



Chester County Council Meeting

R. Carlisle Roddey Government Building
1476 J A Cochran Bypass | Chester, SC 29706
Tuesday, September 3, 2024 | 6:00 PM

MINUTES

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Branham called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

The allegiance was recited, and Councilman Guy gave the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) August 19, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

Councilwoman Mosley motioned to approve, second by Councilman Killian. Vote 7-0 to approve.

4. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. ORDINANCES | RESOLUTIONS | PROCLAMATIONS

a) 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-14 – TITLE ONLY

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 Killian motioned to approve, second by Vice Chairman Killian. Vote 7-0 to approve.

7. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Brian Hester introduced Corbin Dawson as the new Network Administrator for the IT Department. Mr. Hester informed Council that Mr. Dawson previously worked for Chester County EMS for four years and has a background in biology and science. Administrator Hester announced the birth of Sutton Ray Oliver to his assistant Kalli Oliver and her husband Matt. Mr. Hester asked to keep Project Manager Harold Hayes in prayers due to a death in the family.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a) From Chester County Transportation Committee Meeting:
 - 1. Recommendation of roads to be paved for 2025 using Annual C-Funds
 - 2. Recommendation of roads to be paved for 2025 using One-time C-Funds

Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve, second by Councilwoman Mosley. Vote 7-0 to approve.

- b) 2nd 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.

Councilman Agee motioned to approve, second by Councilwoman Mosley. Vote 7-0 to approve.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Olde English District Board: A-Tax Funding Update
Jenny Parrish, Olde English District

Ms. Jenny Parrish presented an update on the Olde English District, also known as OED, to Council. She also commended our PRT Team and the great working relationship she has with them. Ms. Parrish informed Council that the OED launched a new website in March of this year focusing on storytelling and itineraries resulting in a 252% increase in overall site sessions driven by paid media. Ms. Parrish stated that due to the marketing tactics with the website and ads, it has boosted awareness of the Olde English District. She informed Council of the proposed A-Tax funding budget for marketing and how greatly this would benefit our tourism.

- b) Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department Update
Britt Stoudenmire, PRT Director

Amy Bender, Tourism Associate, expressed her thankfulness of the partnership with Olde English District and how invaluable their resources and experience has been. Mrs. Bender informed Council that the funds have been invaluable and helped launch tourism in Chester County. Associate Bender informed Council that since the launch of the In Chester County website there has been over 18,000 views and the tourism fair brought over 400 visitors and lots of vendors. Director Stoudenmire informed Council of ongoing and upcoming projects to promote tourism in Chester County. Mr. Stoudenmire informed Council that so far this year, they have booked 78% of what was done last year and only being 2 months into the fiscal year.

10. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

Councilwoman Mosley motioned to reappoint Melanie Saxon to the Catawba Mental Health Board, second by Councilman Guy. Vote 7-0 to reappoint.

b) Rural Fire Commission Resignation and Appointment

Corey Guy, District 5

Councilman Guy announced the resignation of J.P. McNeil due to accepting a position with Chester County as the Deputy Director of Fire Services.

Councilman Guy motioned to appoint Ms. Nettie Archie to the Rural Fire Commission, second by Councilman Agee. Vote 7-0 to approve.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. ACTIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Vaughn announced the upcoming Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation's Annual River Sweep on October 5th. He stated they need volunteers with boats to help clean a big mess of plastic and that volunteers can sign up on the website.

Chairman Branham congratulated Kalli Oliver and family on the birth of their baby boy.

14. ADJOURN

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

7:02pm

Kristie Donaldson

Clerk to County Council