



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL “SPECIAL CALL” MEETING

CHESTER GOVERNMENT COMPLEX
Council Chambers, 1476 JA Cochran By-Pass

August 31, 2015
10:00 A.M.

Chairman Shane Stuart – Presiding

Minutes

In Attendance:

Chairman Stuart
Vice Chairman Joe Branham
Council Member Alex Oliphant
Council Member Mary Guy
Council Member Brad Jordan
Council Member Archie Lucas
County Attorney Winters
Minutes by: Tabatha Strother, Admin Asst.

- I. **Call to Order**, Chairman Stuart called the meeting to order at 10:00am
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation**, Pledge was done by everyone and Council member Lucas said the prayer.
- II. **Ordinances & Resolutions**
 1. 2nd Reading on the joint tax collection was done Attorney Joanie Winters. Again the county will not do the tax sale for the city for 2 years. The city has agreed to cover any overtime that the county may acquire up to \$2,000. Motioned to approve by Council Member Oliphant, 2nd by Council Member Jordan. **Vote was 4-1, approve.**
 2. Discussion of the Chester City Police Department’s Jurisdiction at Chester High School football games, was presented by Sandi Worthy. The council members had a copy of a “Contract Between

Chester County and The City of Chester for Extended Jurisdiction”. Per Sandi Worthy, Chester City Administrator, Dr. Slayman wants an “Extra layer of security” at the football games. On August 14, 2015 she received a letter from the law enforcement did not approve the request from the city. County Supervisor, Shane Stuart asked if the city had a signed agreement with the school district, Sandi answered no. There was a lengthy discussion concerning this matter. The discussion included Council member Guy asking why did Sheriff Underwood reply with “No?” She also stated that there seems to be a lack of communication between the parties that are involved in this matter. Council member Oliphant agreed with Council member Guy. Council member Lucas asked the question, “Didn’t the sheriff take an oath to serve and protect the citizens of Chester County?” In response to his question Chairman Stuart asked Mr. Jerod Bruder, Representative from the South Carolina Sheriff’s Association, to speak on this matter. Mr. Bruder explained why Sheriff Underwood replied “No” to the city’s request. He stated that the sheriff wants to serve all the citizens of Chester County but he wants to do it lawfully. Attorney Brittin All, was at the meeting as a courtesy to Sheriff Underwood, told the council why this agreement is a bad idea and she explained why it is unlawful. Council member Oliphant asked about the agreement that is already in place with Fort Lawn and the proposed agreement with Great Falls. County Attorney Joanie Winters explained that there are too many conflicts in the agreement. Attorney Winters suggested that the council allow Chairman Stuart to sit down with the Dr. Slayman and Sheriff Underwood, like Council member Guy asked before another written agreement of any sort is brought back before them. What is the need for this agreement? What is the School Board and the City of Chester expecting from each other and the County? Council member Guy suggested that all citizens of Chester County read the billboard on Hwy 72 that has a bible verse from 2 Chronicles 7:14, If my people, which are

called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” Sandi Worthy, thanked the council for hearing this matter. Council Member Jordan suggested that there be an executive session at the next meeting to see where the county needs to go from here. Council Member Oliphant suggested that there is a mediator in the meeting with Chairman Stuart, Sheriff Underwood and Dr. Slayman. Chairman Stuart suggested that the information presented today is taken as information.

X. Adjourn

Council Member Alex Oliphant made a Motion to adjourn, 2nd by Council Member Brad Jordan. Council vote was unanimous. (Time was 11:15am)

Shane Stuart, Chester County Supervisor

Archie Lucas, Interim Clerk to Council

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