



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

1476 J.A. Cochran Bypass Chester, SC 29706

Monday February 21, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers

Members Present

Chairman Shane Stuart, Chairman
Council Member Joe Branham, Vice Chairman
Council Member Brad Jordan
Council Member Archie Lucas
Council Member Alex Oliphant
Council Member Mary Guy
Council Member Pete Wilson
County Attorney Joan Winters
Clerk to Council Karen Lee

- I. **Call to Order-** Called to order by Chairman Stuart at 6:00 pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation-** Invocation and Pledge was recited in unison.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
 1. February 6, 2017 – Regular Chester County Council Minutes
Council Member Guy motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Council Member Lucas. Vote was unanimous.

IV. Citizen Comments

Jackie Kyles stated the Animal Control still needs a new shelter, at the November Council meeting, she was told by Council they would take care of immediate needs, three months has passed and nothing has been done and would like to know what Council means by immediate needs. Animals are still in the same dilapidated kennels and wanted to know when something would be done.

V. Old Business

1. **Second** Reading to adopt the Planning Commission's Recommendations for the following:
 - a. The Planning Commission voted 6-0 to approve Debra and Jackson Kisamore's request to rezone 3.018 acres located at 4109 Great Falls Hwy, Richburg, SC from General Commercial (GC) to Rural Two (R2) and known as Tax Map Number 139-00-00-098-000.
Council Member Oliphant motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Guy. Vote was unanimous

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- b. The Planning Commission voted 6-0 to approve Patricia Craig's request to rezone 4.00 acres located at 1339 Halsellville Rd, Chester, SC from Agriculture (AG) to Rural Two (R2) and known as Tax Map Number 054-00-00-025-000. Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Jordan. Vote was unanimous.
- c. The Planning Commission voted 6-0 to approve Jason Warren, representing Kelly Scarry's request to rezone 4.00 acres located on Mountain Gap Rd, Richburg, SC from Rural Two (R2) to Limited Industrial (ID2) and known as Tax Map Number 126-00-00-062-000. Council Member Oliphant motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Lucas. Vote was unanimous.
- d. The Planning Commission voted 6-0 to approve Jason Warren, representing Susan Scarry's request to rezone 7.00 acres located on Mountain Gap Rd, Richburg, SC from Rural Two (R2) to Limited Industrial (ID2) and known as Tax Map Number 126-00-00-155-000. Council Member Guy motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Lucas. Vote was unanimous.

VI. New Business

1. Dr. Walt Collins-Brief update of the USC Lancaster college and Chester County Students.

Dr. Walt Collins from The University of South Carolina at Lancaster came to give an update on the happenings at USCL. Dr. Collins said they had a record enrollment last year of 1845 students and look to have record enrollment for the spring. One hundred and twenty-one students enrolled at USC Lancaster from Chester in the fall of 2016. The Palmetto College four-year degree has also

served forty-five students from Chester County. Dr. Collins said they were excited to serve students in Chester County as well as the surrounding counties.

1. Organizational Chart Change for EMS- Britt Lineberger

Mr. Lineberger said the call volume has increased over the past ten years, in 2006 the call volume was 4671 and has went up to 6992 in 2016. He stated he wants to use money set aside for the operation managers position to fund this but keep the position open for next year's budget. He would like to take truck # 5 which now runs a four day -ten hour shift to seven days a week with twelve hour shifts. Council Member Lucas asked if anyone was currently in the operations manager position and what would happen to this position. Mr. Lineberger stated currently he is doing both jobs but, wants to keep the position open for next year's budget.

The fire departments have also increased there call volume, John Agee spoke from the audience saying currently it is 673 calls and seventy-five percent are EMS calls. Council Member Wilson wanted to know what is the current response time for a call. Mr. Lineberger stated the response time was around twenty minutes for areas like Cabal Road which is in district four. Vice Chairman Branham motioned to allow Britt Lineberger to hire two full time employees using the operation manager monies and freeze the operation managers position until the new 2017-2018 budget comes in, seconded by Council Member Wilson. Vote was unanimous.

2. Discussion on Solid Waste Collection-Council Member Oliphant

Council Member Oliphant stated he would like for Council to put out a bid for solid waste collection in the county the same way York County does theirs. This would involve purchasing the equipment, he stated this would save a small fortune for all citizens of Chester County. This needs to run like a business which we are not doing. York County loads their own solid waste and has their own containers/compactors. They pay \$29 dollars per ton and are twenty-six miles further than we are. This week the County is going through the bid process for the way solid waste is collected and bids are due to be open this Wednesday.

Under the terms of the current contract with Waste Management they charge the County \$172.02 each time they pick up a container and take it from the

convenience center to the transfer station. Last year this was done 697 times and the year before that 835 times which is a big difference. When it makes it to the transfer station Waste Management has a guy with a backhoe or loader and dumps the waste from the boxes into trucks to take to the landfill. Mr. Oliphant stated he was not sure how many times this was done but it amounted to \$ 800,265 dollars which comes to \$47.95 per ton. He also said he had received some non-binding quotes on similar equipment, the county could purchase 12 containers, a roll off truck and backhoe for \$490,000 dollars. He said he did not know what the dollar amount would come back for, but he doesn't know until the County puts the bids out there. Council Member Lucas asked Council Member Oliphant if he checked to see how this all came to pass, he recalled Johnny Weir initially signed the contract with Waste Management for a seven-year period, when Carlisle was elected it rolled over but before the contracts were signed Council at the time hired BP Barber a reputable firm in this State to do a study on the contracts, BP Barber told them this was a good deal at that time. He also stated the waste discussion began early last year and learned Waste Management had offered a five-year contract extension that would have resulted in a \$100,000-dollar savings for county taxpayers. The offer had been made several months ago but not acted upon.

Council Member Oliphant stated there wasn't a contract to sign since the offer was not made in writing. Council Member Lucas stated only certain people had knowledge to this offer, which had been made behind closed doors. Chairman Stuart denied any business being conducted without the knowledge of Council. Council Member Guy said since York County is much larger than Chester, if Council Member Oliphant had compared this to counties the same size as ours. Council Member Oliphant stated no, but the volume would be the same.

Vice Chairman Branham asked where the money would come from to pay employees to operate the truck and the loading vehicle, along with the maintenance on the equipment. There is a lot information we still don't have and we need to look at that. Council Member Oliphant agreed. After much discussion Council Member Oliphant motioned to put out for a bid, a proposal for the cost to transfer solid waste from our landfill to their landfill, the cost of a roll back truck, compactors and a loading vehicle, seconded by Council Member Jordan. Vote was 4-2 to approve. Council Members Lucas and Guy voted no.

VII. Boards and Commissions

1. Reappointments- Vice Chairman Branham

- a. Reappoint Laura Medlin to the Accommodation Tax Advisory Board
Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Jordan. Vote was unanimous.
- b. Reappoint Robert Raines to the Planning Commission
Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Guy. Vote was unanimous.
- c. Reappoint Wylie McGarity to the Library Board
Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve seconded by Council Member Oliphant. Vote was unanimous.
- d. Reappoint Patrick Whitesides to the Airport Commission
Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve seconded by Council Member Wilson. Vote was unanimous.
- e. Reappoint Martha Hatcher to the Airport Commission
Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve seconded by Council Member Guy. Vote was unanimous.
- f. Reappoint Ken Caldwell to the Board of Tax Assessments
Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve seconded by Council Member Oliphant. Vote was unanimous.
- g. Reappoint Andy Weir to the Rural Fire Commission
Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve seconded by Council Member Jordan. Vote was unanimous.
- h. Reappoint Bobby Roddey to the Construction Board of Appeals
Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve seconded by Council Member Oliphant. Vote was unanimous.
- i. Reappoint Debra Gill to the John Keziah Park Advisory Board
Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve seconded by Council Member Jordan. Vote was unanimous.

2. Appointments- County Council Member Wilson
 - a. Appoint Tim Gilchrist to the Zoning Board of Appeals
Council Member Wilson motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Oliphant. Vote was unanimous.
 - b. Appoint Brian Gardner to the Construction Board of Appeals
Council Member Wilson motioned to approve, seconded by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote was unanimous.

3. Appointment- County Council Member Guy
 - a. Appoint James P. McNeil to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Council Member Guy motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Jordan. Vote was unanimous.

VIII. Council Comments

Chairman Stuart passed out the visitors guide for Chester County with Cassie Hare featured on the cover as the 2016 Valedictorian, and has come through a lot of obstacles.

Council Member Wilson stated he visited the Fort Lawn Community Center who was holding an event for the 4-H Club. He said Robin Currence does a fantastic job there and has around a year and half to retire, he urged Council to thank her for all she does. Katy Burch does 4-H work throughout the State and does a great job as well. To his understanding the 4-H is the largest youth development program in the nation.

Council Member Jordan thanked Council for their appointments to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The meeting will be March 13th at 6:00 here in the conference room.

IX. Adjourn

Council Member Oliphant motioned to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Guy. Vote was unanimous at 7:45 pm.

Joe Branham, Vice Chairman
& Council Member

Karen Lee, Clerk to Council

