

**Chester City Council Meeting**  
**February 22, 2016, 5:30 pm**  
**Minutes**

Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley called the Work Session to order at 5:30 pm.

**Present:** Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley; Council Members Linda Tinker, Susan Kovas, Carlos Williams, Annie M. Reid, Angela Douglas; City Administrator Sandi Worthy and Human Resources Director Carla Roof.

Councilman Killian arrived at 6:00 pm.

**Absent:** Mayor Caldwell; Councilman Ike McBrayer.

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:35 p.m., for discussion of a Contractual Matter in the Administrative Department. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilwoman Douglas opposing.

Councilwoman Kovas made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session at 6:30 pm. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried. No action was taken.

**Call to Order Council Meeting:** Mayor Caldwell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

**Prayer:** Councilman Williams led in prayer.

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

**Citizens Forum** – Raymond Carter – These are the rules, you need to be follow them.

**Petitioner** – Rachel Thomason, Dennis Corporation – Wayfinding Signs and Logos – She provided a presentation to Council with three design options for the City of Chester Logo. Mrs. Thompson requested that Council select a logo so they can move forward with the design. Discussion took place concerning selection of the sign. The information was provided to Council during the meeting and Councilwoman Douglas would like an opportunity to review and select later. After discussion, Councilwoman Reid made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Departmental Reports**

**Administrative** – Special Recognition - Ray Dotson 2 years, Fire Department, William Erwin 1 year, Police Department and Sylvia Young 16 years, HR department. Councilwoman Douglas requested that Mrs. Worthy share grant information to Council.

Finance – no report

Fire – no report

Human Resources – no report

Police Departmental – no report Councilwoman Douglas wanted to know the status of the situation of Mr. Honor's property on Ashford Street.

Public Works- Please correct the tires on the monthly report.

Recreation - Please include more details on monthly report not just figures.

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve as presented. Councilwoman Douglas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **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

### **Unfinished Business**

Update on East Chester Renaissance Project Phase II – Councilman Williams provided an update on the project and provided Grazier Rhea, Catawba Regional with receipts. The project was previously held by Dr. Holmes and former Councilman King D. Thompson. This project should be completed in two to three months. Currently, there are three homes to be completed.

Finance Committee Update & Finance Director Interviews – Mrs. Worthy requested the Committee narrow down to three and bring those back to Council. Councilwoman Tinker stated that all of council should receive all resumes. Councilwoman Reid stated that we need a process and if we do not fix the problem, we will still have issues. After much discussion, Council decided to give all Council members a copy of all resumes and Mrs. Roof and Mrs. Worthy have a process in the hiring. Councilwoman Douglas made a motion to use this process, Council will receive all applications and will narrow down to three and interview the final three before Council. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried with Reid and Williams opposing.

Agricultural Economic Development Center – Incubator Kitchen – Mrs. Worthy informed council that we need a nonprofit organization to sign this project to move forward. Mrs. Kellerhals

resigned from this project. The Chester Citizens Alliance currently consists of Brenda McBrayer. Councilwoman Douglas would like Mrs. Kellerhalls to consider allowing Mrs. Kellerhalls to provide us with information due to the fact that she knows the particulars. Council requested to invite Mrs. Kellerhalls to come before Council.

Wayfinding Logo – deferred to a later date. Resolution – Take-home Vehicle Policy - Deferred to another meeting. Councilwoman Reid made a motion to table the Wayfinding Logo and Take-home Vehicle Policy to a later date. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Community Service Projects in the City – Councilman Williams provided information concerning helping youth jump-start a community service project. He would like to meet with Police Chief and Judge Killian. Much discussion took place.

Chester Historical Society – Walking Tour – Administrator Worthy introduced Mr. Bill Marion and Liz Anderson. Ms. Anderson presented to Council a Hospitality Tax Grant Application in the amount of \$3600.00 for books that are bounded. Councilman McBrayer made a motion to provide \$3600.00 to the Historical Society to purchase books that are bounded with printing 2000. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. Ms. Anderson stated, we go through about one thousand a year. We are hoping to marry this into a digital tour in the future. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session – Contractual Matter Administrative Department Intergovernmental Agreement – Councilwoman Bagley motion to go into Executive Session at 8 pm, for discussion of a Contractual Matter Intergovernmental Agreement in the Administrative Department. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Caldwell opposing the motion.

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:20 pm. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried. While In Executive Session, Council discussed a Contractual Matter Intergovernmental Agreement in the Administrative Department, No action was taken.

With no further business, Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof