

CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

R. Carlisle Roddey Government Complex

1476 J A Cochran Bypass, Chester, SC

Monday, March 2nd, 2020

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Shane Stuart, Vice Chairman Joe Branham, Councilman Pete Wilson, Councilman Alex Oliphant, Councilman Brad Jordan, Councilman Mike Vaughn, Councilwoman Mary Guy, County Attorney Joanie Winters.

Absent: Clerk to Council Karen Lee was absent with prior notification.

1. **Call to Order-** Chairman Stuart called the meeting to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation-** Pledge was recited in unison; Councilwoman Guy gave the invocation.
3. **Approval of Minutes-**February 18th, 2020 Council Minutes. Councilwoman Guy motioned to approve, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote was 6-0 to approve.
4. **Citizen Comments**

Linda Calloway, 1704 Richburg Rd, Chester asked Council to reconsider the zoning decision for her request to open a wine tasting room where they would also produce and sell wine.

John Burkes stated he operated Cats Paw Winery in York County and had hundreds of visitors to his winery every week. This proposed winery request would be a good asset to Chester County, it would bring in people from out of town and promote stays at area hotels and restaurants.
5. **Public Hearing-**Chairman Stuart opened the Public Hearing.
 - a. **3rd Reading of Ordinance 2020-4-** An Ordinance to Prohibit Truck Traffic on Village Drive. No one signed up to speak.
 - b. **3rd Reading of Ordinance 2020-7** An Ordinance To Amend Chester County Ordinance No:2019-6 The 2019-2020 Chester County Budget Ordinance, In Certain Limited Particulars Only. *Purchase 10 New Vehicles.* No one signed up to speak.
Chairman Stuart closed the public hearing
6. **Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations**
 - a. **3rd Reading of Ordinance 2020-4- An Ordinance to Prohibit Truck Traffic on Village Drive.** Councilman Oliphant motioned to approve, second by Councilman Wilson. Councilman Oliphant asked if the wording could be changed to state “more than six tires. Councilman Wilson agreed, they are Dooley trucks used as passenger vehicles that has six tires. Councilman Wilson withdrew his second and Councilman Oliphant withdrew his motion. Councilman Wilson motion to approve with the change to read “more than six tires”, second by Councilman Oliphant. Vote 6-0 to approve.
 - b. **3rd Reading of Ordinance 2020-7 An Ordinance To Amend Chester County Ordinance No: 2019-6 The 2019-2020 Chester County Budget Ordinance, In Certain Limited Particulars Only. Purchase 10 New Vehicles.** Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 6-0 to approve.
 - c. **2nd Reading of Ordinance 2020-8 Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Tax Agreement By And Between Chester County, South Carolina, And**

A Company, As Sponsor, Identified For The Time Being As Project Sparrow, To Provide For Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Tax Incentives And Special Source Revenue Credits; Providing For The Inclusion Of The Company's Property In A Multi-County Business Or Industrial Park; And Other Related Matters. Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 6-0 to approve.

- d. **1st Reading of Ordinance 2020-9 An Ordinance Prohibiting Scavenging at the Chester County Solid Waste Management Facilities.** Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve, second by Councilman Guy. Vote 6-0 to approve.

7. Old Business

- a. **COPS Hiring Grant – Information Only-Sheriff Dorsey.**

Sheriff Dorsey stated Council approved him to move forward to apply for the grants at the February 3rd, 2020 Council meeting which pays 75 % of the salaries for six new deputies if awarded for a three year period, with the County matching 25% percent. The total from the grant if approved would be \$764,000 over a three-year period with the County paying \$254,000 dollars. Currently there are four frozen deputy positions coming open July 1st, hopefully they will be awarded the grant to pay for them. They should know by the end of August if the grant is awarded. A retention requirement was attached to the grant where the County would have to employ the new deputies for an additional twelve months at the end of the grant if approved.

- b. **Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) – Request for Approval to Make Application-Sheriff Dorsey.**

Councilman Oliphant motioned to approve the Sheriff to move forward with the application, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.

- c. **3rd Reading of CCMA20-01: Donovan M. Steltzner, ESQ request Tax Map # 107-00-00-001-000 located at 1704 Old Richburg Rd be rezoned from R2 (Rural Two) to LC (Limited Commercial). Planning Commission voted 4-2 to approve with a reverter clause. Councilman Jordan motioned to deny, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote was 5-1 to Deny. Councilwoman Guy opposed.**

- d. **Discuss the Mutual Aid Agreement between Richburg Fire Protection District and EMS. -County Attorney Winters.** Attorney Winters stated she would add the additional verbiage and bring it back to the next meeting.

- e. **Update on Rodman Ballpark Concession Stand-Councilman Jordan.**

Councilman Jordan asked David Loftin to speak on behalf of the meeting held on Tuesday. Mr. Loftin stated they were trying to get the plans updated through Hall Architect, but doesn't currently have a price. They were working with Lorraine Povic who would like to apply to Carolina Parks and Tourism for \$67,000 dollars for state grant money which expires in May of this year and requires a 20% match from the County in the amount of \$13,500 dollars. The money if approved would help build the concession stand along with the \$150,000 dollars that had been allocated by the County. She requested three things, (1) permission to apply for the grant which would be called the Rodman Sports Complex Expansion Phase One (2) Name Chester County as the sponsor for the grant (3) Name David Loftin as project manager. Robert Hall, acting Public Works Director was appointed as the Project Manager. Vice Chairman Branham motioned to have Lorraine Povic apply for the PARD grant application, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 6-0 to approve.

- f. **Update on Nuisance & Abatement Ordinance-Councilman Oliphant.**

Councilman Oliphant asked to bring this back to the next meeting and if County Attorney Winters would provide job descriptions for Litter Control and the Code Enforcement Officer.

8. New Business

- a. **Discuss Chester-Catawba Regional Airport Overlay District- Keith Roach.**

Keith Roach provided an update to the Chester-Catawba Regional Airport Overlay District.

9. Executive Session

Councilwoman Guy motioned to go to Executive Session, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.

- a. Receive Legal Advice Regarding the Airport. -County Attorney Winters
- b. Personnel Matter Regarding the Public Works Director- HR Director Hyatte Kelsey
- c. Receive Legal Advice Regarding Animal Shelter Policy. -Councilman Oliphant
- d. Receive Legal Advice to Discuss an Economic Development Matter-Attorney Winters
- e. Receive Legal Advice Regarding a USDA Grant. -County Attorney Winters
- f. Receive Legal Advice for a Lease Agreement for County Property. - Chairman Stuart
- g. Receive Legal Advice Regarding the Sale of a Piece of County Property. - Attorney Winters

10. Council Actions Following Executive Session

Councilwoman Guy motioned to go to Regular Session, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.

- a. **Action Taken Regarding Legal Advice Concerning the Airport. Info Only**
- b. **Action Taken Regarding Personnel Matter Concerning the Public Works Director. Info Only**
- c. **Action Taken Regarding Legal Advice of the Animal Shelter Policy. Info Only**
- d. **Action Taken Regarding Legal Advice on an Economic Development Matter. Info Only**
- e. **Action Taken Regarding Legal Advice of a USDA Grant. Info Only**
- f. **Action Taken Regarding Legal Advice for a Lease Agreement for County Property. Chairman Stuart Info Only**
- g. **Action Taken Regarding Legal Advice of the Sale of a Piece of County Property. Info Only**

11. Council Comments-None

12. Adjourn-Councilman Jordan motioned to adjourn, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 6-0 to adjourn.

K. Shane Stuart, County Supervisor & Chairman

Karen Lee, Clerk to County Council