

Chester City Council Meeting

October 10, 2016, 6:30 pm

Minutes

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

ABSENT: Councilman Killian

PRAYER: Pastor Kevin Taylor led in prayer.

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

Call to Order: Councilman Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING CALL TO ORDER: East Chester Village Renaissance Project Closeout and Special Recognition was called to order. Grazier Rhea provided Council with a final report on this project. Special Recognition was awarded to the following: Chester Ministerial Association, K.D. Thompson, Councilman Carlos Williams, Dr. W. T. Holmes, for their dedication and commitment to this project.

CITIZENS FORUM: Sparky Fire Dog provided a goody bag for Mayor and Council. Chester Fire Department Open House will be 10-11-201, beginning at 3 pm. National Fire Prevention – Don't Wait- Check the Date! Change your fire alarm every ten years no matter what brand you have.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Mrs. Worthy provided Council with a Funding Priorities List. Discussed the USDA funding options with a 2.375% until December 31, 2016.

Commission Appointments – Councilwoman Douglas made a motion to re-appoint Wyonia Hinton to the Chester Planning Commission. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Christmas Lights Funding – Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve \$000.00 for Christmas Lights Funding. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. Councilwoman Douglas wanted to clarify that this will not be an annual donation. Discussion took place concerning who will be responsible to put up and take down. Councilwoman Tinker read the proposal which stated it will install and remove. \$5,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chester Pedestrian Plan – deferred to another date

Kevin Taylor and Chris Gaddy – East Chester Housing Project – Councilwoman Douglas – They are currently working on a project on Cemetery Street, 900 square feet, two baths, located in Chester County. Ember Church will finance for building houses. York Tech will construct the houses. Chester

County Forfeited Land Commission has given six lots. This will be an opportunity for first time owners. A pool of applicants will be created and the houses will be purchased. The cost of home estimated 30K. There will be a pool and a pipeline to help others. We believe this is an opportunity to bring homes into this community. This program will work with applicants to improve their credit score, etc. This project will be called I-58 Foundation separate CDC and will be separated from Ember Church.

Donnie Wade – Chester Forfeited Lands – Dilapidated Buildings Removal – Councilwoman Douglas – Mr. Wade informed Council if they are aware of any property owners that has dilapidated property, they can sell to the forfeited land commission. There is a deadline of December 2016. The COG currently has 9 properties. The resident must agree to sell the property to City.

Ordinance 2016-9 –First Reading - Sell Property 152 Columbia Street – Councilman Williams read the ordinance as presented. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve first reading as presented. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:30 pm., for discussion of a Personnel Matter, Public Works Department. Councilwoman Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried with Caldwell and Douglas opposing.

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session at 8 pm. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. While in Executive Session, Council discussed a Personnel Matter, Public Works Department. No cation 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