

Chester City Council Meeting
October 24, 2016
Work Session – 5:30 pm
Minutes

Present: Mayor Caldwell, Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley, Council Members Carlos Williams, Susan Kovas, Ike McBrayer, Angela Douglas, Annie Reid, City Administrator Sandi Worthy and HR Director Carla Roof.

Absent: Linda Tinker and William Killian.

Funding Priorities – Mrs. Worthy reviewed the Funding Priorities list provided to Council.

Recommendation to move forward with the regulation track and sports complex. The School district has committed to 500,000. to the regulation track field. Phase one will be installation of district track estimated at \$730,959., Phase two Building and Phase three Grants and in house funding for softball fields and facilities. Much discussion took place concerning funding options for Phase I. Mrs. Worthy would like to get Council's support to move forward with this project. The Commission indicated that they will come up with a working plan and will present to Council.

Adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley

Prayer: Councilwoman Douglas

Petitioner - AirMedCare – Marilyn Ingle – Presented to Council a program that will allow citizens that live in this community can use this benefit. The total cost would be \$21,475.00 would allow everyone that lives in this city to never have to pay a dime. Paul Caldwell stated they do not support CMC.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley made a motion to move New Business #1, Walk Chester Pedestrian Plan to Petitioner #2. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Alta Planning + Design, Inc. – Ms. Segal provided a brief presentation concerning the Walk Chester Pedestrian Plan to Council. Cynthia Curtis provided an update to Council as well. This plan has come together because of the people.

Citizens Forum – Netti Archie commented on previous comment made by Carlos Williams concerning ownership of property. Mrs. Archie talked about the vacant finance director's position. Council should hire an educated professional. Mrs. Archie talked about the numerous Executive Session items regarding Public Works Department.

Departmental Reports

Administrative - We received a grant for Domestic Violence, will hire a Judge and prosecutor and a paralegal. Set off debt letters sent out in the amount of \$ 53,000.00. Councilwoman Reid was appointed to serve as officer.

VC3 will transition email tonight and will go on the Cloud the first of November. We are looking at MP services to provide IT for the police department. A cost of \$9300.00 for CSI to transition to the cloud.

Kelly Washer will continue to balance the extra accounts, fire district and healthcare account.

Finance Department - Waterworks Fund – Could this be used for non- profit to get water taps?

Fire Department – Councilwoman Reid thanked the Fire Chief and Staff for a great time during Fire Prevention Day.

HR – Provided an update on the Security System and ID Badge for city employees.

Police – Chester Police Department did a great job at HILLarity.

Public Works – Councilwoman Douglas commended Ronnie Wright who came from vacation to make sure the city was taken care of. There was only four or five people on the streets with one leaf blower cleaning the streets. The streets were very bad after HILLarity and when we woke up the next morning, the streets looked great. Mrs. Worthy stated there is a portion on the Hospitality Application they have to provide cleanup or they can reimburse the city.

Recreation – Councilwoman Reid stated that Special Olympics would be great to have in the City.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley made a motion to approve as presented. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion Carried unanimously.

COMMISSION REPORT:

Evergreen Cemetery – Mr. Douglas has received a quote for a wrought iron fencing. Will be provided to Council at a later date. We have some general maintenance that needs to be taken care of as well.

HPC – Two meetings scheduled.

Planning - No report

Zoning - Minutes provided for Council

Housing Authority – Newsletter provided – Councilwoman Reid commended them for selecting the Yard of the Month.

Recreation – No report

Councilwoman Reid made a motion to approve as provided. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AD-HOC Committees

Finance Committee – The Committee would like to make some changes on the job posting. Increase the number of places we advertise, request one of the auditors to be present in the interviews. We want to

actively recruit and going after more qualified applicants. Putting plus factors in the posting, putting certification is a plus, we want to recruit high quality of skills and qualifications.

Kitchen Committee - Committee met multiple times and are now ready to move forward with the project. We have ordered lots of things today and Mrs. Worthy will help us with the RFQ. The washable wall board will be in the kitchen tomorrow. This project is moving forward.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Second Reading Ordinance 2016 – Sell of Property 152 Columbia Street – Mayor Caldwell read as presented. Councilwoman Reid made a motion to approve as presented. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Joe Collins Stadium Sign – The sign will be one color, red. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley made a motion to approve the sign for Joe Collins Stadium Sign in the color red. Councilman Ike McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PPG- Mayor Caldwell and Raymond Douglas provided Council with an update concerning their 20th anniversary. This was a great opportunity to tour this facility and learn about the production of their product.

Civitan Sign – Douglas motion to approve the first sign with the logo being moved down. Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Sports Complex Funding - McBrayer made a motion to allow the City Administrator to move forward with funding and applying for a USDA loan Phase I and Phase II. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman McBrayer made a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of a Personnel Matter in the Public Works Department and a Personnel Matter in the Finance Department. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried with Caldwell and Douglas opposing.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session. Councilwoman Reid seconded the motion. While in Executive Session, Council discussed a Personnel Matter in the Public Works Department and a Personnel Matter in the Finance Department. No action was taken.

Councilwoman Reid made a motion to offer a conditional offer to Kelly Wascher to conduct the financial functions of the City of Chester, 20 hours per month with an agreed amount per month. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilwoman Douglas opposing.

With no further business, Councilwoman Reid made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof