

Chester City Council Meeting
Minutes
September 14, 2015

PRESENT: Mayor George Caldwell; Council Members Linda Tinker, Susan Kovas, William Killian, Carlos Williams, Annie M. Reid, Betty Bagley, Ike McBrayer and Angela Douglas; City Administrator Sandi Worthy and 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 Pro Tempore Bagley led in prayer.

CITIZENS FORUM: Nancy Anderson - Ms. Anderson spoke to Council concerning the Zelcova Trees in front of her buildings located at 139 and 141 Main Street. Ms. Anderson proposed to cut the Zelcova tree where she can paint her building and replace it with a Savannah Holly Tree. Ms. Anderson also had concerns about the clocks in the clock tower not being in sequence. Mr. Byrd had previously worked on the clocks and would like for him to be contacted. Discussion took place concerning the crape myrtle trees.

Raymond Carter – I have no respect to the police department. I have said it many times; Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Williams were gunned down by people in your police department. It is beginning to get ugly; you must get someone to stop this now. You had better be a Mayor and do the right thing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2015, minutes as presented. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mrs. Worthy informed Council that we have received 5 entries for the new logo and not sure if the entries are what Council would like to select. With approval from Council, I would like to get members of the community to help get a new seal. The Fire Department is almost complete with the one-cent funds project. I will provide an updated list of all of the projects. The walkability would like to bring SCDOT, COG and Railroad personnel to provide feedback. Councilman Williams would like to include the speed on the side streets. Discussion took place concerning jaywalking. City Attorney, Chief Levister and Judge Killian will work together concerning this issue.

Recreation Director Chris White invited Council to attend the Jamboree, which starts at 10 am Saturday and I would like Council to participate. We have 240 kids that came out for football. We raised \$3000 in the summer camp program, \$10,000, at the swimming pool, \$7000, football registration and received \$600, in donations. Council thanked Mr. White for a job well done. Councilman Killian stated that we need to make sure that all kids have a uniform.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Second Reading Ordinance 2015-14 Buildings and Building Regulations. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2015-14, as read. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

First Reading Ordinance 2015-16 – Zoning Text Change to disallow Crematories – Councilwoman Kovas made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2015-16 as read. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

First Reading Ordinance 2015-17 – Amend Zoning Classification for 134 Wylie Street from R8 to NCH. Councilman McBrayer made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2015-17 as read. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RFQ Audit Services – Mrs. Worthy updated Council concerning the auditing firm. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley made a motion to table until further review. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilwoman Douglas and Councilman Killian opposing the motion.

Public Defender for Municipal Court – City Attorney Gaston informed Council that every Municipality must comply with this requirement. We are currently out of compliance. Council received as information.

Ad-Hoc Committee - Carolina Family Alliance – Councilwoman Douglas updated Council concerning the Carolina Family Alliance who previously made a request to Council. A meeting was scheduled and they did not show for the scheduled meeting. Councilwoman Douglas recommended we resolve the issue and offer no assistance. Council agreed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Contractual Matter – Administrative Department – Councilman McBrayer made a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of a Contractual Matter in the Administrative Department. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilman Caldwell opposing the motion. Council convened in Executive Session at 7:05 pm.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session 7:20. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried. No action was taken.

Councilwoman Reid made a motion to accept the contract as provided for Chief Public Defender and the City of Chester. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof, Human Resources Director/CMC

