

Chester City Council Meeting
March 9, 2015, 6:30 pm
Minutes

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

ABSENT: Council Members William Killian and Linda Tinker.

CITIZENS FORUM: Shelly Dominick talked to Council about 18-wheelers coming through the city. Asking to please help control the trucks going through the downtown area. They are destroying the downtown buildings and our home. An officer told me that his was advised by his supervisor not to write any more tickets. Mayor Stringfellow informed Mrs. Dominick that we have ordered larger signs and we are working very hard to control this situation. We have ordered the signs and SCDOT will place them. Chief Williams indicated that he has instructed his officers to write warnings only until the new process is in place.

DeniseAnne Crenshaw – Desperate Cry Ministries – Mrs. Crenshaw presented a book to Mayor Stringfellow. The Shofar Man will be in our area on March 19-22, 2015, and provided flyers for Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2015, February 9, 2015, and February 23, 2015, as presented. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Mrs. Worthy provided Council with an update on Capital Projects, Grants, CDDA, and Eat Smart Move More will be discussed under New Business.

Officer Moss introduced a new business located at 148 Gadsden Street, KenaKi Karate. We want to be involved in the community and be here for the children. We want to have something for the kids. The Grand Opening for the Chester office will be held on March 15, 2015, 5 pm, and everyone is invited to attend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Second Reading Ordinance 2015-05 Annexation of Property Cemetery Street and 72 By Pass. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve as read. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Just Compensation Update – East Chester – Mayor Stringfellow read as presented. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the updated amount of \$29,648.00 as presented. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CDDA Advisor – Mrs. Worthy requested that she be allowed to be an advisor for the CDDA. I would be required to attend the board meetings and to help them understand how they can fit into our strategic plan. After discussion, Council agreed to allow Mrs. Worthy to serve as a CDDA Advisor.

Eat Smart Move More – Robin Currence – This effort that began in South Carolina to help make the healthy choice the easy choice. Mrs. Currence and Melodey Reed gave a PowerPoint presentation. Chris White talked to Council as to how this program can benefit the city. Mrs. Worthy challenged Council to help the group collect the data. Walk your ward and compile the data. Robin Currence talked about the assessment process. The timeframe with walking the wards will be in April. Mayor commended the Eat Smart Move More Program.

Chief Caldwell previously presented to Public Safety a request for upgrading the technology of the fire department. We are trying to upgrade to the 21st Century. Chief Caldwell proposed that Council approve MP Computer Services from Rock Hill. The total project which will include a turnkey server system, outfit the building, equipment and labor totaling 7500 hours with a grand total of \$33,472.48. This is a stepping-stone for our department. We plan to get tablets to be placed in our trucks. Trying to move us into the 21st. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid made a motion to allow the fire department to upgrade equipment for \$33,472.48, coming from the Columbia account. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session – Contractual Matter – Administrative Department. Councilman Thompson made a motion to convene in Executive Session at 7:20 pm, for discussion of a Contractual Matter in the Administrative Department. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilman Caldwell opposing.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:40 pm. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. While in Executive Session, Council discussed a Contractual Matter in the Administrative Department. No action was taken.

Mayor Pro Tempore Reid made a motion that the city administers the NAR's Smart Growth Grant for \$10,000.00 that was awarded to the CDDA with a memorandum of understanding agreement by the City Attorney and City Administrator between the City of Chester and CDDA. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof