

Chester County Council Budget Workshop

R. Carlisle Roddey Government Building 1476 J A Cochran Bypass | Chester, SC 29706 Tuesday, May 7, 2024 | 3:00 PM

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Joe Branham, Vice Chairman Pete Wilson, Councilwoman Erin Mosley, Councilman Mike Vaughn, Councilman Corey Guy, Councilman John Agee, County Administrator Brian Hester, Treasurer Tommy Darby

Absent: Councilman William Killian, Clerk to Council Kristie Donaldson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Branham called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.

2. CONTINUED BUDGET OVERVIEW

Brian Hester, County Administrator
Tommy Darby, Treasurer

County Administrator Hester introduced to Council that he added to Council's budget incentive monies for attendance and time in the amount of \$200 for attending workshops. Mr. Hester explained the current funding issues with RCI and the plan to renegotiate with them and add a Planner position. County Administrator Hester and Treasurer Darby addressed some of the proposed details of changes for the 2024-25 budget. Mr. Hester also did an overview of the Capital Reserve Fund, proposed upgrades to the Council Chambers, and landfill costs.

3. COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Vice Chairman Wilson asked about the Animal Shelter and when that project would break ground. Administrator Hester informed him that it was still in the design phase. Mr. Wilson suggested we give the public an update on that. Mr. Hester suggested to cancel the next budget workshop on May 14th and still hold the budget workshop scheduled for May 21st. Chairman Branham commended the work that Mr. Hester and Mr. Darby have done on the budget and that there will be no increase in taxes if this budget is approved.

4. ADJOURN

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

5:30pm Kristie Donaldson, Clerk to Council