

Chester City Council Meeting
July 13, 2015
Minutes

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

Absent: Councilwoman Susan Kovas.

Call to Order: Mayor Caldwell called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Prayer: Councilwoman Bagley led in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens Forum – Shelley Dominick – Mrs. Dominick wanted to know the plans for the sidewalk repairs on Oakland Avenue. I see where the Chief of Police will be resigning and I would like to recommend that we bring the Sheriff in on a Selection Committee for the new Chief. Mrs. Dominick stated this was her suggestion and would like Council to consider.

Approval of Minutes – Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, May 7, May 11, May 21, June 8, June 22, and June 25, 2015 minutes as presented with necessary corrections. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley requested that Council hold their hands up long enough for Mrs. Roof to get an accurate vote.

Administrative Report – Report will be discussed at the Annual Meeting in Hilton Head.

Unfinished Business – Commission Appointment – HPC

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to defer to the next scheduled meeting. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business – Resignation of Chief Williams. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to accept the resignation of Police Chief Andre' Williams. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ISO Rating – Chief Caldwell – Chief Caldwell informed Council the Fire Department received an ISO rating of Two(2). This is a great achievement and Council thanked Chief Caldwell for a job well done. Chief Caldwell thanked his staff for contributing to the low rating.

First Reading of Ordinance 2015-11 – Lease Agreement for Victims Advocate Vehicle – Councilwoman Tinker requested to defer the ordinance until the lease agreement has been received. After much discussion, Mayor Caldwell read the ordinance as presented. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to

approve as presented. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

First Reading Ordinance 2015-12 City County Joint Tax Sale – Mayor Caldwell read the ordinance as presented. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley made a motion to approve first Reading of Ordinance 2015-12, as presented. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. Discussion took place concerning the fee charged. Mrs. Worthy explained the cost would be for any bumps in the transition and for researching previous tax sales. Councilwoman Tinker stated that she has a problem with paying the county a fee with us paying both city and county taxes. This will pay for updating CSI updates and any overtime they incur. Councilwoman Tinker addressed her concerns stated she has second thoughts about this move. After much discussion, all in favor of the motion were Bagley, McBrayer and Reid. All opposed were Tinker, Killian, Caldwell and Williams. The motion failed.

2015 Federal Historic Preservation Grant Funding Agreement – Mrs. Worthy explained the agreement to the Council and requested that we receive this grant from the HPC preservation office. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley made a motion to approve the HPC funding Agreement. Councilwoman Reid seconded the motion. Councilwoman Reid had discussion concerning the citizens being aware of what is in the agreement. Section A and B were read as presented. Matching funds will come from the one-cent project funds. The motion carried unanimously.

HPC Minutes – deferred to the next meeting.

Catawba Regional COG Board – Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to appoint Mayor Caldwell as the representative from the City of Chester to the COG Board. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session – Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley made a motion to go into Executive Session for the discussion of Personnel Matters in the Public Works Department and Police Department. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Caldwell opposing.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:35 pm. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. While in Executive Session, Council discussed personnel matters in the police department and public works department. The motion carried unanimously. No action was taken.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley made a motion to accept Chief Andre' Williams recommendation to appoint Lieutenant Tammy Levister as Interim Chief. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilman Killian opposing.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof

