



# **CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **R. Carlisle Roddey Chester County Government Complex**

**1476 J.A. Cochran Bypass Chester, SC 29706**

**Monday, July 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

### **Minutes**

**Present:** Chairman Joe Branham, Vice Chairman Pete Wilson, Councilman Mike Vaughn, Councilwoman Erin Mosley, Councilman John Agee, Councilman Corey Guy, Councilman William Killian, County Administrator Brian Hester, County Attorney Joanie Winters and Clerk to Council Karen Lee.

1. **Call to Order**-Chairman Branham called the meeting to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**- Pledge was recited in unison; Councilman Guy gave the invocation.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. **July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Council minutes.**  
Councilwoman Mosley motioned to approve, second by Vice Chairman Wilson. Unanimous vote.
4. **Citizen Comments**

John Massey, 171 East Lacy St, Chester addressed Council regarding a non-responsive government.

Nathan Smith, 3911 Wylie Mill Rd, Richburg addressed Council regarding the Gateway Steering Committee.

Liz Odum, 1235 Grun Augen, Richburg addressed Council regarding the Gateway Steering Committee.
5. **Public Hearing**- Public hearing was opened, no one signed up to speak.
  - a. **2023-16** An Ordinance to Amend the Chester County Gateway District Master Plan Steering Committee Enabling Act.
  - b. **2023-17** An Ordinance to Amend the Chester County Procurement Policy.
  - c. **2023-18** An Ordinance to Amend Chester County Code Section 46-93 Littering.  
Public hearing was closed.
6. **Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations**
  - a. **3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of 2023-13** An Ordinance Authorizing (1) The Execution And Delivery Of A Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement By And Between The County And [Project 2247] In Connection With The Establishment Of Certain Facilities Located In The County; (2) The

**Benefits Of A Multi-County Industrial Or Business Park To Be Made Available To [Project 2247] And The Property; And (3) Other Related Matters.** Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve, second by Councilwoman Mosley. Unanimous vote.

**b. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of 2023-16 An Ordinance to Amend the Chester County Gateway District Master Plan Steering Committee Enabling Act.** Councilwoman Mosley motioned to approve the enabling act with changes to section 5.a., to incorporate newspaper or website and approve all members and all current members until the end of the year 2023/2024 which ends December 31, 2024, second by Vice Chairman Wilson. Unanimous vote.

## 7. **Administrator's Report**

Administrator Hester introduced Kell Benson as the new interim Rural Fire Coordinator. Gave an update on North Chester Fire Substation and Lewis Fire Department projects. Informed Council Debbie Parsons would be resigning from the Chester County Election Commission July 31, 2023.

## 8. **New Business**

**a. Greetings from the City of Chester -Mayor Carlos Williams and City Administrator Malik Whitaker.** Mayor Williams said the City has had challenges in the past and would continue to have them but this was a new day for the City of Chester going forward. There are new investors and developers coming in, there are clothing stores and restaurants that have opened shop. He has a new vision for the City of Chester and would like to partner with the County in different areas in the near future. He asked about going back to leadership meetings forums that at one time met quarterly.

### **b. Downtown beautification project- Councilman Guy.**

Councilman Guy introduced Karen Hutto, she along with Sandra Stroman stated they would like to add benches, flowers and plants to Main and Gadsden Street downtown. Their goal was to make the City of Chester and Chester County beautiful so it would be memorable to visitors to bring them back to Chester. She was a member of the Potting Shed and the CCDA, they were currently working on the breezeway downtown between Gene's restaurant and Christ Central Thrift Store. They plan to maintain all the sites through sponsors. They asked for \$5000 dollars yearly to keep the maintenance up.

Administrator Hester stated they could add that to the budget next year, he also asked if there was a plan in place for sidewalks.

City Administrator Whitaker stated they did have funds for sidewalks.

Councilman Guy stated the City of Chester represents Chester County; and suggested the county work with her.

### **c. Council to approve the Sheriff's Office to enter into a multi-year contract with SOMA Global, Inc for a new Records Management System (RMS). Sheriff Dorsey.**

Sheriff Dorsey stated the first three years would be funded by the State, he plans to ask Council in the fourth year to add \$124,000 dollars to his budget each year in order to continue on with the contract.

Councilman Guy motioned to approve, second by Councilwoman Mosley. Unanimous vote.

### **d. Discussion regarding front loaded garages. - Councilman Agee.**

Councilman Agee asked if a workshop could be held to discuss changes to the zoning ordinance regarding cluster developments. Administrator Hester stated one could be put together for late August or September.

## 9. **Executive Session**

Councilwoman Mosley motioned to go into executive session, second by Vice Chairman Wilson. Unanimous vote.

- a. To discuss a personnel matter in Human Resources.
- b. To discuss a personnel matter in Rural Fire.
- c. To discuss a personnel matter in Parks & Recreation.
- d. To discuss a personnel matter regarding the position for Project Manager.

**10. Council Actions Following Executive Session**

Vice Chairman Wilson motioned to go back to regular session, second by Councilman Vaughn. Unanimous vote.

- a. **Action taken regarding Human Resource personnel matter.** Taken as information.
- b. **Action taken regarding Rural Fire personnel matter.** Taken as information.
- c. **Action taken regarding Parks & Recreation personnel matter.** Taken as information.
- d. **Action taken regarding the Project Manager position.** Taken as information.

**11. Council Comments-None**

**12. Adjourn**

Councilman Vaughn motioned to adjourn, second by Councilwoman Mosley. Unanimous vote.

Karen Lee, Clerk to Council

Time: 8:50 PM

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 Chester County Government Building 24 hours prior to the meeting.