

Chester City Council Meeting

February 9, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Mayor Stringfellow announced the Public Hearing would be rescheduled later.

PRESENT: Mayor Wanda Y. Stringfellow; Council Members Ike McBrayer, Betty B. Bagley, Susan Kovas, King D. Thompson, William Killian, Annie M. Reid, George Caldwell and Linda Tinker; City Administrator Sandi Worthy and Human Resources Director Carla Roof; City Attorney Megan Gaston.

PRAYER: Mayor Pro Tempore Reid led in prayer.

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

CITIZENS FORUM: No one present to speak.

PETITIONERS:

Desperate Cry Ministries – Rick and DeniseAnne Crenshaw – The Shofar Man will be coming to Chester on February 19 -22, 2015. We would like you to know that Chester is in God's heart. The Shofar Man will be coming at his own expense.

Karen Hutto – CDDA Karen Hutto provided Council with an update. We would like to have a garden at the Springsteen Site. We have a lot scheduled but we need the City's help. We cannot function without the city. Mayor Stringfellow indicated that she would like the CDDA and Beautification Committee to work together on projects for the spring. Chester is on an upward spiral now and we need to do everything we can do to help our town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilmember Linda Tinker made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2015 and January 26, 2015, as presented. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Special Recognition – Mrs. Worthy recognized the following employees for their dedication and committed service to the City of Chester. Mayor Stringfellow also presented certificates.

William Brakefield – Fire Department, 18 years

Richard Grant – Fire Department, 32 years

Don Wood – Fire Department, 3 years

Dale Cook – Public Works, 17 years

Marquita Pendergrass – Finance Department, 13 years

Wes Gladden – Police Department, 1 year
Tyrel Graham – Police Department, 1 year
Kyle Lucas – Police Department, 1 year
Marvick Dotson – Fire Department, 1 year
Sylvia Young – HR Department, 15 years

Administrative Report – Mrs. Worthy provide a report for Council.

NEW BUSINESS: First Reading Ordinance Alcohol - 2015-01 – Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the first reading as amended. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

First Reading Procurement Policy – 2015 -02 - Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to approve first reading as presented. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. Discussion took place concerning tied bids. Attorney Gaston will clarify before the second reading.

First Reading Ordinance 2015-03 Local Hospitality Tax on the sales of prepared meals and beverages in establishments. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve first reading as presented. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. Councilwoman Tinker had questions concerning this tax. Hospitality tax has been available since 1997. The funds will be used for recreational events, offset for public works and patrol. If we do not implement this, we will have to continue to place the burden on the residence through property tax and mileage increase. Councilman Thompson stated that he did not see that this would be a burden; this is a fair way that would benefit our residents. Councilman Caldwell stated that everywhere you go, you have a hospitality tax. Karen Hutto, Anna's Arbor spoke to Council and stated this would not be a burden to her business. Anything that will help Chester. Councilwoman Kovas questioned would quarterly not be better than monthly? Discussed catering business and reporting quarterly instead of monthly. Councilman McBrayer questioned, would the funds only be used for Parks and Tourism. After discussion, the motion carried with Councilwoman Tinker opposing.

First Reading Ordinance 2015-04 – Annexation of property owned by the City of Chester located adjacent to 145 Cemetery Street and directly adjoining 148 Cemetery Street but for Cemetery by 100 percent petition. Councilman Thompson made a motion to accept annexation as presented. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

100 Percent Petition Form - 079-03-08-031-000 - Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the 100 percent petition form as presented. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**City of Chester
100 Percent Petition Form**

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE **CITY OF CHESTER, SOUTH CAROLINA:**

The undersigned, being 100 percent of the freeholders owning 100 percent of the assessed value of the property in the contiguous territory described below and shown on the attached plat or map, hereby petition for annexation of said territory to the City by ordinance effective as soon hereafter as possible, pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 5-3-150(3).

The territory to be annexed is described as follows:

A lot on Cemetery Street adjacent to 145 Cemetery Street that is known as Finley Park.

The property is designated as follows on the County tax map: 079-03-08-031-000



It is requested that the property be zoned as follows:

Owner's Name: _____ Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

For Municipal Use:	
Petition received by _____	Date _____
Description and Ownership verified by: _____	Date _____
Recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	By: _____ Date _____

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The territory to be annexed is described as follows:

A lot between Cemetery Street and JA Cochran 72 Bypass and adjacent to Evergreen Cemetery.

The property is designated as follows on the County tax map: 079-03-08-026-000



It is requested that the property be zoned as follows: LI, Limited Industrial

Owner's Name: _____ Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

For Municipal Use:

Petition received by _____ Date _____

Description and Ownership verified by: _____ Date _____

Recommendation: Approved Denied By: _____ Date _____

100 Percent Petition Form 079-03-08-026-000 - Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the 100 percent petition form as presented. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

First Reading Ordinance 2015 -05, an ordinance to provide for the annexation of property owned by the City of Chester located between Cemetery Street and JA Cochran highway 72 Bypass by 100 percent petition; and to establish a zoning classification of li (light industrial) for said property. Councilman

Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Day – Councilman Caldwell provided Council with an update on the Legislative Day. One particular bill that is being proposed is not something that we want. Bill 34-90, I encourage everyone to contact your legislators and let them know not to pass this bill. This will be a big impact on our city if this bill is passed.

Mayor Stringfellow read and presented a proclamation for The Shofar Saturday on February 21, 2015.

PROCLAMATION

*Office of the Mayor of City of Chester
Chester County
State of South Carolina*

WHEREAS: *There are approximately six thousand residents in the city of Chester*

WHEREAS: *Every resident and business in the city of Chester, with the leadership of the mayor and city council, deserves the right of receiving all the God-given blessings love, joy, and peace that are possible.*

WHEREAS: *The shofar, an ancient musical instrument, has a proven record of calling forth blessings, and a number of shofar blowers from surrounding states will be gathered in our city on Saturday, February 21, 2015, to collectively blow their shofars calling forth blessings for every resident and business in the city of Chester.*

WHEREAS: *This voluntary effort also serves as a prelude to the March 19-22, 2015, gatherings in the city of Chester, supported by a number of local and regional groups, that will provide the opportunity for every resident to participate in the blessings of the shofar upon themselves individually and to our city as a corporate body of residents.*

WHEREAS: *The leaders of this gathering, Jim and Carla Barbarossa, who have already travelled world, are again on a worldwide tour. They have already freely sent many books and DVD is which are being distributed to interested city leaders. Coming at their own expense, they are scheduled for only four stops along the East Coast...Orlando, FL; Pittsburg, PA; Washington, DC; and our city of Chester.*

NOW THEREFORE, I, *Wanda Stringfellow, Mayor of the City of Chester, County of Chester, State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim Saturday, February 21, 2015, as Shofar Saturday in the City of Chester, and urge all citizens to support and participate in programs and events as one step in bringing blessings of peace of our streets and joy to the hearts of all.*

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Chester, County of Chester, State of South Carolina, this 9th day of February 2015.*

Wanda Stringfellow, Mayor of City of Chester

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

With no further business, Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof, HR Director, CMC