

Chester City Council Meeting
December 12, 2016, 6:30 pm
Minutes

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

Call to Order – Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Prayer – Councilwoman Tinker led in prayer.

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

Citizens Forum – Raymond Carter – I am here to talk to Council about the shootings in the City of Chester. Terry Foster and Kenny Young are the ring leaders in these shootings. I warn all of you if you stand with them. Stay away from my family! I do not fear you, your badge does not scare me, I will prevail. Raymond Woods and his carwash was on it as well. I will see it through to my death. Gilmore and Williams covered it up.

Cleo Jones – Talked to Council about the shooting. She stated It was very scary.

Administrative Report – Special Recognition – Mrs. Worthy recognized Captain Travis Moore for his 5 years of service with the City of Chester Police Department. Council thanked Captain Moore for his years of service.

Mrs. Worthy commended the Recreation Department for a job well done with the Christmas Parade. Great Job Recreation Staff! A holiday schedule was for provide, a reminder was given to Council about the Employee Breakfast. Mrs. Worthy explained the changes to the Holiday Schedule for 2017.

Departmental Reports – Finance Report – Completed audit by 1-14, 2016.

Fire Department – Thanked the department for the soup after parade.

HR – No comments

Recreation – Commended staff on the Christmas Parade.

Police Department – No comments.

Public Works – discussion took place concerning the Leaf Machine. Currently, it is working.

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

Approval of Minutes – Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve the minutes of the 9-12-16, 9-26-16, 10-10-16 & 10-24-16, as presented. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business – Commission Appointments – Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to accept the resignation of Melvin Jackson, Zoning Board of Appeals. Councilwoman Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilwoman Douglas made a motion to reappoint Bubba Jackson and Theodore Feaster to Recreation Commission. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Selection Process of VAWA Grant Judge – Mrs. Worthy recommended that Mayor appoint a member or members of Council to work with Jadda Charley and Judge Killian on the selection. Councilwoman Reid and Mayor Caldwell will volunteer to serve on the Committee. Councilwoman Reid requested to have the minutes to reflect that they are they are volunteers not appointees.

Christmas Lights Invoice – Council only agreed to \$5000.00 and tax cannot be charged. Councilwoman Tinker stated that we should stick to the original amount. Council requested that Brenda McBrayer attend the next meeting. After much discussion, no action was taken.

New Business – Adoption of Walk Chester Plan – A motion is needed to accept the plan as presented. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve plan as provided. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution – Councilwoman Reid read as presented. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to accept. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Hospitality Tax Application and Addendum – An application was received from HILLarity for \$1080.00 for security and the application was incomplete. Also, five Public Works employee worked extra time. Councilman McBrayer made a motion to pay the five employees that worked overtime from the hospitality tax. Councilwoman Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Employee Incentive – Mrs. Worthy provided information to Council concerning our credits from SCMIT and SCMIRF. This year we received 18,478.00. A recommendation was made to give Full time employees \$225.00, Part time employees \$100.00. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve as presented. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Update on City Property – Mr. McGillis was unable to present due to illness.

Industrial Kitchen Heating and Air – Councilwoman Kovas provided an update on what the committee is doing. The Committee will seek bids from three local contractors, three have addressed interest. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to allow Kitchen Committee to seek bids for Farmers Market heating and air coming from Hospitality Tax. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COG Update – Mayor Caldwell provided Council with information on the Regional Elected Officials Forum January 5, 2017. We will need a letter by Friday to show our support.

VC3 –Dustin Tucker stated the contract will be up in March and would like to provide a proposal to Council. All computers have been installed in the administrative department, not the police department. Council requested they send a proposal for Council to review and to review with department heads and police staff to discuss services etc. The police will have their own desktop support. Much discussion took place. No action was taken.

Sharp Managed Network Services – Sharp Officials provided a presentation on a 70” touch board. They are available in 60-70-80” and desk top.

Executive Session – Contractual Matter - IT Services and Personnel Matter – Administrative Department.

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:55 pm, for discussion of a Contractual Matter- IT services and a Personnel Matter in the Administrative Department.

Councilwoman Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Caldwell opposing.

Councilwoman Reid made a motion to reconvene from Executive at 9:15 pm. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. While in Executive Session, Council discussed a Contractual Matter – IT services and a Personnel Matter in the Administrative Department. No action was taken.

Mayor Caldwell and Councilman Killian left the meeting during Executive Session.

Councilwoman Reid made a motion to contract with Sharp for IT Services. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. Councilwoman Douglas addressed concerns and would like to have the opportunity to review VC3’s contract before making a decision. After discussion, all in favor of the motion were: Reid, Tinker, Bagley, McBrayer, Kovas and Williams. All opposed were Douglas. The motion carried.

With no further business, Councilwoman Reid made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 pm. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof