

Chester City Council Meeting
September 12, 2016
Minutes

PRESENT: Mayor George Caldwell; Council Members Linda Tinker, Susan Kovas, Carlos Williams, Annie M. Reid, Betty B. Bagley, Ike McBrayer, William Killian and Angela Douglas; City Administrator Sandi Worthy; HR Director Carla Roof and City Attorney Megan Gaston.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Caldwell called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PRAYER: Councilwoman Reid led in prayer.

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

CITIZENS FORUM: No one present to speak.

PETITIONER:

Brenda McBrayer –Christmas Lights – Mrs. McBrayer requested that Council donate \$5000.00. There will be a snow hill for children, this has already been funded. Approval of funding will be placed on the next agenda. This year the lights will be LED lights.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve July 11, 2016, July 25, 2016, 5, 2016, August 8, 2016, August 22, 2016 as presented. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Review Dates – Mrs. Worthy will provide several dates for Council to select from and will go with the majority. Councilwoman Douglas stated that she would like Jeff Shaker from MASC be present for the Planning Session.

Capital Projects Priorities: Council will discuss this at the Planning Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Recognition – Edward Gray was recognized for his honesty that he exemplified with Christ Central. Chief Levister and Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley thanked and recognized Mr. Gray.

Parks Improvement Plan – Alexis Young – Miss Young developed a Park Assessment and Improvement Plan, Citizens Participation Survey and Program Development for the City of Chester as a part of her internship. Council thanked Miss Young for a job well done.

Joe Collins Stadium Sign – Information will be discussed at the next meeting.

Donald Crockett – Council Accomplishments

Mr. Crockett stated that he would like to have a Block Party in the East Chester community. Miss Young provided a great proposal and he would like Council to implement some of these ideas she included in her plan. As Council, you guys need to work together and you will be more powerful. When it comes up for you to be elected again, why should I or these people in the audience re-elect you? After discussion, Mayor Caldwell stated that Mr. Crockett was out of order and requested that he step down from the podium.

OSHA Violations – Mrs. Worthy provided Council with an update on three violations. Mrs. Worthy informed Council of the violations. These penalties have been paid and proper posting have been completed. Mrs. Worthy informed Council that any employee or citizen have the right to report without any type of retaliation.

USDA FMPP Program – Fresh to you status – Shelley Watts provided Council with an update that the market has been approved for SNAP machine. Citizens will call the Market Manager and items will be delivered to the citizens. We have flyers at DSS and Churches.

Support Ours Schools – How can we support our students at our schools. Councilwoman Douglas informed Council that she had the opportunity to sit with principals to discuss participation. A list has been provided and Councilwoman Douglas will provide information to Council and the press. Lots of opportunity to participate with the schools and provide them with information. Much discussion took place concerning supporting schools. Councilwoman Douglas indicated she will send out information to Council, Department Heads and Media.

Sell of Property – 152 Columbia Street – Mrs. Worthy informed Council that we currently own this property and Catawba Cog has requested that we clear out the debris of the house where it will not cost too much to demolish. We need an ordinance to demolish the house. The property has been condemned. Catawba COG has requested that the contents of the house be cleaned out.

Resolution – Enhanced Rail Passenger Service – Mayor Caldwell read the Resolution as presented. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve as presented. Councilwoman Kovas second the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilwoman Reid explained to the audience. Mayor Caldwell provided an update to Council concerning Railroad.

Analysis – Jobs held within Chester County and Catawba Region – Mayor Caldwell provided Council with an update on this matter.

Councilman Killian recognized his Pastor Anthony Murphy and thanked him for coming to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of a Contractual Matter – Lease Agreement – 139 Cadz Street at 7:45 pm. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried with Caldwell opposing.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley made a motion to reconvene from executive Session at 7:45. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. While in Executive Session, Council discussed a Contractual Matter – Lease Agreement – 139 Cads Street. No action was taken.

With no further business, Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley made a motion to adjourn at 8.00 pm. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Carla Roof