

Public Hearing
February 27, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Stringfellow called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 pm. Grazier Rhea, Catawba Regional presented the East Chester Village Renaissance Project to Council. Several members of the audience addressed questions concerning the project. Councilman Thompson thanked the residents for coming and informed them he would get with them to complete the applications. With no one else present to speak, Mayor Stringfellow called the Public Hearing to a close.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
CITY OF CHESTER) **RESOLUTION**
COUNTY OF CHESTER)

WHEREAS, the East Chester Neighborhood, is a low income area that is adjacent to the downtown area of the City of Chester; and,

WHEREAS, the East Chester Neighborhood has numerous problems, including dilapidated housing, drainage, inadequate water and sewer services, and various other community problems; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Chester completed the East Chester Neighborhood Study as the first phase of the East Chester Village Renaissance Project; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Chester desires to undertake a second phase of the East Chester Village Renaissance Project to continue the efforts to make it a safe and decent place to live; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Chester intends to make an application for Community Development Block Grant funding through the Village Renaissance Program to undertake clearance, drainage upgrades, façade improvements and other activities to improve the overall appearance of the area and address crime and safety issues; and,

WHEREAS, this program requires local matching funds of at least 10 percent of the grant amount; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chester City Council, in Council assembled, hereby agrees to provide up to \$32,500 for this project.

ADOPTED THIS THE _____ DAY OF FEBRUARY 2012.

BY: _____

Wanda Stringfellow

ATTEST: _____

Mayor, City of Chester

**City Council
February 27, 2011, 6:30 pm
Minutes**

PRESENT: Mayor Stringfellow; Council Members Betty Bagley, George Caldwell, William Killian, Susan Kovas, Annie Reid, King Thompson, Linda Tinker, Odell Williams; City Administrator Jeff Kerr; Human Resources Director Carla Roof and City Attorney April Counterman.

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

PRAYER: Mayor Pro Tempore Reid led in prayer.

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

CITIZENS FORUM: No one present to speak.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mr. Kerr informed Council that he is working on the department budgets and looking at revenue.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Finance – No questions

Fire – No questions

Human Resources - No questions

Police – No questions

Public Works – No questions

Recreation – No questions

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to approve the departmental reports as presented. Councilman Williams seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety – no report.

Recreation – Councilman Caldwell presented a proposal coming from the Recreation Committee. Councilman Caldwell made a motion to appropriate a grant match in the amount \$8,651.00 from Capital Improvement for the installations of a slide at Wylie Park Pool. Councilwoman Tinker seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Economic Development – Councilman Thompson updated Council on the meeting and indicated they will be walking the downtown area and meeting with the business owners for their input. Discussion took place concerning the downtown building on the corner that Arthur Gaston owns and the old Masonic Lodge. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid indicated she received information concerning Economic Development at the Legislative Council and will forward to Council. Mayor Stringfellow indicated she has visions for businesses in our downtown area, restaurants and bars, etc.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Evergreen Cemetery

Historic Preservation

Planning Commission

Zoning

Board of Appeals

Housing Authority – Report included.

Recreation

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Catawba COG Membership Vacancy Appointment

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to appoint Mayor Wanda Stringfellow to serve on the Catawba COG Board. Councilman Thompson seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution – East Chester Neighborhood – Mayor Stringfellow read the resolution as presented. Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to approve as read. Councilman Killian seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Caldwell was added to the agenda with no objection. Chief Caldwell requested to replace the stove, refrigerator, microwave, and freezer at the Fire Department. Funds will come from the Columbia account not to exceed \$10,000.00. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve Chief Caldwell's request not to exceed \$10,000.00. Councilwoman Reid seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stringfellow appointed Council Members King Thompson, Odell Williams, George Caldwell and Annie M. Reid to serve on the City of Chester Rehab Committee for the City of Chester, East Chester Project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Stringfellow stated that Council would convene in Executive Session for discussion of a Contractual Matter –McKeown Building. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m., for discussion of a Contractual Matter – McKeown Building. Councilman Thompson seconds the motion. The motion carried with Councilman Caldwell opposing.

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. Councilwoman Bagley seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid made a motion to approve the bid received from McKenzie Construction Company in the amount not to exceed \$150,000., for the construction/remodel of the Chester County Agriculture Economic Development Center, with \$25,000., coming from capital improvement account. Councilwoman Tinker seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor and Council commended Mrs. Kellerhalls for all of her hard work and dedication in receiving this funding.

With no further business, Mayor Pro Tempore Reid made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Councilwoman Bagley seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof
Human Resources Director/CMC