

Chester City Council Meeting

April 24, 2017, 6:30 pm

Minutes

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

ABSENT: George Caldwell

Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Prayer: Councilwoman Kovas led in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance: Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens Forum – Raymond Carter spoke to Council informing them to be careful whom you trust. When you trust people with your children, they should not use your children because they hold a grudge on you. Do you trust your police department? I intend to give you more; I have grown to love you. You must watch and pay attention because people who are fresh out of prison have no problem with harming you. Do not trust individuals that have power, they will hurt you.

Departmental Reports

Administrative – no comments

Finance – no comments

Fire – no comments

HR – Council requested that Mrs. Roof provide Committee Members with the applications.

Police – Trucks coming through the City. Chief Moore stated that officers are making stops and writing tickets. If they are delivering, they are not ticketed. Councilwoman Bagley thanked the police department for checking doors downtown.

Public Works – no comments

Recreation – no comments

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve the Departmental Reports as presented. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Finance Department – Minutes provided in package.

Prosperities – Committee will meet April 25, at 4:30.

Public Safety – Committee will meet April 25, 2017 at 5:30.

Public Works – Committee will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30. A Special called meeting at 5pm for Public Works Committee. Councilman Williams recommended that Mr. White attend the annual elected official's conference. If we let one department head go, we need to let all department heads go. Discussion took place concerning this item; if they have money in the budget then they can attend. No action was taken.

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

Commission Reports

Evergreen, HPC, Planning, ZBA, Housing Authority, Recreation. No comments.

Ad-Hoc Kitchen Committee – Councilwoman Kovas stated they have finally hired a contractor to finish installing the board. Watt Moore has completed the engineer drawing, working on the RFP for the equipment.

Unfinished Business

Commission Appointments

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to reappoint Linda Short to the Chester County Natural Gas board. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried with Douglas opposing the motion.

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to appoint Beth Harris to Recreation Committee. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

HPC – Defer this to the next meeting.

Hospitality Grant Application – Light it up Blue – Councilwoman Kovas - This was a wonderful event and \$1,609.00 is the amount being requested for this event, this was and all out of pocket expense. Attorney Gaston indicated that she worked with Mrs. Karen Hill on this event application. Councilman McBrayer made a motion to approve the Hospitality Grant Application in the amount of \$1,609.00 from the Hospitality Funds. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. Much discussion took place concerning the applications being completed in detailed. Councilwoman Douglas stated that we need to be consistent with what we ask from citizens. Please have her resubmit and bring back to council. Councilman McBrayer rescinded his motion. Councilwoman Tinker rescinded her motion. Deferred until next meeting.

Dr. Alicia Green – Provided a presentation to Council concerning the CCSD reading program. Read, Feed, And Succeed. The district will hold a reading kickoff in three areas this summer. Transportation is an issue for some kids. We are responsible to make sure that all kids are fed. You will receive freshly meals each day. Next year we would like to provide hot meals for kids. We would like to partner with the city.

The cost will be 3.15 per lunch meal. This is the amount reimbursed by the Federal Government. The meals have been brought down to \$3.00 per meal and 1.50 for breakfast. No action was taken.

City of Chester Volunteer Policy – Councilman Williams addressed with Council about the volunteer policy about. Requested that a policy be developed and brought back to Council.

Resolution – Joseph Neal – Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. Council requested that several things be added to the Resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation – 2017 National Autism Awareness – Councilwoman Kovas read the proclamation as presented. – Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve as read. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session – Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:45 pm, for discussion of a Personnel Matter – Police Department, Contractual Matter – Council and Summer Feeding. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion the motion carried.

Councilman McBrayer made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. While in Executive Session, Council discussed Personnel Matter – Police Department, Contractual Matter – Council and Summer Feeding. No action was taken.

Councilwoman Reid made a motion to accept the resignation of Sandi Worthy effective 4-21-17. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Kovas made a motion to advertise for the position of City Administrator. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to submit bids for the Summer Feeding Program. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, Councilwoman Reid made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof