



Chester County Council Meeting

R. Carlisle Roddey Government Building
1476 J A Cochran Bypass | Chester, SC 29706
Monday, October 7, 2024 | 6:00 PM

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) September 16, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes
- b) September 23, 2024 Council Workshop Minutes

4. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

5. PUBLIC HEARING

- a) 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2024-14
An ordinance amending Ordinance 2022-10, which amended Ordinance No. 2021-16, to provide for the designation and expenditure of unallocated ARPA funds; and providing for other related matters.

6. ORDINANCES | RESOLUTIONS | PROCLAMATIONS

- a) 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2024-14
An ordinance amending Ordinance 2022-10, which amended Ordinance No. 2021-16, to provide for the designation and expenditure of unallocated ARPA funds; and providing for other related matters.
- b) 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-15
To adopt various international and standard codes relating to inspection activities and enforcement of building provisions.
- c) 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-16
An ordinance authorizing the Chester Fire District, South Carolina to issue general obligation bonds in the principal amount not exceeding \$935,000; and providing for other related matters.

- d) Resolution 2024-11 ordering a public hearing on the question of issuing general obligation bonds by the Chester Fire District, South Carolina in Chester County, South Carolina pursuant to Title 6, Chapter 11, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; and other related matters.
- e) A proclamation honoring all Chester County Firefighters and Proclaiming October 2024 as Fire Prevention Month

7. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Economic Development Update
Robert Long, Economic Development Director

10. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- a) Catawba Mental Health Board Nomination
Erin Mosley, Council Member At-Large

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body – Project P2464
- b) Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body – Project P2468
- c) Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body – Project P2469
- d) Discussion of personnel matter regarding Human Resources
- e) Receipt of legal advice relating to a tax increment financing district covered by the attorney-client privilege

12. ACTIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Action taken regarding Project P2464
- b) Action taken regarding Project P2468
- c) Action taken regarding Project P2469
- d) Action taken regarding Human Resources personnel matter
- e) Action taken regarding legal advice relating to a tax increment financing district

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS

14. ADJOURN

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.

Guidelines for Addressing Council	
Citizens Comments: Each citizen will be limited to three minutes.	Public Hearings: Each speaker will be limited to three minutes.
When introduced: Approach the podium, state your name and address. Speak loudly and clearly making sure that the microphone is not obstructed. Do not address the audience – direct all comments to Council. Do not approach the Council table unless directed.	Anyone addressing Council will be called out of order if you: Use profanity. Stray from the subject. Make comments personally attacking an individual member of Council.



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MINUTES

Present: Chairman Joe Branham, Vice Chairman Pete Wilson, Councilman Corey Guy, Councilman Mike Vaughn, Councilman John Agee, Councilwoman Erin Mosley, County Administrator Brian Hester, County Attorney Nicole Workman

Absent: Councilman William Killian

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Branham called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

The allegiance was recited and Councilman Guy gave the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) September 3, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

Vice Chairman Wilson motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 6-0 to approve.

4. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. ORDINANCES | RESOLUTIONS | PROCLAMATIONS

- a) 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-14

An ordinance amending Ordinance 2022-10, which amended Ordinance No. 2021-16, to provide for the designation and expenditure of unallocated ARPA funds; and providing for other related matters.

Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve, second by Councilwoman Mosley. Vote 6-0 to approve.

- b) 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-15

An ordinance to adopt various international and standard codes relating to inspection activities of Chester County, South Carolina and enforcement of building provisions as provided in the codes.

Councilman Agee asked if we were adopting chapter one of the building codes.

Building and Zoning Director Mike Levister explained that SC Building Code Council adopts the codes that are mandated that the county enforces. Mr. Levister stated that we are adding the new Existing Building Code, Swimming Pool and Spa Code, and Property Maintenance Code.

Councilman Agee motioned to approve, second by Vice Chairman Wilson. Vote 6-0 to approve.

c) Resolution 2024-10

A resolution to authorize Chester County, by Chester County Council, to sell personal property of the Sheriff's Office, Rural Fire, and Animal Control identified herein upon such terms and conditions as described.

Chairman Branham mentioned that he thinks there are three vehicles on that (list).

Administrator Hester stated there is a 2013 Journey, an International Navistar 4900, and a 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe.

Vice Chairman Wilson asked if those funds go back into the motor pool fund or the general fund. Administrator Hester stated that they will get put back in the general fund. Mr. Hester also stated that they have the ability to allocate those to go to specific places but generally what happens is they ask for vehicles, and we pay for it out of either the general fund or the rolling stock bond. Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve, second by Councilman Guy. Vote 6-0 to approve.

d) Proclamation honoring Collin Roberts and proclaiming September 2024 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Chairman Branham delivered the proclamation honoring Collin Roberts and declaring September 2024 as Childhood Awareness Month.

Mr. Terry Roberts, uncle of Collin Roberts, read a brief story about Collin's journey with Ependymoma and about other children in the area that are currently battling cancer.

7. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Hester recognized TJ Marting from Litter Control for being elected as Upper Region Director for the SC Litter Control Association, Recycling Supervisor Molly Knowlton for receiving the Individual Leadership Award and the Palmetto Pride Wade Hampton Patterson Award, and Robert Long with Economic Development was recognized on the Charlotte Business Journal's 2024 Power 100 List. Mr. Hester updated on the shortfall of funding that received funding for the Gallo sewer project. Administrator Hester announced that we have five applicants for Citizens Academy thus far and we will be filling fifteen more spots for the upcoming program and that is a unique opportunity to see what goes on behind the scenes of local government. A picture was displayed and Mr. Hester informed Council and citizens that work at the Rodman Sports Complex began today, as promised. Administrator Hester announced that Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held at the Government Complex on Saturday, October 5 from 9am-1pm. Mr. Hester informed Council that he will be travelling with our Emergency Management on Thursday to support their presentation for the J Mitchell Graham Memorial Award in Columbia and he also stated that he will be in Columbia on Wednesday as well to sit on the Public Safety Corrections and Judicial Steering Committee. Mr. Hester also welcomed Jeremy Ward as our new Planning Director.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a) 3rd Reading of CCMA24-11 Timothy McWatters request a portion of (.566 acres) Tax Map #154-00-00-007-000 located at 3580 Catawba River Road, Fort Lawn, SC 29714 to be rezoned from Agricultural District (AG) to Rural Two District (R2). The Planning Commission voted 5-0 to approve.

Councilwoman Mosley motioned to approve, second by Councilman Agee. Vote 6-0 to approve.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Richburg EMS Update

John Faulkner, EMS Director

Mr. Faulkner informed Council about much needed repairs being done to the Richburg EMS Station that include tile and water damage repair. Due to these types of repairs, Mr. Faulkner informed Council that the EMS workers will have to temporarily move to another location. Mr. Faulkner stated that in order to ensure minimal disruption in response times, Chief Melton has agreed to allow them to relocate to the Richburg Fire Department Substation located at 2748 Knox Station Road. Mr. Faulkner stated that they will be working with 911 Services within the next few weeks to discuss coverage boundaries.

10. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

a) Olde English District Resignation (**Pages 30-37**)

Councilman Mike Vaughn, District 2

Councilman Vaughn motioned to accept the resignation of Susan Cruse, second by Councilwoman Mosley. Vote 6-0 to accept.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Mosely motioned to enter into executive session, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 6-0 to enter into executive session.

- a) Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body – Project P2106
- b) Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body – Project P2354
- c) Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body – Project P2443
- d) Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body – Project P2459
- e) Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body – Project P2462

- f) Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body – Project P2463

12. ACTIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Mosley motioned to return to regular session, second by Councilman Guy. Vote 6-0 to return to regular session.

Chairman Branham stated that all items in executive session were taken as information only.

- a) Action taken regarding Project P2106
- b) Action taken regarding Project P2354
- c) Action taken regarding Project P2443
- d) Action taken regarding Project P2459
- e) Action taken regarding Project P2462
- f) Action taken regarding Project P2463

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Agee informed Council that two stalwarts of the Lewisville Community left us this past week. Councilman Agee stated that Mr. Joey Jones and Mr. Robert Morrison gave tremendous amounts to this community, and he asked Council to speak to them if able.

Councilman Vaughn announced the upcoming Opioid Summit being held at the Gateway Conference Center on September 19. Councilman Vaughn commended this great program and the Sheriff's Office and encouraged people to attend.

Chairman Branham reiterated the Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Day that will be held on Saturday, October 5th and encouraged citizens to bring items to be disposed.

14. ADJOURN

Councilman Vaughn motioned to adjourn, second by Councilwoman Mosley. Vote 6-0 to adjourn.

8:16PM

Kristie Donaldson
Clerk to County Council



Chester County Council Workshop

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MINUTES

Present: Vice Chairman Pete Wilson, Councilman William Killian, Councilman Corey Guy, Councilman Mike Vaughn, Councilman John Agee, Councilwoman Erin Mosley, County Administrator Brian Hester, County Attorney Nicole Workman

Absent: Chairman Joe Branham

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

2. PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF CHESTER COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING AUDIT PERTAINING TO OPERATIONS AND ORDINANCES

Riccardo Giani, Senior Planning Associate
MRB Group

Mr. Riccardo Giani introduced himself and provided background on his experience and MRB Group's history. Mr. Giani outlined the purpose of the assessment for the Planning and Building and Zoning department and he stated he was also here to assist with the transition of the new Planning and Development Director. Mr. Giani discussed the key issues with zoning ordinance and land development regulations. He explained the division of duties between the current Building Official (Mike Levister) and the new Planning and Development Director's role. Mr. Giani emphasized the need to rewrite the zoning regulations to fit our county and enhance development within the community.

3. PROPOSED PROCESS FOR CHESTER COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING TASKS

Jeremy Ward, Planning and Development Director

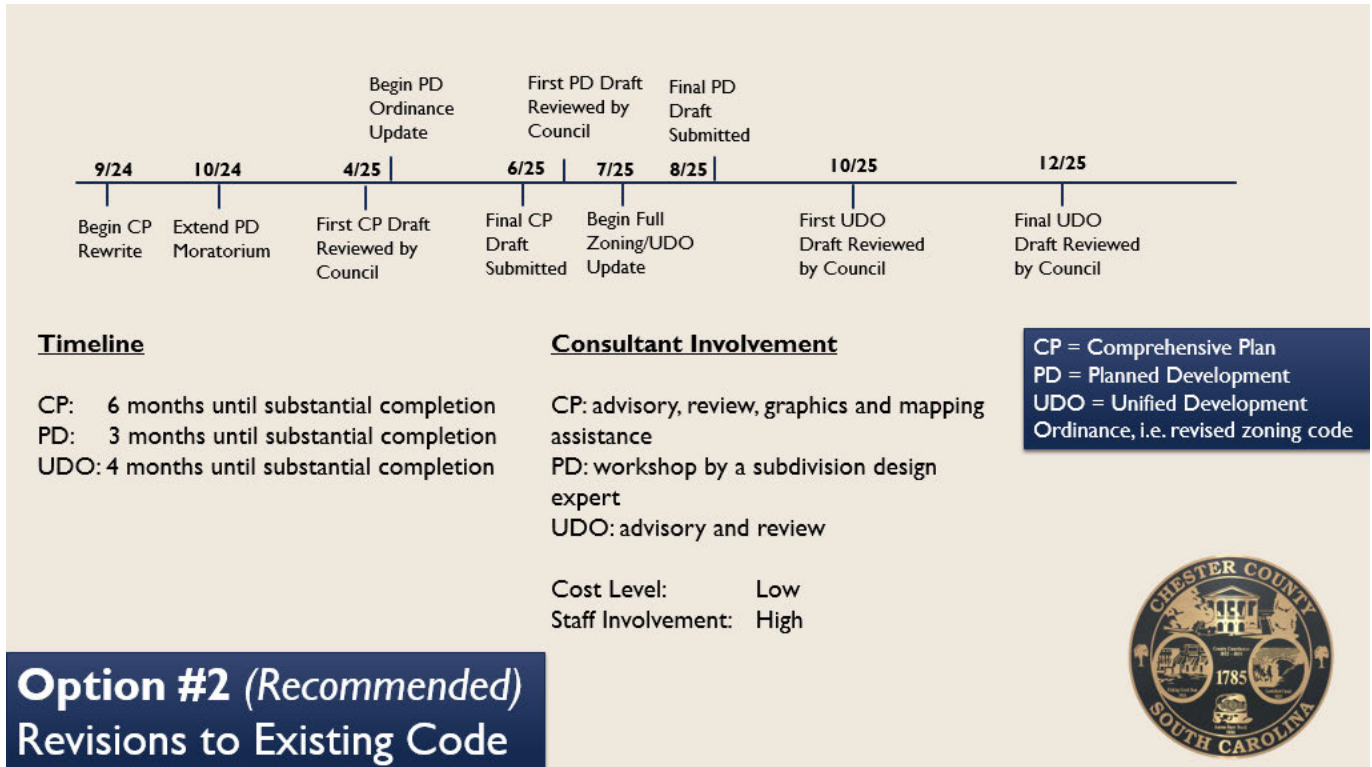
Mr. Jeremy Ward introduced himself to Council and expressed that his first couple of weeks on the job have been pleasurable. Director Ward described the current situation of the outdated land and development ordinances that are dated from 1998 and revised in 2000. Mr. Ward stated an update needs to be made not solely because it is outdated but because it is no longer serving the needs of Chester County. Mr. Ward also stated that the comprehensive plan provided by the COG is helpful in some areas but has room for improvement. Director Ward stated that his objective is to come up with a plan or vision for how Chester County needs to grow in the upcoming years working with the zoning and land development ordinances to enact the council and community's visions. Mr. Ward highlighted the recent growth in jobs in the community and the planned developments that were approved to support the growth in population. Mr. Ward expressed the need for a new comprehensive plan with community engagement and revisions to the zoning code, potentially combining the zoning ordinance and land development ordinance into a unified development ordinance. Director Ward also suggested an extension of the current planned development moratorium until the comprehensive plan and zoning updated are completed.

4. PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR ACTIONS TAKEN BY CHESTER COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING

Jeremy Ward, Planning and Development Director

Mr. Jeremy Ward continued his presentation by presenting three timeline options to the Council. Mr. Ward

stated the first option would update the planned development ordinance first, the second option would rewrite the comprehensive plan first, and the third option would begin with a full rewrite of code and consist of the comprehensive plan being written by a consultant. Of the three options, Director Ward suggested Option 2 was the best option. This option consisted of a comprehensive plan written by Mr. Ward, keeping the cost to the County low, with less involvement from an outside consultant. Director Ward suggested during the comprehensive plan rewrite, the moratorium be extended before the expiration in March 2024 in order to complete the full zoning update.



Council members unanimously agreed that Option #2 would be in the best interest of the County.

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Agee announced a Health Care Foundation event on October 1.

6. ADJOURN

Councilwoman Mosley motioned to adjourn, second by Councilman Killian. Vote 6-0 to adjourn.

5:10pm

Kristie Donaldson

Clerk to County Council

CHESTER COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2024-14

AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-10, WHICH AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 2021-16, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGNATION AND EXPENDITURE OF UNALLOCATED ARPA FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, Chester County has been allocated \$6,253,525.00 according to the American Recovery Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA Funds”);

WHEREAS, the County Council enacted Ordinance No. 2021-16, which provided for the expenditure of the ARPA Funds;

WHEREAS, the County Council enacted Ordinance No. 2022-10, which amended Ordinance No. 2021-16, to provide for amendments to the expenditure of the ARPA Funds;

WHEREAS, the County Council desires, by this Ordinance, to amend the list of projects and amounts funded with the ARPA Funds;

WHEREAS, the County intends to expend the ARPA Funds for various County projects in particular amounts and in particular priorities as set out in this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, by this Ordinance, the County intends to allocate all of the ARPA Funds and authorize such expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE Chester County, South Carolina, ordains as follows:

Section 1. *Authorization.* In the following priority, the County authorizes the expenditure of (a) approximately \$1,040,000 for the Fort Lawn Sewer project to support (i) Project Magma, as contemplated by the Memorandum of Understanding, between Chester County and the Town of Fort Lawn, which is dated on or about November 1, 2021, and (ii) other development in that region of the County, (b) approximately \$590,000 for premium pay for County employees; (c) approximately \$2,030,000 to support the 16th project on the County’s 2020 capital project sales and use tax referendum: Countywide Emergency Communications Project; (d) approximately \$1,630,000 for County Fire Office-related facilities and equipment, (e) approximately \$590,000 for Sheriff’s Office facilities and equipment, (f) approximately \$175,000 for County facilities and equipment, and (g) approximately \$255,000 for professional services.

The County Administrator is authorized to reallocate funds among the projects listed above as the County Administrator, in his discretion, may determine to provide completion of the projects. If any ARPA Funds remain available following completion of the projects, then the County Administrator may use the remaining funds to offset additional, other previously approved capital projects as the County Administrator, in his discretion, may determine so long as the funding for the previously approved capital projects does not constitute, in aggregate, more than 5% of the County’s total allocation of ARPA Funds.

Section 2. *General Repealer.* Any prior ordinance, resolution, or order, the terms of which conflict with this Ordinance, is, only to the extent of that conflict, repealed.

Section 3. *Effective Date.* This Ordinance is effective after its public hearing and third reading.

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CHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Joseph R. Branham
Chairman, Chester County Council

[SEAL]
ATTEST:

Kristie Donaldson
Clerk to Council, Chester County Council

First Reading:	September 3, 2024
Second Reading:	September 16, 2024
Public Hearing:	October 7, 2024
Third Reading:	October 7, 2024

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF CHESTER)

Ordinance No. 2024-15

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL AND STANDARD CODES RELATING TO
INSPECTION ACTIVITIES OF CHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND ENFORCEMENT OF
BUILDING PROVISIONS AS PROVIDED IN THE CODES.**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 6-9-10 of the South Carolina Code of laws, 1976, as Amended, Chester County acknowledges its responsibility to enforce the editions of the Building, Residential, Fire, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fuel Gas and Energy Conservation Codes, as published by the International Code Council and the edition of the National Electrical Code, as published by the National Fire Protection Association and as duly adopted by the South Carolina Building Codes Council.

WHEREAS, the adoption of these codes is done to facilitate proper inspection activities by Chester County, South Carolina relating to construction, livability, sanitation, erection, energy efficiency, installation of equipment, alteration, repair, occupancy, classification or removal of a structures and other maintenance of buildings within Chester County, South Carolina and relating to public safety, health and general welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL that the following codes are hereby adopted by reference as though they were copied herein fully:

2021 International Property Maintenance Code
2021 International Swimming Pool & Spa Code
2021 International Existing Building Code

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that within said codes, when reference is made to duties of a certain official named therein, the designated official of Chester County, South Carolina, who has duties corresponding to those named official in said code shall be deemed to be the responsible official insofar as enforcing the provisions of said code are concerned.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption by the Chester County Council on the date of the final reading approval.

Adopted this 16th day of September 2024.

CHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Joe Branham
Chairman, Chester County Council

[SEAL]

Attest:

By: _____
Kristie Donaldson, Clerk to County Council
Chester County, South Carolina

First Reading: September 16, 2024
Second Reading: October 7, 2024
Public Hearing: October 21, 2024
Third Reading: October 21, 2024

CHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-16

**AUTHORIZING THE CHESTER FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH
CAROLINA TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN
THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$935,000; AND
PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings. The County Council (“County Council”) of Chester County, South Carolina (“County”), hereby finds and determines:

- a. The Fire Protection Commission (“Commission”) is the governing body of the Chester Fire District (“District”), a body politic.
- b. The Commission desires to acquire, construct and install certain capital projects and improvements, including a pumper fire truck and related equipment at an approximate cost of \$935,000.
- c. The Commission has determined it is in the best interest of the District to finance all or a portion of the Projects through the issuance of general obligation bonds of the District.
- d. Pursuant to the provisions of Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, as amended, and Title 6, Chapter 11, Article 5 (“Issuing Act”), Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (“Code”), the commission of a special purpose district may petition the county board of the county in which a special purpose district is located for authorization to issue bonds of the special purpose district, the principal proceeds of which shall be used in furtherance of any power of the special purpose district.
- e. The Issuing Act requires the county board of the county in which the special purpose district is located to order a public hearing to be held upon the question of the issuance of bonds of such special purpose district prior to the county board authorizing the issuance of the bonds of the special purpose district.
- f. The County Council constitutes a “county board”; the District constitutes a “special purpose district”; the Commission constitutes a “commission”; and the undertaking of the Projects constitutes a “power” committed to the District, as such quoted terms are defined in the Issuing Act.
- g. The Commission submitted a petition dated September 26, 2024, to County Council requesting authorization to issue not exceeding \$935,000 aggregate principal amount general obligation bonds of the District (“Bonds”) for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the Projects.
- h. After publication of the appropriate notice as required under the Issuing Act, a public hearing was held by County Council on November 4, 2024, on the question of the issuance of the Bonds.
- i. At the public hearing, both proponents and opponents on the question of the issuance of the Bonds were given full opportunity to be heard.

Section 2. Authorization to Issue Bonds. Pursuant to the aforementioned constitutional and statutory provisions, the Commission, on behalf of the District, is hereby authorized to issue the Bonds of the District. The Bonds may be issued at one time or from time to time. The Bonds shall be dated, shall mature, shall be in such denominations, shall bear such interest, shall be subject to redemption, shall be executed and shall contain such other provisions as the Commission shall determine.

Section 3. Security for and Payment of Bonds; Pledge of Credit. For the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as they respectively mature and for the creation of such sinking funds as may be necessary therefor, the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the District shall be irrevocably pledged, and there shall be levied annually by the Auditor of the County and collected by the Treasurer of the County, in the same manner as property taxes are levied and collected, a tax without limit on all taxable property in the District sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as they respectively mature and to create such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor.

Section 4. General Authorization to Commission. The Commission is authorized to do all things necessary or convenient in accordance with applicable law to effect the issuance and sale of the Bonds at such time as it deems necessary and in the interest of the District.

Section 5. Publication of Action. In accordance with the Issuing Act, the County shall publish notice of the actions contained in the Ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, which notice shall state (i) the action contained in this Ordinance; (ii) the extent that Bonds have been authorized to be issued by the Commission on behalf of the District and the method of the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds; and (iii) that no election is required on the question of the issuance of Bonds of the District.

Section 6. General Repealer. All orders, resolutions, ordinances and parts thereof, procedural and otherwise, in conflict herewith or the proceedings authorizing the issuance of the Bonds are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance is effective immediately on third reading by the County Council.

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CHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____
Joe Branham
Chairman, County Council

[SEAL]

Attest:

Kristie Donaldson
Clerk to County Council

First Reading: October 7, 2024
Second Reading: October 21, 2024
Public Hearing: November 4, 2024
Third Reading: November 4, 2024

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SOUTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION 2024-11

CHESTER COUNTY

**ORDERING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE QUESTION OF
ISSUING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS BY THE CHESTER
FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA IN CHESTER COUNTY,
SOUTH CAROLINA PURSUANT TO TITLE 6, CHAPTER 11,
CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED;
AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 6, Chapter 11 of the Code of Law of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (“Act”), Chester County Council (“County Council”), as the governing body of Chester County, South Carolina (“County”), is on petition by commission of a special purposes district within the geographical boundaries of the County, authorized to empower the commission of such special purpose district to issue bonds, the proceeds of which will be used in the furtherance of the purpose of the special purpose district;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, prior to the authorization of County Council empowering the commission to issue bonds, County Council shall (i) determine that it may be in the interest of the special purpose district to issue bonds, and (ii) order a public hearing on the question of the issuance of bonds;

WHEREAS, the District, by petition dated September 26, 2024 (“Petition”), requested County Council to authorize the District to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$935,000 (“Bonds”) for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, and installing certain capital projects and improvements within the District, which are expected to include expenditures on a pumper fire truck and related equipment (collectively, “Projects”), all of which further the purpose of the District.

NOW THEREFORE, COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLVES THAT:

1. Based on the Petition of the District and the representation by the District that the Projects further the purpose of the District, County Council determines that it may be in the interest of the District to issue the Bonds to finance the Projects.
2. A public hearing is ordered on the question of the issuance of the Bonds. The public hearing will be held following publication of a notice of the public hearing once a week for three successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the County. The public hearing will not be less than sixteen days following the first publication of the notice of public hearing.
3. County Council authorizes the County Administrator to establish the specific date, time and place of the public hearing, in accordance with the requirements of the Act.
4. The notice of public hearing shall include:
 - a. The time of the public hearing;
 - b. The place of the public hearing;
 - c. The proposed principal amount of Bonds to be issued by the District;
 - d. A statement setting forth the purpose for which the proceeds of the Bonds are to be expended; and
 - e. A brief summary of the reasons for the issuance of the Bonds and the method by

which the principal and interest of such bonds are to be paid.

5. At the public hearing, both proponents and opponents of the issuance of the Bonds will be given a full opportunity to be heard.

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Adopted at the regular meeting of Chester County Council on October 7, 2024.

CHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

[SEAL]

Joe Branham
Chairman, County Council

Attest:

Kristie Donaldson
Clerk to County Council

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CHESTER COUNTY

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PROCLAMATION

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING ALL CHESTER COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS AND PROCLAIMING
OCTOBER 2024 AS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH**

- WHEREAS,** the month of October 2024 is designated as Fire Prevention Month to raise awareness about the importance of fire safety measures and educate the public on the steps they can take to prevent fires;
- WHEREAS,** fire is a significant public safety both locally and nationally;
- WHEREAS,** there are 1,484 home fire fatalities reported in the United States thus far in 2024, according to the U.S. Fire Administration;
- WHEREAS,** volunteer and employed firefighters of the Chester County Fire Service provide invaluable services to our community by risking their lives to protect their fellow citizens;
- WHEREAS,** Chester County relies heavily on volunteer firefighters and could not provide adequate fire service to all citizens without out their valiant efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** citizens are encouraged to participate in fire safety training and drills, fire prevention campaigns, and all other initiatives aimed at improving fire safety awareness in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Branham, Chairman on behalf of the Chester County Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2024 as Fire Prevention Month. Chester County Council would like to express a heartfelt appreciation toward all firefighters of the Chester County Fire Service for their outstanding service. With honor and sincere gratitude, our firefighters display unwavering dedication, bravery, and selfless service to Chester County. A special thanks to the volunteer firemen who work diligently to educate and keep our citizens safe. We urge all our citizens to take active measures to prevent fires in their homes and communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chester County to be fixed this 7th Day of October, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand, Twenty-Four.

Joe Branham
Chairman, Chester County Council

Attest: _____
Kristie Donaldson
Clerk to County Council

DIVISION 5. - CATAWBA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Sec. 2-390. - Authority.

This division is adopted pursuant to the requirements of S.C. Code 1976, § 44-20-375 et seq.

(Ord. No. 6-15-98, § 1, 6-15-1998)

Sec. 2-391. - Board created.

There is hereby created the Catawba Mental Health Board with powers, duties, responsibilities and functions set forth herein.

(Ord. No. 6-15-98, § 2, 6-15-1998)

Sec. 2-392. - Purpose.

It is the purpose of the Catawba Mental Health Board to develop, provide, coordinate, improve and operate community based programs serving persons with mental retardation or other related disabilities with a view toward developing their respective mental, physical, and social capacities to their fullest potential.

(Ord. No. 6-15-98, § 3, 6-15-1998)

Sec. 2-393. - Membership.

- (a) The board shall be composed of nine members who are residents of Lancaster and Chester Counties. Six members shall be from Lancaster County and **three members shall be from Chester County**. The members of the board shall be appointed by the governor of the state, upon recommendation of the majority of the county legislative delegation. Persons with a demonstrated interest in background mental retardation and/or human services shall be recommended for appointment.
- (b) The terms of the members shall be for four years or until their successors are appointed and qualified.
- (c) Vacancies shall be filled for any expired terms in the same manner as original appointments. Any member may be removed by the appointment authority for neglect of duty, misconduct or malfeasance in office, or for missing three consecutive meetings after being given a written statement of reasons and an opportunity to be heard.

(Ord. No. 6-15-98, § 4, 6-15-1998)

Sec. 2-394. - Duties.

The board shall:

- (1) Be the administrative, planning, coordinating, evaluative, and reviewing body for services to persons in Chester/Lancaster Counties who have mental retardation or other related disabilities; the board shall be funded in part or in whole by appropriations from the state department of disabilities and special needs.

- (2) Submit an annual plan and projected budget to the state department of disabilities and special needs for approval and consideration of funding.
- (3) Review and evaluate, on at least an annual basis, county mental retardation or related disability services provided pursuant to this division and report its findings and recommendations to the state department of disabilities and special needs and the county council.
- (4) Promote and accept local financial support for the Chester/Lancaster Counties program from funding sources such as business, individual, industrial, and private foundations, voluntary agencies, governmental and other lawful sources and promote public support from municipal and county sources.
- (5) Employ personnel and expend its budget for the direct delivery of services or contract with those service vendors necessary to carry out county mental retardation or related disability service programs, which shall meet those specifications prescribed by the state department of disabilities and special needs.
- (6) Plan, arrange, and implement working agreements and contracts with other human service agencies, both public and private, and with educational and judicial agencies.
- (7) Provide the state department of disabilities and special needs and the county council such records, reports and access to its sponsored services as the state department of disabilities and special needs and the county council may require and submit its sponsored services and facilities to licensing requirements of the state department of disabilities and special needs or the licensing requirements of other state and local agencies having such legal authority.
- (8) Buy, sell, mortgage, pledge, encumber, lease, rent, and contract with respect to real and personal property, and borrow money; provided that the obligation to repay same is payable out of any revenue of the Catawba Mental Health Board, and shall not obligate the full faith, credit and taxing power of the county.
- (9) Provide a public forum to which individuals or groups may present any concerns or appeal a dispute of disagreement with a provided agency or service.
- (10) Do any and all other things and acts authorized by the statutory laws of the state, and such other acts as may be necessary to carry out the duties enumerated herein.

(Ord. No. 6-15-98, § 5, 6-15-1998)

Sec. 2-395. - Meetings.

- (a) The board shall open all regular meetings to the general public. No fewer than four meetings per year shall be held. Special meetings may be called, with reasonable notice to other members.
- (b) The board will establish its own bylaws. On an annual basis, it will elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson, a secretary and a treasurer.

(Ord. No. 6-15-98, § 6, 6-15-1998)

Sec. 2-396. - Insurance.

The board will maintain at all times workers' compensation insurance on its employees and a policy of liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 covering all employees and board members. The premiums for this coverage shall be the responsibility of the board. The county shall be listed as an insured under the policy of liability insurance. The board shall furnish a copy of the current insurance policies to the county council and will keep current copies of the policies on file at all times.

(Ord. No. 6-15-98, § 8, 6-15-1998)

Sec. 2-397. - Board independence.

It is acknowledged that the Catawba Mental Health Board is a public entity totally and completely independent of the county and that the county has no authority, direct or indirect, to supervise and/or control the operation of the board or its employees. The board and its employees are not and shall not be agents and/or employees of the county. Likewise, the county has no obligation to fund all or any portion of the operation of the board. However, any funding provided by the county shall be used and expended solely for providing services to county citizens.

(Ord. No. 6-15-98, § 9, 6-15-1998)

Secs. 2-398—2-454. - Reserved.

Application for Chester County, South Carolina Boards and Commissions

Chester County Council selects citizens for service on Council Appointed Boards and Commissions from individuals who have either volunteered, been recommended for appointment, or shown interest in being appointed. The Clerk to Council uses this form to update the roster of volunteers and give Council basic information about each volunteer. *A member of a county board or commission appointed to serve from a council district must be a resident of that district (except the At Large District) during the entire time of service. A member who moves residence from the district from which appointed, or from the county, automatically vacates the position.* **Please Return to:** Clerk to Council, P.O. Box 580, Chester SC 29706 or you may call at (803)-377-7852 or email to kdonaldson@chestercountysc.gov.

Date: 10/01/2024

Board or Commission Appointment being sought: Catawba Mental Health

Name: Jessica N. Schmittle Occupation: Paramedic

Street Address: 2751 Ballindamn

Mailing Address: (if different from above) _____

Telephone (Home): _____ Cell: 3

E-Mail: Jschmittle@ Do you live in Chester County X yes / ____ no.

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: F

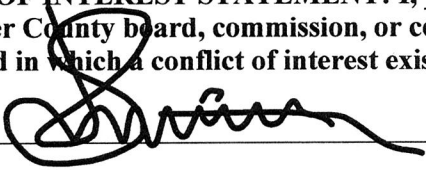
If recommended by a Council Member, indicate their name: _____

In which Council District do you reside? Please indicate (1-7) _____

Are you presently serving on a County Board or Commission? No If "yes" when does your term expire?

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT: I, Jessica Schmittle, as a voting member of any Chester County board, commission, or council, agree to disqualify myself from voting on any issue(s) which may arise and in which a conflict of interest exists.

Signature: 

Board members shall serve at the will of the appointing Council member and terms shall also run concurrent with that of the appointer. Please check the appropriate box below.

- ☐ Accommodation Tax Board
- ☐ Ad-Hock Burnt House Cemetery
- ☐ Airport Commission
- ☐ Assessment of Appeals Board
- ☒ Catawba Mental Health
- ☐ Catawba Regional Council of Government
- ☐ Catawba Regional Workforce
- ☐ Chester County Library
- ☐ Chester Metropolitan District
- ☐ Construction Board of Appeals
- ☐ Fort Lawn Fire Protection District
- ☐ Gateway Steering Committee
- ☐ Hazel Pittman Center
- ☐ John Keziah Park
- ☐ Lando Rural Fire

- ☐ Lewis Fire Protection District
- ☐ Olde English District
- ☐ Parks and Recreation Board
- ☐ Planning Commission
- ☐ Radio Users Advisory Committee
- ☐ Richburg Fire District Commission
- ☐ Rural Fire Commission
- ☐ Solid Waste Advisory Board
- ☐ Zoning Board of Appeals