



## **CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**February 16, 2009  
6:00 p.m.**

**Carlisle Roddey, Chairman – Presiding**

### **Minutes**

**In Attendance:**

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

**Absent:** **Council Member Guy**

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

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

After Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation, **Chairman Roddey** announced that **Council Member Guy** had been there earlier but was ill and went home. **Chairman Roddey also said that Council Member Jordan wanted to add Carolina Thread Trail to the agenda and put that in the form of a Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Branham, Council vote was unanimous.**

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

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

#### **IV. Citizens Comments**

There were no Citizens Comments

#### **V. Public Hearing**

**Chairman Roddey** opened the Public Hearing on the following:

An Ordinance to Authorize the Imposition of Service Fees for Motor Vehicle Incidents Occurring Within the Various Fire Districts of Chester County  
There were no speakers, therefore, **Chairman Roddey** closed the Public Hearing.

## **VI. Ordinances & Resolutions**

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Authorize the Imposition of Service Fees for Motor Vehicle Incidents Occurring Within the Various Fire Districts of Chester County (amended)

**County Attorney Winters** stated the only amendment was the inclusion of the word “non resident”.

**Vice chairman Lucas made a Motion to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> and final Reading of an Ordinance to Authorize the Imposition of Service Fees for Motor Vehicle Incidents Occurring Within the Various Fire Districts of Chester County, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Branham.**

Discussion: **Vice Chairman Lucas** asked if all the fire departments had been notified of this fee and **County Attorney Winters** replied that it would have been presumptuous to do so before 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading. **Vice Chairman Lucas** then requested that since this was final reading a letter be sent to all fire departments. **Council then voted and the vote was unanimous.**

2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt the Enabling Act for the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals

**Council Member Oliphant made a Motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt the Enabling Act for the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Jordan.** Discussion: **Council Member Branham** asked if this

was a Council Appointed Board and **Chairman Roddey** replied it was it would be 6 members and one at large. **Council Member Branham** asked if Council Members should have their appointments at the next meeting and **Chairman Roddey** replied yes. **Council then voted and the vote was unanimous.**

3. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance for the issuance and sale of not exceeding eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000) General Obligation Bonds of Chester County, South Carolina, to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended, to provide for the payment thereof, and other matters relating thereto.

**Council Member Oliphant made a Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance for the issuance and sale of not exceeding eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000) General Obligation Bonds of Chester County, South Carolina, to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended, to provide for the payment thereof, and other matters relating thereto 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Holcombe, Council vote was unanimous.**

## **VII. Old Business**

1. Planning Commissions Recommendation to County Council

**Second Reading: From Meeting of CCPC 1-13-09**

**Commission**  
**Vote**  
**5-1 to approve**

**Council**  
**Vote**  
**5-0 to Uphold**

**MAP AMENDMENT # CCMA09-0001**

**From: RG1 (Multi Family) to LC (Limited Commercial)**

**Name: .....** Adrian Buchanan

**Tax Map.....** 079-01-14-006-000

**Location.....**One Lot located at 564 York Rd., Chester, SC

**Council Member Jordan made a Motion to uphold Planning Commissions Recommendations on Map Amendment #CCMA09-0001, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Branham, Council vote was unanimous.**

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**Council**  
**Vote**  
**5-0 to Uphold**

**MAP AMENDMENT # CCMA09-0002**

**From: RS1 (Single Family) to LC (Limited Commercial)**

**Name: .....** Keith Stephenson

**Tax Map.....** 079-04-04-016-000

**Location.....**One Lot located at 745 Lancaster Hwy..., Chester, SC

**Mack Paul, Planning and Zoning Director**, came before Council to clear up some concerns regarding Limited Commercial rating from the last meeting. He gave all Council Members a print out of exactly what Limited Commercial entailed. **Council Member Jordan** asked what the main difference was in General Commercial and Limited Commercial and **Mr. Paul** replied residential. **Council Member Branham** thanked **Mr. Paul** for reviewing this because the County wanted to keep the integrity of York Tech. College in this area. **Council Member Oliphant** asked if **Council Member Branham** was comfortable with the LC rating. and **Council Member Branham** said he was. **Council Member Oliphant** then said maybe

the whole section should be zoned differently. **Council Member Branham** stated that residential is on the left and GC on the right and that we just wanted to keep the entrance as nice as possible. **Mr. Paul** said that the Planning Commission was aware of this. **Council Member Jordan** then asked if this was in keeping with the Comprehensive Plan and **Mr. Paul** replied "not really". **Council Member Jordan** then said he saw in the minutes that Mr. Cabrey had asked about a reverter clause and **Council Member Branham** replied that when the Comprehensive Plan was put together York Tech wasn't there and that the Comprehensive Plan was really just a "road map". **Mr. Paul** said his office was keeping up with this and **Council Member Jordan** asked if this was "the best fit" and **Mr. Paul** replied it was. **Council Member Oliphant** asked if some portion from the school to the Winn Dixie was GC and **Mr. Paul** said it was.

**Council Member Branham made a Motion to uphold Planning Commissions Recommendations on Map Amendment #CCMA09-0002, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Jordan, Council vote was unanimous.**

3. Update on new Detention Center/Jail

**Frank Williams/Pinnacle Architecture** told Council that basically the drawings were finished and under review by the State Jail Inspector. The Fire Marshall has already approved them and when the State Jail Inspector finishes they can be put out for bids and this was a good time for bids to go out. **Councilman Branham** asked if the bids would be back by May 1, 2009 when the penny sales tax went into effect and **Mr. Williams** replied if the Jail Inspector has finished by the end of February the bids can get out and we could start in May and he anticipated it would be about a 14 month project. **Councilman Jordan** asked how many phases did he expect it to be done in and **Mr. Williams** replied about 4 or 5. **Councilman Oliphant** then said the plans were very functional and good looking. **Mr. Williams** said that Chester County would have a "State of the Art" facility and he believed other Counties would be looking at Chester County once the project was completed. **Councilman Jordan** asked if inmates would be housed elsewhere during the renovations and **Mr. Williams** replied they would not. **Councilman Oliphant** asked if all the old roofing would be taken off and **Mr. Williams** replied it would. **Councilman Oliphant** asked **Mr. Williams** if he anticipated any environmental problems and **Mr. Williams** replied he didn't think so. **Mr. Williams** went on to inform Council that 911 would be moving there also and they would be in a secured area right in the middle. **Chairman Roddey** asked **Mr. Williams** to address the Court Room area. **Mr. Williams** said there would be two court rooms with separate entrances and the Magistrates and Judges would have separate entrances. **Councilman Branham** asked about the visitation area and **Mr. Williams** said there would be a larger lobby and a better visiting area with plenty of room. **Councilman Branham** asked how much would a new facility cost and **Mr. Williams** said somewhere around \$70-80 Million Dollars. **Councilman Holcombe** asked about the sewer system and **Mr.**

**Williams** said that would be totally redone. **Chairman Roddey** thanked **Mr. Williams** for his time and presentation then called on **Margaret and Gary Pope**, attorneys that are handling the GO Bond for Chester County. **Mrs. Pope** said this was First Reading and that they had met with **Jack Kindle, County Treasurer** to make sure cash flow would be there. She stated they would probably move payments to November and after 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading and Public Hearing they would be able to have the bonds issued by May. **Chairman Roddey** asked if the money was still out there to borrow and **Mrs. Pope** replied it was. **Vice Chairman Lucas** asked if the credit rating would make any difference and **Mrs. Pope** said that banks won't be that concerned. **Councilman Oliphant** then said Chester County should have a good credit rating and **Mrs. Pope** said we did.

#### 4. Update on New County Website

**Councilman Oliphant** thanked **Chairman Roddey** for helping to pull this off and said the committee had \$25,000 to work with and would probably give \$5,000 back. **Councilman Oliphant** said the website went "live" on Thursday (February 12<sup>th</sup>) and that the other website actually went "dead". He went on to thank **Susan Cok** in the Purchasing Dept. saying she had done a tremendous amount of work for approximately a year on this. The Company that helped get the site up and going was VC 3 out of Columbia but that it was mostly citizen volunteers that pulled this off. He noted that **Mrs. Josette Walton** had helped with proofreading, **Mrs. Tiffney Thomas** of the Westminster Group had also helped but most of all **Mrs. Gloria Kellerhals** had many, many hours invested in this project and asked that she come to the podium. **Mrs. Kellerhals** encouraged everyone to look at the site and said that anything could be added and that VC 3 was chosen partly because they're in the county/city business of websites and they will keep it going at a very reasonable rate each month. The website is very data intensive and you can find anything you want on it and **Councilman Oliphant** is the reason it is up and running today. **Mrs. Kellerhals** said it had a lot of good information. **Councilman Oliphant** thanked everyone that had made this happen and just wanted to give Council and update.

## VIII. New Business

1. Approval to apply for new fire smoke house for all Chester County Fire Departments Grant (5% Grant Match)

**Chairman Roddey** stated that Mrs. Holcombe or Mr. Murphy could not attend the meeting and that they were asking for approval to apply for a new fire smoke house grant for all Chester County Fire Departments use. **Chairman Roddey then made the Motion to allow the application for the Grant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Oliphant, Council vote was unanimous.**

2. Change in Organizational Chart (Animal Control to Sheriff's Dept)

**Chairman Roddey** said that with the new Detention Center/Jail it would encompass

the Animal Control Office and asked that Animal Control come under the Sheriff's Department. He stated there would be training and they would have one Class One Officer and three Class Three Officers and wear uniforms. **Councilman Branham** asked who would be the contact at the Sheriff's Office and **Sheriff Richard Smith** said he would. **Councilman Branham** asked when would this take effect and **Chairman Roddey** replied March 1, 2009. **Councilman Oliphant then made the Motion to place the Animal Control Office under the Sheriff's Department, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Lucas, Council vote was unanimous.**

Added to the Agenda: Carolina Thread Trail – **Councilman Jordan**

**Councilman Jordan** gave Council an update on the Carolina Thread Trail saying it was now at the stage where they were having meetings or open houses for citizens to view and see potential routes. The meetings are: Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00pm at Chester YMCA, Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon to 2:00pm at the Front Porch Restaurant in Richburg and also on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 7:00-m at the Great Falls Presbyterian Church in Great Falls. **Councilman Oliphant** said a news letter had been sent out that the meeting in Great Falls was at the Memorial Building and that probably an e-mail needed to be sent on the location change in Great Falls.

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

### 1. Planning Commission

**Councilman Oliphant made a Motion to re-appoint Azzie Hill to the Planning Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Lucas, Council vote was unanimous.**

**Council Member Branham made a Motion to re-appoint Robert Raines to the Planning Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Jordan, Council vote was unanimous.**

### 2. Zoning Board of Appeals

**Councilman Oliphant made a Motion to re-appoint Ella Spann-Gore to the Zoning Board of Appeals, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Lucas, Council vote was unanimous.**

### 3. Library Board of Trustees

**Councilman Branham made a Motion to re-appoint Wylie McGarity to the Library Board of Trustees, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Holcombe, Council vote was unanimous.**

**Councilman Oliphant made a Motion to re-appoint Tamra West to the Library Board of Trustees, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Branham, Council vote was unanimous.**

### 4. Catawba Regional Council of Governments

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

## **X. Council Members Comments**

**Vice Chairman Lucas** stated the Memorial Building in Great Falls looked really good and the County workers were doing a great job. He was looking forward to having an open

house so that folks can see where their tax dollars go.

## **XI. Adjournment**

**Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member Holcombe Council vote was unanimous.** Time was approximately 7:15pm

**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  
Chairman, Chester  
County Council**

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

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