



Chester County Council Meeting

R. Carlisle Roddey Government Building
1476 J A Cochran Bypass | Chester, SC 29706
Monday, September 16, 2024 | 6:00 PM

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