



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

**Chester County Government Complex
Council Chambers August 17, 2015 at 6:00 PM
1476 J A Cochran Bypass, Chester, SC 29706**

Chairman Shane Stuart - Presiding

MINUTES

**IN ATTENDANCE: CHAIRMAN STUART
VICE CHAIRMAN JOE BRANHAM
COUNCIL MEMBER BRAD JORDAN
COUNCIL MEMBER ALEX OLIPHANT
COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN HOLCOMBE
COUNCIL MEMBER MARY GUY
COUNCIL MEMBER ARCHIE LUCAS
COUNTY ATTORNEY JOAN E. WINTERS**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation**, Council member Lucas said the prayer.
- III. Approval of Minutes**
 1. Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2015
Council Member Lucas motioned to approve with correction to change Alec to Alex under Attendance, seconded by Council Member Holcombe .Vote was unanimous.
- IV. Citizen's Comments**

Bridgett Trampell stated her department is starting a campaign to re-educate citizens by protecting their own communities.

Gloria Kellerhuals of 639 Mockingbird Lane stated she would like for Council to form a committee to discuss the good and bad benefits in the use of sludge.

Jay Williams of 1652 Woods Rd, member of the Lewis Fire Department shared the good news the Lewis Fire District lowered the ISO rating to a four and wanted to thank all who helped bring the rating down.

V. Ordinances & Resolutions

1. Resolution to adopt employee handbook with policy manual changes

Commissioner Oliphant asked Attorney Winters if the Sheriff Department used the same policy manual. Attorney Winters stated yes along with their general orders manual. Cindy Goesttch thanked all who served on the Policy manual changes and stated she would like to start the policy training sessions within the next week. Council Member Guy stated she wanted to take the wording “grocery” off of page 31 in the manual. Vice Chairman Branham stated they could always do the same as the State and do per diem, since nothing in the handbook is written in stone and can be changed. Treasurer Tommy Darby stated you are still required to turn in receipts and expense reports. After much discussion Council Member Guy motioned to approve the policy manual changes but excluding “grocery” from page 31 in the manual, seconded by Council Member Lucas. **Vote was 4-2 to approve.**

VI. Old Business

1. Approve Bid for Chester County Complex Roof Retrofit

Council Member Oliphant stated he would like to know the scope of work being performed what they are approving. Council Member Oliphant motioned to table to the next meeting, seconded by Council Member Jordan. **Vote was unanimous.**

VII. New Business

1. The use of sludge – Alfonzo Wherry

Mr. Wherry stated he was not concerned about other Counties, just Chester County. We need to know what type of effect this is having on residents and if it’s putting our water in danger. He asked the Council to take the lead and put some type of restriction to stop it from coming into our County. Attorney Winters stated she would look to see if she still had information on sludge and would bring it back to Council at the next meeting.

2. Transportation Government - Councilman Alex Oliphant

Council Member Oliphant stated he would like to have cameras in Council Chambers and stream the meetings on line so citizens that cannot be at the meetings still has an opportunity of what’s going on at the meetings. He also stated the citizens should be able to go online to the County’s website and see every expenditure the County makes. Other counties do this now successfully and this would give the Council more creditability. Council Member Lucas disagreed stating it would be considered as micromanaging and that’s why Chairman Stuart and Treasured Darby were elected to make sure we are in check

with what's spent. Supervisor Stuart stated they were in the process of getting estimates to have cameras installed and have the meetings online.

3. Litter Control Enforcement – Councilman Alex Oliphant

Council Member Oliphant stated he was behind Seneco and videoed debris falling out of the truck. Our Nuisance Ordinance has glitches in it since our Abatement Officer cannot write tickets for vehicles littering. Attorney Winters stated she would look at the ordinance to see if some more teeth can be added. Chairman Stuart stated they can apply for America the Beautiful grants to help with this.

4. Joint Tax Collection - County Attorney Joanie Winters

Attorney Winters stated that we would work with the City to collect under one bill, both city and county taxes. If we do this we will not do the tax redemption or city tax sell. Treasurer Darby would require overtime for two years and the City pay for the next four years \$2000 dollars to the County for each year. She stated time was of the essence and this would have to be approved before the millage was set. City Administrator Sandy Worthy stated they were approached by County Staff to do this. She had looked in the data to see who would have delinquent taxes, they would be paying 204 % interest. She also stated 50 % of the City is owner occupied and the millage rate has not went up in five years. Council Member Oliphant motioned to approve by name only seconded by Council Member Jordan. **Vote was 4-2 to approve.**

5. Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee (ATAX) Recommendations FY2015-2016

Council Member Guy motioned to accept report seconded by Council Member Holcombe. **Vote was 6-0 to approve.**

6. Fire Chief of Richburg, John Agee – requesting pump for fire truck

Fire Chief Agee stated he had requested a pump for the fire truck. Treasurer Darby suggested he get this approved by Council. Vice Chairman Branham motioned to give \$14,500 dollars from the Rolling Stock fund, seconded Council Member Jordan. **Vote was 6-0 to approve.**

VIII. Boards and Commissions 1. Appointment of Aaron Hughes as the business representative to the Workforce Investment Board

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

IX. Council Comments

No Comments

X. Adjourn

Council Member Holcombe motioned to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Guy. **Vote was 6-0 to adjourn.**

**Shane Stuart, Chester County
Council Chair & County Supervisor**

**Council Member Archie Lucas
Interim Clerk to County Council**

Minutes from August 17, 2015