



Chester County Council Meeting

R. Carlisle Roddey Government Building
1476 J A Cochran Bypass | Chester, SC 29706

Monday, July 1, 2024 | 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Joe Branham, 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, Attorney John Marshall Mosser

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) June 17, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

Councilwoman Mosley motioned to approve, second by Vice Chairman Wilson. Vote 4-0 to approve. (Absent Council Members not included in vote: Councilman Killian, Councilman Guy, and Councilman Agee)

4. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. ORDINANCES | RESOLUTIONS | PROCLAMATIONS

7. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Brian Hester first updated Council regarding the transfer station floor project at the Landfill. Mr. Hester stated they are waiting on quotes and the project is estimated to start around December 24 and that the transfer station would possibly be down for 10 days and there will be a solution for that closure. Mr. Hester informed Council that the Assessor's Office will be sending out assessment notices in the second week of July. He also let Council know that Jessie Roof (Ruckart) with Animal Control is recovering after a motorcycle accident that happened this weekend and asked that she be kept in everyone's prayers. Mr. Hester stated Animal Control is fully staffed and Council will be able to meet the new Animal Control supervisor at the next meeting and the two newest Animal Control officers have completed their training and will be sworn in by Ms. Sue

Carpenter. Mr. Hester also read to Council two emails that he received commending the service and dedication of Parks and Recreation Supervisor Adam Bedard. Mr. Hester thanked Mr. Bedard and wanted to recognize him for his hard work and dedication during the Chester baseball and softball seasons. Administrator Hester also introduced Bonita Mobley as the Interim HR Director and Nicole Workman as the County Attorney. Mr. Hester informed Council that the Commerce Drive intersection has been paved and everyone for lobbying and Ralph Norman's office. He updated on the Roddey Building improvements and made notice that our offices will be closed this Thursday in observance of the July 4th holiday. Lastly, Mr. Hester announced that the General Assembly approved additional C Funds for the next fiscal year and a spreadsheet will be distributing a spreadsheet to let counties know if additional monies will be received.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a) 3rd Reading of CCMA24-10 Bonnie Burgess requests Tax Map #060-01-00-021-000 at 1208 Radcliff Road, Chester, SC 29706 from Multi-family Residential District (RG-1) to General Residential District (RG-2). Planning Commission voted 4-0 to approve.

Councilman Agee motioned to uphold the Planning Commission's decision to approve the rezoning, second by Vice Chairman Wilson. Vote 7-0 to uphold/approve.

- b) Chester County Welcome Sign Update

Harold Hayes, Project Manager

Mr. Hayes updated Council on the winning sign and the design that was submitted during the survey. Councilman Guy motioned to go with the citizen's vote for the welcome sign, second by Councilwoman Mosley. Vote 7-0 to use the welcome sign that won by citizen's vote.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) County Fire Update – Great Falls Fire Department

Kell Benson, Emergency Services Director

Mr. Benson updated Council that last week six firefighters and a Captain completed their orientation, toured the area and fire station, and took inventory and familiarized themselves with the trucks. Mr. Benson stated he met with the volunteers two weeks ago and had conversation with them regarding what they have built, how important it is and how they are committed to providing public safety to the Great Falls fire district as well as the town. He stated they have had no communication with the Town of Great Falls since they received a letter stating they wanted to remove their stance in the MOU which went into effect today and was signed March 7. Mr. Benson stated that is not wavering our stance on service calls and will not back down on public safety and put taxpayers at risk. Mr. Benson stated they are committed to the citizens of Chester County and visitors with a large amount of tourism coming into the Great Falls area. Councilman Vaughn stated he appreciated the hard work and continued safety provided to Great Falls Fire District.

10. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Erin Mosley motioned to enter executive session, second by Councilman Guy. Vote 7-0 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 P2285
- b) Discussion of personnel matter regarding Planning Director – County Administrator

12. ACTIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chairman Wilson motioned to return to regular session, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 7-0 to return to regular session. Chairman Branham stated that items a and b were taken as information only.

- a) Action taken regarding Project P2285
- b) Action taken regarding Planning Director

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Mosley thanked Clerk to Council for Happy 4th of July cards and pens as well and Chairman Branham. Chairman Branham also wished Attorney Nicole Workman a Happy Birthday. Vice Chairman Wilson thanked our Parks and Recreation department and Public Works for the new sign at Baton Rouge Park. Councilman Agee thanked everyone for their prayers during his wife's recent health scare. Councilman Vaughn said thank you for the birthday card that he received. Chairman Branham announced the Community Input Sessions that are being held with Economic Development for input on the county's five-year strategic plan. Councilman Vaughn stated this was a great opportunity and critical for citizen's to be there to speak up.

14. ADJOURN

Councilwoman Mosley motioned to adjourn, second by Councilman Guy. Vote 7-0 to adjourn.

7:33pm
Kristie Donaldson
Clerk to Council