

Chester City Council Meeting

January 25, 2016, 5:30 pm

Minutes

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

Absent: Mayor Caldwell.

Call to Order Council Work Sessions 5:30 -6:30 pm – Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley called the Work Session to order at 5:30 pm.

Storm Water Management – Mrs. Worthy discussed Storm Water issues with Council. The Municipal Association has a Storm Water Association, which we have not utilized in the past, but are members now. Keck and Wood, Inc., offered to work with us to identify areas in the city and in time create a plan. Attorney Winters discussed with Council an intergovernmental agreement. Under certain circumstances, the County can help with this issue if we have an intergovernmental agreement. We can certainly help one another. Discussion took place concerning the current city ordinance. Mrs. Worthy stated that we have to take a proactive stand and the City is responsible for this. Attorney Winters will provide an intergovernmental agreement for Councils approval.

Movie Ordinance – Attorney Gaston wanted to know if any member of Council received any feedback from any residents or business owners. Council discussed changing notification, no holiday filming, communication and fees. Councilwoman Douglas stated that we might create a Commission to help with the coordination of this ordinance. Mrs. Worthy stated that she felt we have a good relationship with the CDDA and maybe this would be an opportunity to allow them to help with enforcing the ordinance. Councilwoman Tinker stated she would like to give that authority to CDDA. Attorney Gaston indicated that once she receives the information she could provide the ordinance in couple of days. Once a draft has been provided for Councils review a Public Hearing will be held. Councilwoman Reid stated that she would like the ordinance to have a Council point of contact. Mrs. Worthy stated that Don Wood is the first point of contact. Communication is the key and that we have a responsive system that will keep Council abreast.

Policy and Procedures Manual – Mrs. Worthy stated that we would provide the requested changes to Council in the form of a Resolution for Council's approval. Once Council approves we will train department heads and supervisors.

Call to Order City of Chester Council Meeting, January 25, 2016, 6:30 pm. Mayor Caldwell called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Prayer: Councilman Killian led in prayer.

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

Petitioner: Nettie Archie – Outcast – Not present to speak.

Citizens Forum: Raymond Carter – It has been a nice run. I have been talking to the Williams family and whatever it takes to bring his killer to justice, when you said Terry Foster was a police officer, it was a lie. Mr. Carter addressed Mayor Caldwell, Councilwoman Reid and Sandi Worthy.

Sister Frances Hinton Lodge – Talked to Council about having a Veterans Day Parade. Mr. Michael Halsey was previously presented an encased flag and certificate. A request was made that City Council do a Proclamation for Veterans Day.

Departmental Reports:

Administrative – Special Recognition

Years of Service - William Brakefield, Fire Department 19 yrs., Tyrell Graham, Police Department 2 yrs., Richard Grant, Fire Department 33 yrs., Jack McGillis, Administrative Department 1 yr., Don Wood, Fire Department 4 years.

TruVista provided a package on the Wi-Fi for downtown. Providing Wi-Fi will hopefully bring people to our downtown. Some of the metrics will allow us to keep track of how many people visits our down. As soon as we locate the access points, we will begin. This is phase 1 of Wife. We need to consider Wylie Park. Councilwoman Douglas had questions concerning the flow chart for Parks and Recreation, do we have assistance. Mrs. Worthy stated this is more of a functional chart than actual positions. Councilwoman Douglas wanted to know if we are considering outsourcing and do we need full time facility maintenance?

Finance – . Mrs. Douglas stated the Finance Committee has not met and we have no chair and would like for the committee to continue or would you like it to come to full council. Mayor Caldwell appointed Linda Tinker as Chair to the Ad-Hoc Committee.

Fire – Councilwoman Douglas wanted to know is it commonplace for fire extinguishers to be in the home? Don Wood indicated that if you have one, make sure it is operable and it is assessable. Is it is required to have smoke alarms in homes. Councilwoman Reid commended the Fire Department on the Fire Department Banquette.

Human Resources – Councilwoman Kovas, Councilwoman Douglas and Mrs. Worthy commended Mrs. Roof for a job well done with staff retreat and breakfast.

Police Department- Councilwoman Douglas thanked Chief Levister on communicating the ice storm with her as a resident and as a councilmember.

Public Works – We have seen a major improvement on Murray Street. Thanked Mr. Douglas for allowing his men for picking up trash. In the future SCDOT will not be able to help with road when there is snow and ice, they are focusing on interstate. Councilwoman Douglas had questions concerning tires on his

monthly report. The county does not charge for the tires but does charge for TVs. Best Buy will take used TV's. Two times a year the County will take anything free. We need to communicate and educate the public not to put out tires and TV's. Sylvia is working on creating a document to place on the roll out.

Recreation – A Public Meeting will be held on February 2, 2016, 5:30 pm, City Hall with Keck and Wood, Inc., to talk to the community and to review the design of the fairgrounds, discuss what elements needed or wanted in the park. Councilman Williams stated that we need to go ask for this money from new businesses for these projects. We will not get if we do not ask.

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

Councilman Killian wanted to know if Mr. Douglas needed an assistant.

Commission Reports

Evergreen Cemetery – no report

Historic Preservation – no report

Planning Commission – no report

Zoning Board of Appeals – no report

Housing Authority – no report

Recreation – no report

Councilman Killian made a motion to allow Mrs. Nettie Archie to speak to Council. Mrs. Archie was not present during the Petitioner portion of the agenda. No objections noted. Nettie Archie – Outcast - Mrs. Archie stated that Outcast used her property and she did not know anything about it. I have never been compensated and my land was damaged. Whom do I contact from Outcast to discuss? Mrs. Worthy can provide Mrs. Archie a contact number for the Outcast representative.

Commission Reports – No reports provided.

With no further business, Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof