

Chester City Council Meeting

August 24, 2015, 6:30 pm

Minutes

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

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

PRAYER: Mayor Caldwell led in prayer

CITIZENS FORUM: Mr. Carter stated that he read in the paper the City of Chester was going to assist the schools with security. He stated he is tired of being followed. The night Odell Williams was gunned down; I know what is going on. Watch out when you leave here.

Rocco Carter – 205 Jewel Street- Non Profit organization requested financial help from Council to purchase a microphone and speakers to help out with his event. Mr. Carter has people in the community to speak to the kids about stopping the violence in the community. Councilman Williams requested that he come before Council to seek for help. Mr. Carter wanted to ask for help on security as well. Mrs. Worthy informed Mr. Carter that he needs to talk to the police department personnel about security. The event is planned for September 5 -6 at Finley Park, Labor Day Weekend. Events start at 5:00 and end at 8 pm. Discussion took place, no action was taken.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Administrative Report

Mayor and Council recognized the following for years of service:

Fire Department

Riley Cloud – 17 years

Michael Waits - 9 years

Wally Stephenson – 17 years

Dean Naniot – 9 years

Michael Franklin – 16 years

Terry Foster – 18 years

Police

Justin Moss – 3 years

John Poole – 3 years

Terry Roberts – 3 years

Jason Smith – 3 years

Public Works

Troy Lann – 3 years

Administrative

Peggy Johnson – 2 years

Sandi Worthy – 2 years

HR

Carla Roof – 23 years

Finance – no comments

Fire – no comments

Human Resources – no comments

Police Department – no comments

Public Works – no comments

Recreation - no comments

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to accept the departmental reports as presented. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Evergreen Cemetery

Historic Preservation – Approval of Minutes 7-23-15

Planning Commission – Approval of Minutes 8-11-2015

Zoning Commission

Housing Authority

Recreation

Councilwoman Reid made a motion to accept the Commission reports and minutes as presented. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business – Planning Commission Recommendation approval of 134 Wylie Street, Zoning from R8-to NCH. Planning Commission Chairman Bob Smith – Mr. Smith informed Council this request came to Planning over a year ago. Mrs. Worthy stated if Council approves the recommendation, an ordinance would be forthcoming. After discussion, Councilman McBrayer made a motion to approve the recommendation to change the zoning at 134 Wylie Street from R-8 to NCH. Councilwoman Douglas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Comprehensive Plan – Councilwoman Douglas motion to approve the recommendation coming from the Planning Commission. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission Recommendation – Zoning changes special exception from SIC Code 726- Planning Commission Chairman Bob Smith spoke to Council concerning recommendation coming from the Planning Commission

Item 1

Proposed Text Change:

§ 2-605.16 CC Core Commercial District Uses

f) Services to individuals, business and government establishments [except hospital, car wash or automobile repair garage – see conditional uses and special exceptions]

Change to read:

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f) Services to individuals, business and government establishments [except hospital, crematory, car wash or automobile repair garage – see conditional uses and special exceptions]

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to accept the Planning Commission recommendations. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

First Reading Ordinance 2015-14 – Board of Adjustments and Appeals – Mrs. Worthy stated that Council previously approved the SIC Code with the Board of Appeals forthcoming. Councilwoman Reid read the ordinance as presented. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve as presented. Councilwoman Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Filming in the Cemetery - Matt Storm, location manager of the Outcast – Mr. Storm proposed to Council to use the Evergreen Cemetery for a filming segment. The next session will begin in September and we would like to use the cemetery. The filming would include digging a hole and burying a casket and if we are allowed to use the cemetery, we would like to provide a donation to the Evergreen Cemetery. Councilwoman Tinker stated that we have an Evergreen Cemetery Commission and recommended that this request go through them. After much discussion, Council requested that Mr. Storm provide details concerning the filming and allow Mr. Douglas an opportunity to return from vacation. Contact Mrs. Guza, Evergreen Cemetery Chair to schedule a meeting.

Updated Catawba COG – Mayor Caldwell informed Council that he attended the last meeting and requested that Council review the information provided.

Sheriff Underwood – Response to request by CCSD, Radio Frequency and LEC Office Space – Sheriff Underwood stated that he would like to talk to Council concerning the expanding the jurisdiction. There is a lack of communication here and I am concerned for the kids. We have great officers, the city and the county and we are here for each other. I have not been informed by the school district or the city and if we do not have an agreement, it puts the officers at risk. There have been no agreements signed to protect your officers. Sheriff Underwood had Jerry Bruder, Executive Director SC Sheriff's Association present. Sheriff Underwood stated that back in June we were notified by the school district that we would not be involved in the schools anymore. The city has good officers and so does the county. Discussion took place concerning how the city and county communicate. Councilman McBrayer stated he is concerned about safety. After much discussion, no action was taken.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof

Human Resources Director/CMC