



Chester County Council Retreat

R. Carlisle Roddey Government Building
1476 J A Cochran Bypass | Chester, SC 29706
Saturday, March 23, 2024 | 9 AM

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Joe Branham, Vice Chairman Pete Wilson, Councilman William Killian, Councilman Mike Vaughn, Councilman Corey Guy, Councilwoman Erin Mosley, Councilman John Agee, County Administrator Brian Hester, Planning and Zoning Director Mike Levister, Clerk to Council Kristie Donaldson

1. PLANNING AND GROWTH IN CHESTER COUNTY

Brian Hester, *County Administrator*

Mike Levister, *Planning and Zoning Director*

Administrator Hester spoke with Council about Planning and the importance of Planning for the future and growth of Chester County. Mr. Hester discussed the comprehensive plan and showed appreciation to Ms. Bridget Grant with Moore&VanAllen and Dr. Clark for their hard work involving the Industrial Park located on Lancaster Highway. Mr. Hester spoke about the need for hiring a Planner for Chester County and what that position may consist of. Mr. Hester discussed the 2020-2030 Chester County Comprehensive Plan and the importance of Public Engagement. Mr. Levister presented Council with information about Planned Developments in Chester County. He spoke about the Moratorium that was previously implemented and additional requirements that were included in the zoning ordinance when the Moratorium was lifted.

2. RETAIL RECRUITMENT CONSULTING PARTNERSHIP

Lacey Bacchus, *Senior Director for Community Partnerships*

Retail Strategies

Ms. Bacchus spoke with Council about how their company can work with software and data to best determine which retail businesses would be a good fit for the community. She then explained the analyses and how Retail Strategies would then recruit the businesses to come to the area.

3. COUNCIL AND STAFF RECESS FOR LUNCH

Council members took a 30 minute recess for lunch.

4. FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

Council members and staff briefly discussed the hope of future growth on the JA Cochran Bypass and the need for hiring a Planner for Chester County.

5. ADJOURN

Chairman Branham adjourned the meeting at 1:22pm.

Kristie Donaldson, Clerk to Council