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CHESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL

January 12, 2015

Chester City Council Meeting

PRESENT: Mayor Wanda Y. Stringfellow; Council Member, Betty Bagley, Susan Kovas, King Thompson, William Killian, George Caldwell, Annie M. Reid and Linda Tinker; City Administrator Sandi Worthy; City Attorney Megan Gaston; and Payroll Specialist Sylvia Young.

ABSENT: Human Resources Director Carla Roof.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Stringfellow called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

PRAYER: Councilwoman Reid led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS FORUM: No one for Citizens Forum.

PETITIONERS:

Mike Enoch – Distribution of Capital Funds – Mike Enoch greeted Council and he introduced himself as the City of Chester Appointee/Representative for the “One Cent Sale Tax Projects”. Mr. Enoch provided Council with a 28 page handout that detailed projects purpose and goals. Mr. Enoch preceded by explaining and outlining projects handout. After Mr. Enoch’s presentation, Mayor Stringfellow and Council Members hi-fived Mr. Enoch and thanked him for representing the city for the “One Cent Sale Tax Projects”.

Liz Anderson – Chester Historical Society (CCHS) – Mrs. Anderson informed Council CCHS was not asking for monetary support. She asked Council to review handout given while she continued by outlining CCHS schedule of events and activities. She informed Council that the Chester Gun will be fired during the opening of CCHS event in memory of Councilman Odell Williams who discovered the Parrott Rifles. She asked for Council’s approval to allow City Administrator, Sandi Worthy to assist CCHS with the following: Use of lot on the corner of Hudson and Saluda Street for encampment, Use of the “top of the hill” for reenactment and vendors, and street signs, banners and flags for advertising. Also, she informed Council that CCHS will be working on Chester Gun display, by cleaning and repainting actual gun. In conclusion, Mrs. Anderson requested that Council gives CCHS approval to engrave property of Chester County Historical Society to existing marker on reverse side of gun. After a brief discussion, Mayor Stringfellow asked for

a motion that Council had no problem or any objections with Mrs. Worthy working with Liz Anderson on CCHS projects. Councilwoman Bagley made a motion that Council approve City Administrator, Sandi Worthy working with Liz Anderson, CCHS. Councilwoman Tinker second motion. Motion carried with none opposing.

Jim Fuller – Chester County Chamber of Commerce (CCCC) – Mr. Fuller asked Council to open folder to review contents that outlined CCCC building renovations. Mr. Fuller informed Council that CCCC was in the process of building renovations with an estimating cost of \$ 14,000. He continued by explaining building repairs needed such as, the removal of existing damaged carpet, sand and finish hardwood floors and steps, interior painting, building chemical bath, and purchase of stained glass window. In conclusion, Mr. Fuller informed Council that Chester County has approved to assist CCCC with building renovations by giving their monetary support. Also, He was asking Council to help fund building renovations. After a brief discussion, Mayor Stringfellow made a motion to take \$5,000 from Capital Building Maintenance (300) to help fund CCCC building renovations. Councilman Thompson second motion. Motion carried with none opposing.

Latanya Williams – Organic Helpers – Ms. Williams expressed to Council her concerns about installing sidewalks and proper lighting for students walking short distances to Chester High School. She expressed that students needed a safe route from home to school. She presented to Council a picture display of unsafe areas in question. After a brief discussion, Council excepted Ms. Williams request as information with no action taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 13, 2014, October 27, 2014 and December 8, 2014 – After a brief discussion, Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve minutes with any necessary corrections. Councilman Thompson second motion. Motion carried with none opposing.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Councilman Thompson questioned Mrs. Worthy about change in truck routes. After a brief discussion, Mrs. Worthy informed Council that DOT is waiting on city request sign locations. Also, she announced to Council that new city web site will be operable on January 30th. She informed Council that each department will be providing contents for web design.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No discussion, and no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Strategic Plan – City Administrator – Mrs. Worthy asked Council to look over Strategic Plan reviewing three focuses, “Housing, higher quality of life and effective/efficient government”. She requested that Council have a written document available during Strategic Planning to outline city goals and changes for 2015 thru 2017. After a brief discussion, Councilman Thompson made a motion to adopt Strategic Operation Plan. Councilwoman Reid second motion. Motion carried with none opposing.

City Ordinance – Discharge of weapons and Special Permit – Fox – Mayor Stringfellow informed Council about fox nuisance issue in communities such as Wellborn property, Jeter and Jewel Street. She suggested to Council to revise squirrel permit to include foxes. After a brief discussion, Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to revise squirrel permit to include no domesticated animals and amend City Ordinance accordingly. Councilwoman Tinker second motion. Motion carried with none opposing.

Holiday and Vacation Accrual Time – Police Department staff asked Council for guidance on how to handle deleted holiday and vacation accrual time overages. After much discussion, Council agreed to return deleted vacation and

holiday overages. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to continue hiring three interviewed officers, advertise and fill vacancies with two additional officers for the Police Department. Councilman Killian second motion. Motion carried with none opposing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Contractual Matter – Administrative Department - Mayor Stingfellow informed Council that the Chair would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a Contractual Matter, Administrative Department. Councilwoman Bagley made a motion that Council enter into Executive Session to discuss a Contractual Matter – Administrative Department. Councilwoman Tinker second motion. Motion carried with Councilman Caldwell opposing. Council went into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

At 8:36 p.m., Councilwoman Bagley made a motion that Council reconvene from Executive Session. Councilwoman Tinker second motion. Motion carried with Councilman Caldwell opposing. Mayor Stringfellow announced that Council took no action during Executive Session. After a brief discussion, Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to award bid to Sturgis Electric in the amount of \$30,000. Councilman Killian second motion. Motion carried with none opposing.

Mrs. Worthy asked that Council allow David Claytor – Blue’s Event Coordinator to come before Council. Upon Council’s approval, Mr. Claytor asked Council for \$2,100 monetary support to fund advertisement for social events. After discussion, Councilman Killian made a motion to approve monetary support of \$2,100 form Special Programs to help fund advertisement expenses for Blue’s Events. Mayor Stringfellow second motion. Motion carried with none opposing.

With no further discussion, Councilwoman Bagley made a motion that Council adjourn. Councilwoman Tinker second. Motion carried with none opposing at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Young, Payroll Specialist