



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Where: CHESTER GOVERNMENT COMPLEX
1476 J.A. Cochran Bypass – Council Chambers**

When: January 4, 2016 - at 6:00PM

Council Members Present

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

- I. Call to Order** ~ Meeting was called to order by Chairman Stuart at 6:00PM.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation** ~ The pledge was recited in unison and the invocation was led by Council Member Lucas.
- III. Approval of Minutes**
 - 1. Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2015** ~ Motioned by Council Member Lucas, 2nd by Council Member Branham to approve the minutes for December 7, 2015 County Council Meeting. The council voted unanimously (6-0), all in favor.
 - 2. Specially Called Chester County Council Meeting Minutes December 29, 2015** ~ Motioned by Council Member Lucas, 2nd by Council Member Holcombe to approve the minutes for the Special Called County Council Meeting on December 29, 2015. Council Member Oliphant was out of town for this meeting, therefore he did not vote. The council voted 5-0, to approve.
- IV. Citizen Comments** ~ No one signed up for this
- V. Ordinances and Resolutions**

1. **2nd Reading to adopt rezoning recommendations**
 - a. Case# CCMA15-6, R & B Appelhans Tax Service, Tax map number #125-45, 0.688 acres located at 813 Elliott Road, Richburg-SC, Request to rezone from R2 (Rural Two) to GC (General Commercial) ~ Motioned by Council Member Lucas, 2nd by Council Member Branham to approve this 2nd reading. The council voted 5-1, to approve. Council Member Jordan voted against.

2. **Proposed Ordinance For Richburg Fire District** ~ Motioned by Council Member Jordan, 2nd by Council Member Branham to approve this ordinance for the Richburg Fire District. Council Member Lucas wanted to know how would it be funded? Attorney Michael K. answered, it would be a revenue bond that would be paid back through revenues in this district. This does not count against the County's bounding capacity. This is for the substation. Mr. Williams thanked the council for working with the Richburg Fire District to approve this because there will be tremendous growth ahead. The council voted unanimously (6-0), to approve. 1st reading

3. **Resolution to Update the Retirement Guidelines** ~ Motioned by Council Member Oliphant, 2nd by Council Member Guy to approve the Resolution to Update the Retirement Guidelines in the employee handbook. The council voted unanimously (6-0), in favor.

VI. New Business

1. **Fort Lawn Community Center – Libby Sweat-Lambert.** Libby thanked the County Council for their support of the Fort Lawn Community Center. She spoke of the various programs that are offered there. These programs consist of GED & Work Keys preparation, English as a 2nd language to over 5,000 people, Adult education and financial literacy. They have also provided over 10,000 meals for seniors in over 3yrs with no state or federal funds. There are 14 different agencies working with Fort Lawn to assist them with health and wellness. There will be a kindergarten opened in the fall.

2. **Chester County Historical Society – Bill Marion & Liz Anderson.** He thanked the council for allowing the Historical Society occupy the old jail. Bill Marion spoke on the importance of the preserving the collections that are in the museum and the grants that they have for every 3rd and 8th grader to tour the museum. But they can't do this if the windows aren't in. So please, don't touch anything

between March & May. However, if the windows can be put in sooner than that, please do so. The citizens voted, the historical society is not saying what kind of windows, some can be glazed over but new frames are needed. Council Member Oliphant stated that he found a company in Charleston that can restore the windows to the original glory.

VII. Old Business

VIII. Boards and Commissions

- 1. **James Wooten for the Recreation Board** ~ Motioned by Council Member Branham, 2nd by Council Member Oliphant to appointment James Wooten to the Chester County Recreation Board. The council voted unanimously (6-0), in favor.

IX. Executive Session ~ Motioned by Council Member Lucas, 2nd by Council Member Holcombe to go into executive session.

- 1. **Discuss and receive legal advice on a contractual matter** ~ no action taken
- 2. **Economic Development matter regarding Project 1420** ~

X. Council Actions after Executive Session ~ Motioned by Council Member Branham, 2nd by Council Member Guy to return to regular session. The council voted unanimously in favor.

- 1. **2nd Reading on Ordinance for Project 1420** ~ Motioned by Council Member Lucas, 2nd by Council Member Holcombe to approve this 2nd Reading on Ordinance for Project 1420. The council voted unanimously (6-0), in favor.

XI. Council Comments ~ Council Member Guy reminded everyone of the MLK festivities beginning Sunday, January 17th @ 3PM with the MLK Parade and services afterward at Union Baptist Church on Ligon Street. Monday evening services at the Antioch Baptist Church on Boyd Road. Council Member Branham wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

XII. Adjourn ~ Motioned by Council Member Holcombe 2nd by Council Member Lucas to adjourn. All in favor.

**K. Shane Stuart, Chester County
Supervisor & Council Chair**

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

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