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**Special Called City Council Meeting**

**Minutes**

**August 25, 2023 – 6:30 pm**

**In Person/Virtual**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Carlos Williams (virtually).Members of Council: Wade Young, Tabatha Strother, Dave Claytor, Jamie Price, Danielle Hughes, Tony Nelson, Ursula Boyd-Crosby, and Robbie King-Boyd

**ABSENT:** Staff-Malik Whitaker

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Strother at 6:30pm.

**Roll Call**

8 Present at the time of roll call (8 In Person). *\*\*Hughes later joined the meeting in person. \*\**

**Prayer**

Councilman Price offered prayer.

**Pledge**

Council recited The Pledge of Allegiance and The Civility Pledge.

**Approval of Agenda Amendments**

Councilwoman Strother made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Young second the motion. *Councilwoman King-Boyd wanted to know if Mr. Whitaker would be present to provide input regarding the day-to-day operations*. The vote was unanimous (8-0).

Councilman Young made a motion to discuss the public safety matter for the police department. Councilwoman Nelson second the motion. The vote was unanimous (8-0).

**New Business**

**Public Safety**

Councilwoman King-Boyd made a motion to move Public Safety-Police Department to Monday’s meeting due to City Administrator, Malik Whitaker not being present. Councilman Young second the motion. The vote was unanimous (8-0).

**Form of Government**

Mayor Pro Tem stated that Mayor Williams left hand outs to explain the City of Chester form of government and that no discussion would take place. Councilwoman King-Boyd made a motion to discuss the form of government. Mayor Pro Tem Strother stated that *“No Ma’am, we are not having any discussion on that topic, but we will move forward to the next item.”* Councilwoman King-Boyd stated, *“But it’s on the agenda*.” Mayor Pro Tem Strother stated that “*That’s OK. We consulted with the Municipal Association…”.* Councilwoman King-Boyd stated, *“I’m here now and I’m a councilmember as well and I placed this item on the agenda for a reason and I make a motion.”* **Councilwoman King-Boyd made a motion to discuss the form of government or move it to Monday’s meeting as well in public session. Councilwoman Boyd-Crosby second the motion. The vote was as follows: 7 in favor: (Williams, Price, Claytor, Young, Nelson, Boyd-Crosby, and King-Boyd). 1 oppose: (Strother).**

Councilman Claytor made a motion to that City Council have the final decision of all terminations of department heads. Councilwoman King-Boyd second the motion**. The vote was as follows: 5 Oppose: (Nelson, Strother, Young, Price, Williams) In Favor: (King-Boyd, Hughes, Claytor, and Boyd-Crosby). The motion failed.**

**Disbursement of Information to City Council**

Councilwoman King-Boyd made a motion to move *Disbursement of Information to City Council* to Monday’s meeting. Councilman Young second the motion. The vote was unanimous (9-0).

**Old Business**

**Update on City of Chester & Chester Sheriff’s Office Agreement**

Councilwoman King-Boyd made a motion to discuss. Councilman Claytor second the motion. The vote was unanimous (9-0).

**Executive Session**

Mayor Pro Tem Strother made a motion to go into Executive Session to Personnel Matter-Police Department. Councilwoman King-Boyd made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matter-Police Department. Councilwoman Boyd-Crosby second the motion. The vote was as follows: 6 in favor: (Boyd-Crosby, Nelson, Hughes, King-Boyd, Young, Price). 2 Oppose: (Strother and Claytor).

Mayor Pro Tem stated that while in Executive Session, Council discussed Personnel Matter-Police Department in which no action was taken.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marquita Fair

Municipal Clerk