

Chester City Council Meeting  
June 27, 2016, 2016, 6:30 pm  
Minutes

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley; Council Members Linda Tinker, Susan Kovas, Carlos Williams, Annie M. Reid, Ike McBrayer, William Killian and Angela Douglas; City Attorney Megan Gaston; City Administrator Sandi Worthy; Human Resources Director Carla Roof.

ABSENT: Mayor Caldwell

Call to Order: Public Hearing Fiscal Year Operation Budget 2016-17

Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 pm. With no one present to speak for or against the Public Hearing, Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley closed the Public Hearing at 6:35 pm.

Prayer: Councilwoman Tinker led in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance: Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens Forum: Angela Boyd, We Build Communities this program has been very focus and I hope that you will approve and help fund this program for the Chester community. This program has certified staff and is a wonderful program.

Petitioner – Kotina Feaster – We Build Communities - Mrs. Feaster was previously instructed by Council to provide a budget, which was provided. Much discussion took place concerning providing funds for non- profit and for-profit organizations. This request does not qualify for Hospitality funding. Discussion took place concerning donations from the community. After much discussion, Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to provide \$1,838.00 for activities only to We Build Communities coming from Parks and Recreation Department. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilwoman Douglas opposing.

#### Departmental Reports

Administrative Report – Mrs. Worthy informed Council that she and Mrs. Roof have decided to move forward with paperless meetings. Councilwoman Kovas wanted to know if Summer Feeding was serving breakfast yet. As of this date, they are not serving. Councilwoman Douglas had questions concerning the Intern for the Recreation Department. The logos have already begun to be placed on the vehicles.

Finance – no comments

Fire Department – no comments

HR Department – no comments

Police Department – Councilman McBrayer requested that Police add how many trucks are being stopped in the city. Please put this on the report.

Public Works – Councilwoman Kovas wanted to know if Public Works has any planned Solid Waste days. Discussion took place concerning handling the holiday excessive trash. The backyard service will be picked up on Friday an extra pickup will take place on holidays with excessive trash.

Recreation – The pool opened this past Saturday and will not open on Sundays. Mr. White informed that they have planned a great fireworks event and we need members of Council in the dunking booth. Gates open at 6 pm. Free of Charge for guest, \$25.00 fee for vendors, concessions will available, Bubble Ball, Corn Hole, live band, line dancing. We tried to have something for all age groups. Adult basketball is being played at the Rock Hill YMCA, Saturday at 11 am. We have two teams from Chester.

Council recognized Boy Scout Troop 61.

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve as presented. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Commission Reports

Evergreen Cemetery – No report

HPC – minutes will be coming for approval

Planning Commission – Minutes provided

Zoning Board of Appeals – No report

Housing Authority – No report

Recreation – No report

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve as presented. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Unfinished Business

Second Reading Ordinance 2016-06 Fiscal Year 2016-17 Operating Budget - Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley read as presented. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to adopt the budget as presented.

Councilwoman Reid seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried with Killian and Douglas opposing.

Second Reading Ordinance 2016 – 04 Zoning Text to allow Beauty Shops SIC Cod 723 and Barbershops SIC code 724 special exception uses in NCH – Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve as read. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business – Chester Sports Complex –Councilwoman Douglas

Councilman Killian and Councilwoman Douglas wanted to see the fairgrounds renovated. Councilman Williams and Councilwoman Douglas met with Senator Coleman concerning funding. Senator Coleman was provided with a needs list and was able to provide Joe Collins Stadium and Jeff Brown Softball Fields \$75,000.00, which will be available in mid-September. Please show our gratitude to Senator Coleman. We currently have about 200,000.00 left in funds for this project as well. Discussion took place concerning the Springsteen project.

Chester County Days of Summer – Councilwoman Douglas -A portal has been developed and will be published publicly, this will be a collaborative effort with local government and citizens to help provide a fun summer. The county will be responsible for maintaining this site, etc.

First Reading Ordinance 2016-7 Comprehensive Fee Schedule - Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley read as presented. Councilwoman Reid made a motion to approve as presented. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried with Killian opposing

Hospitality Tax Grants Guidelines and Application Grant Reporting Form and Request for Funds – Councilman McBrayer made a motion to accept as presented. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The application needs to be reviewed by someone before it is presented to Council. We spend a lot of time reviewing the applications. It currently states under procedures, that the administrator reviews before coming to Council. Discussion took place concerning having a bi annual application process, providing a sample online to help complete. Discussion took place concerning for profit being allowed to utilize these funds that provides great events in our community. These guidelines require a reimbursement instead of getting funds up front. After much discussion, the motion carried with Councilwoman Douglas opposing.

Resolution – Healthcare Benefits - Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley read as presented. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session – Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8 pm for discussion of a Personnel Matter in the Administrative department, evaluations. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilwoman Douglas opposing.

Councilman McBrayer made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session at 9 pm. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. While in Executive Session, Council discussed a Personnel Matter in the Administrative Department, Evaluations. No action was taken.

With no further business, Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 pm. Councilwoman Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully,

Carla Roof

