

CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

ZOOM Meeting

Monday, August 24th, 2020 at 4:00 PM

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 and Clerk to Council Karen Lee.

1. **Call to Order**-Chairman Stuart called the meeting to order and asked if the agenda could be amended to add an emergency update regarding the fire at Carolina Poly. Vice Chairman Branham motioned to amend the agenda to include an update regarding the fire at Carolina Poly, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 6-0 to approve. Chairman Stuart stated the Assessor's office had received an update on the software and wanted to present it. Chairman Stuart motioned to add software funding to be included in the discussion under 4.a. under funding for the part time position in the Assessor's Office, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 6-0 to approve.
2. **Approval of August 13th, 2020 Special Called Minutes.**
Councilman Jordan motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 5-0 to approve. Councilwoman Guy was not present at the August 13th meeting and did not vote.
3. **Ordinance/Resolution/Proclamation**
 - a. **2nd Reading Ordinance 2020-27 An Ordinance to Amend Chester County Ordinance No. 2020-16 the 2020-2021 Chester County Budget Ordinance in Certain Limited Particulars Only.** Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve to amend the budget in the amount of \$480,000 dollars for the Sheriff's office, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 6-0 to approve.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **Consideration for funding for the part-time position in the Assessor's office. -Chairman Stuart.** Councilman Wilson motioned in title only to amend the budget for the part time position for up to \$30,000 dollars to include FICA and Medicare and retirement, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve. Council ask for more information regarding the software to be brought back at a later date and was taken as information.
 - b. **Consideration for funding for the Solicitor's office. -Chairman Stuart.** Vice Chairman Branham motioned to amend the budget in title only for \$61,310.00 dollars that included \$16,234 dollars for 2% cost of living, \$7520 dollars for career ladder and \$37,556 for a drug court attorney, second by Councilwoman Guy. Vote 6-0 to approve. Councilman Wilson motioned to amend the budget in title only for \$5582 dollars for a 2% cost of living to the Public Defenders Officer, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.

c. Consideration for funding an additional amount for South Chester grant to repair fire truck.

Chairman Stuart. Vice Chairman Branham motioned to reallocate funds in the amount of \$54,416.83, second by Councilman Vaughn. Councilman Wilson asked if this request had been to the Rural Fire Commission. Chairman Stuart stated he thought it had, Councilman Wilson stated he would like to know if this request was the Rural Fire Commissions recommendation and wanted to make sure the County gets the best prices. After much discussion, Councilman Vaughn withdrew is second and Vice Chairman Branham withdrew his motion. Council asked to add this to the September 8th, 2020 regular called meeting.

Chairman Stuart gave an update on the Carolina Poly fire.

Fire departments on scene were Chester City and County, EMS, EMA from Chester along with Lancaster, Fort Mill, York, Chester, Cherokee and Fairfield County. The fire was outside of the building, DHEC had advised if you anyone had respiratory problems to stay inside. Five firefighters had been injured; they are trying to contain the fire. Red cross and along with DHEC was their monitoring air quality.

5. **Adjourn-Councilman Oliphant motioned to adjourn, second by Councilman Jordan.**
Vote 6-0 to adjourn.

Time: 5:30 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