



## **CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

**R. Carlisle Roddey Government Complex  
1476 J.A. Cochran By-Pass**

**August 16, 2010  
6:00 p.m.**

**Chairman Roddey– Presiding**

### **Minutes**

**In Attendance:**

**Chairman Roddey  
Vice Chairman Lucas  
Council Member Guy  
Council Member Jordan  
Council Member Branham  
Council Member Holcombe  
County Attorney Winters**

**Absent:**

**Council Member Oliphant**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

1. Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2010

**Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to approve the Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2010, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Holcombe, Council vote was unanimous.**

At this time, **Council Member Jordan said he would like to add the Solar Lighting Project to the Agenda and made the Motion that Solar Lighting Project be added to the agenda after New Business, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Lucas, Council vote was unanimous.**

Chairman Roddey then said an update on the Eureka Mill and a report from DHEC also needed to be added to the agenda. **Vice Chairman Lucas made the Motion to add Eureka Mill update and a report from DHEC to the agenda also after New Business, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Branham, Council vote was unanimous.**

**IV. Citizens Comments**

There were no Citizens Comments

## V. Public Hearing

1. An Ordinance to Authorize the County of Chester, By Chester County Council, to Sell the Real Estate Described on Attached Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" Which is Incorporated Herein by Reference to the Richburg Fire Protection District Upon Such Terms and Conditions as Described in the Agreement of Sale that are Exhibits A & B

**Chairman Roddey** opened the Public Hearing on an Ordinance to Authorize the County, to Sell the Real Estate Described on Attached Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" Which is incorporated Herein by Reference to the Richburg Fire Protection District Upon Such Terms and Conditions as Described in the Agreement of Sale that are Exhibits A & B. There were no speakers, therefore, **Chairman Roddey** closed the Public Hearing.

## VI. Ordinances & Resolutions

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1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of An Ordinance to Authorize the County of Chester, By Chester County Council, to Sell the Real Estate Described on Attached Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" Which is Incorporated Herein by Reference to the Richburg Fire Protection District Upon Such Terms and Conditions as Described in the Agreement of Sale that are Exhibits A & B

**Council Member Branham made a Motion to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading of an An Ordinance to Authorize the County of Chester, By Chester County Council, to Sell the Real Estate Described on Attached Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" Which is Incorporated Herein by Reference to the Richburg Fire Protection District Upon Such Terms and Conditions as Described in the Agreement of Sale that are Exhibits A & B, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Jordan.** Discussion: **Vice Chairman Lucas** stated that the County had originally put this money up for Richburg and now they were paying it back and **Chairman Roddey** stated that was exactly how it was. **Council Member Holcombe** asked since it was a Special Purpose Tax District did they not stand on their own and **County Attorney Winters** replied "no". **Council then voted and the vote was 4 to 1 with Council Member Holcombe opposing.**

2. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of An Ordinance to Amend the Chester County Code of Law – Chapter 30 Fire Prevention, Section 30-1.

**County Attorney Winters** explained this was amended to comply with State Law and the State Law says “fire chief” not “fire coordinator”. **Council Member Guy** asked had there been any problems and **County Attorney Winters** replied “no”. **Vice Chairman Lucas** asked if this would change the fire coordinator job description or duties and **County Attorney Winters** replied “no”. **Vice Chairman Lucas** then stated he didn’t want the rural fire board in jeopardy and **County Attorney Winters** replied “it wouldn’t be”. **Council Member Branham** then asked if it was just to comply with State Law and **County Attorney Winters** replied “yes”.

**Council Member Jordan made a Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of An Ordinance To Amend the Chester County Code of Law – Chapter 30 Fire Prevention, Section 30-1, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Branham, Council vote was 4 to 1 to approve with Council Member Guy opposing.**

## **VII. New Business**

1. Request to Apply for HMEP Grant

**EMA Director, Eddie Murphy** requested to apply for HMEP Grant with no County Match. **Council Member Guy made a Motion to approve the request to apply for a HMEP Grant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Branham.** Discussion: **Council Member Holcombe** asked if this was a State Grant that was applied for every year and **Mr. Murphy** replied “yes”. **Council Member Holcombe** then asked if this also helped with salaries and **Mr. Murphy** replied “yes”. **Council then voted and the vote was unanimous.**

2. Rural Fire Department

**Council Member Jordan** stated with the budget cuts the rural fire departments have seen decreases in the last few years and he did not want rural fire to do without. **Council Member Jordan** said their main concern is that there have been overages of their monthly allocation and he would like to hear from the Fire Coordinator and Chester County Fire Commission to give Council an estimate of these overages. **Mrs. Huey, Fire Coordinator and Mr. Andy Martin, Chairman of the Chester County Fire Commission** came before Council and **Mrs. Huey** said from August of 2009 thru June of 2010 the Lando, Lewis and Richburg Fire Dept. had a total overage of \$8,603. Council Member Branham asked about the collections the Richburg Fire Dept. were taking in from insurance companies on calls made and **Richburg Fire Chief Agee** said they had taken in about \$30,000 but the money was going to be used for the new building, equipment, etc. **Council Member Branham** asked if **Chief Agee** would recommend other fire departments also billing insurance companies when called out and **Chief Agee** said he would. **Council Member Holcombe** said he had had complaints about Richburg’s billing and asked if County citizens were also billed and

**Chief Agee** said they were. **Chairman Roddey** then reiterated that Rural Fire would not go without. **Council Member Holcombe** then asked **Mrs. Huey** for a complete list of fire trucks and fire men and Mrs. Huey said she would get that for him. **Vice Chairman Lucas** then suggested that **Mrs. Huey** and Rural Fire get a specific figure and come back to Council before any monies was moved from the Contingency Fund. Mr. Martin then basically said he would rather have a check in his hand tonight to cover the overages. Again, **Chairman Roddey** stated that Rural Fire would not go without. **Council Member Jordan** asked what would we do if there were overages every month and said he would rather Council vote to move monies tonight. With that said, **Council Member Guy made a Motion to move \$10,000 from the Contingency Fun to the Rural Fire Department for overages, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Branham, Council vote was unanimous.**

3. Chester County Library

**Diana Smith**, Chairman of the Chester County Library Board, came before Council and said that the Board had looked for a Manager for the Library for over a year and found **Mr. Steve Farlow**. **Ms. Smith** then introduced **Mr. Farlow**. **Mr. Farlow** thanked everyone for their support and said he had been impressed with Chester County. **Mr. Farlow** went on to say that the Library had a good fund balance and that everything was going exceptionally well. **Chairman Roddey and Council** welcomed **Mr. Farlow** and thanked him for coming before Council and said they looked forward to a good working relationship.

**Item 1 – added to Agenda – Solar Lighting Project Update – Council Member Jordan**  
**Council Member Jordan** said he knew there had been several submissions to SCDOT on this project but still nothing had been done and asked **Mr. LB Cannon** for an update. **Mr. Cannon, Dennis Corporation**, stated that every “demand” SCDOT had made had been complied with and everything requested had been “hand delivered” to Columbia and today, SCDOT asked for a 2009 Audit from the County. **Chairman Roddey** said the 2009 Audit was not even ready that this was just another delay tactic. **Council Member Jordan** said he had been in touch with **Mr. Herb Cooper at SCDOT** and would continue to call him as well as the Chester Delegation because this would be a first of its kind project and this has been delayed far too long.

**Item 2 – added to Agenda – Update on Eureka Mill and report from DHEC**

**Mr. Mack Paul** introduced two ladies from DHEC, **Ms. Robin Mack** who handles asbestos and **Ms. Wendy Richard** who handles solid waste. **Ms. Mack** gave a lengthy overview of DHEC rolls and also a handout of Environmental Services. After her overview of what DHEC does, **Chairman Roddey** asked if brick could be ground up (Eureka Mill Site) to which **Ms. Mack** replied “if it goes through Brownfield and if not contaminated. **Chairman Roddey** asked if bricks could be

ground on site if they had lead based paint on them and **Ms. Mack** replied “no” they would have to go into a class 2 or 3 landfill. Several other questions were asked and answered “somewhat” and **Chairman Roddey** then asked **County Attorney Winters** to give an update on the Eureka Mill Cleanup. **County Attorney Winters** said she had met with Mr. Ramsey’s new attorney, **Arthur Gaston**, and was finally provided with four receipts from a landfill. **County Attorney Winters** said that **Mr. Gaston and Mr. Mack Paul** will be making visits to the site and taking pictures and continually giving Council an update. **Vice Chairman Lucas** then asked the DHEC representatives about the site in Great Falls that has still not been cleaned up since the fire. **Vice Chairman Lucas** said he was not happy that tarps had been placed over piles at the site and that this has been put on hold for over a year now and asked when something would be done. **Ms. Robin Mack** said that after the fire, a contractor had obtained a permit for demolition and asbestos were identified and although the contractor did obtain a permit the compliance inspection showed asbestos and other material. She had no other information to offer concerning this site.

## **VIII. Boards & Commissions**

1. Appointment to Senior Citizens Board

**Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to appoint Ms. Janie Mae Cunningham to the Senior Citizens Board, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Holcombe, Council vote was unanimous.**

## **IX. Council Member Comments**

**Vice Chairman Lucas** stated this was the first meeting Council has had after the annual South Carolina Association Conference and he would like to congratulate **Mr. Roddey** on his election as President of the South Carolina Association of Counties, and stated that was quite an honor.

**Council Member Branham** asked that everyone keep the families of the two students from Lewisville that recently passed away in their thoughts and prayers.

**Chairman Roddey** also said that any donations or funds would be appreciated by the Colvin family to help with funeral expenses.

## **X. Adjournment**

**Vice Chairman Lucas made a Motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Branham, Council vote was unanimous.** (Time was approximately 8:00pm)

**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, CN2 News, WCNC News, WBTW News and Capitol Consultants were notified and a notice was posted on the bulletin board at the R. Carlisle Roddey Government Complex 24 hours prior to the meeting.**

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**R. Carlisle Roddey  
Chairman, Chester County Council**

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**Carolyn S. Clayton, CCC  
Clerk to Chester County Council**

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