## **CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES**



## **ZOOM Meeting**

Thursday, August 13th, 2020 at 10:00 AM

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Shane Stuart, Vice Chairman Joe Branham, Councilman Brad Jordan, Councilman Alex Oliphant, Councilman Pete Wilson, Councilman Mike Vaughn, County Attorney Joanie Winters and Clerk to Council Karen Lee. **Absent:** Councilwoman Mary Guy with prior notification.

- 1. Call to Order-Chairman Stuart called the meeting to order.
- 2. Approval of Minutes- August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Special Called Council Minutes

  Chairman Stuart motioned to approve, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 5-0 to approve.
- **3.** Public Hearing- no one signed up to speak.
- a. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2020-25 An Ordinance To Provide For An Election In Chester County, South Carolina To Determine The Wishes Of The Qualified Electors Of The County With Reference To Whether The County Should Keep Its Present Form Of County Government (County-Supervisor With Six (6) Council Members) Or Whether The County Should Adopt The Council-Administrator Form Of Government With Six (6) Council Members Elected From Single Member Districts And A Council Member Elected At Large; The Referendum To Be Called In Accord With Section 4-9-10, S.C. Code Of Laws 1976 As Amended.

Attorney Winters stated for the record how did Clerk to Council Karen Lee notify the public how they could make a comment if they chose to do so. Feed on Ms. Lee side went down, and she could not be heard. Attorney Winters stated the reason the ordinance was being amended was to remove the reference of preclearance since it does not have be done any longer. Also, to abbreviate the ballot, the original ordinance would not fit on the new machines.

Chairman Stuart closed the Public Hearing.

- 4. Ordinance/Resolutions/Proclamations
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- 5. Adjourn-Councilman Wilson motioned to adjourn, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 5-0 to adjourn.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the <u>Chester News & Reporter</u>, <u>The Herald in Rock Hill, SC, WSOC-TV</u>, <u>Channel 9 Eyewitness News, the Mfg. Housing Institute of SC, WRHI Radio Station, C&N2 News, WCNC News and <u>Capitol Consultants</u> were notified and a notice was posted on the bulletin board at the Chester County Government Building 24 hours prior to the meeting</u>