meeting and  
28 **Chairman Roddey** said he would.

## 29 **IX. Boards & Commissions Appointments & Re-Appointments**

30 1. Resignation from A-Tax Commission

31 **Council Member Guy made a Motion to accept Rev. Sam Moore's resignation from the**  
32 **A-Tax Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Holcombe, Council vote was unanimous.**

33 2. Construction Board of Adjustment

34 **Council Member Guy made a Motion to appoint Willie McCree to the Construction Board**  
35 **of Appeals, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Branham, Council vote was unanimous.**

36 3. Recreation Advisory Board

37 **Council Member Guy made a Motion to appoint Ben Guy Jr. to the Recreation Advisory**  
38 **Board, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Jordan, Council Vote was unanimous.**

1 **X. Council Members Comments**

2 **Chairman Roddey** reminded Council that on April 28 in Council Chambers they would be  
3 opening the bids on the jail and hope to have a recommendation by May 4. Also, he  
4 told Council Members that Ms. Snipes (Clerk to Council) has received an automated call  
5 today (Monday, April 20) about the one cent sales tax that will become effective on May 1,  
6 2009 and said he would think that was being generated from the Sales Tax Commission  
7 in Columbia.

8 **XI. Adjournment**

9 **Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member Holcombe Council**  
10 **vote was unanimous.** Time was approximately 7:10 pm

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

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26 **R. Carlisle Roddey**  
27 **Chairman, Chester**  
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26 **Carolyn S. Clayton-Snipes, CCC**  
27 **Clerk to Chester County Council**

29 Chester County Council Meeting of April 20, 2009