

Chester City Council Meeting
June 13, 2016, 6:30 pm
Minutes

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

ABENT: Councilwoman Kovas, Councilman Killian and Councilwoman Douglas; Attorney Megan Gaston.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley announced was there anyone present to speak for or against the proposed 2016-17 Budget. No one was present to speak. Mrs. Worthy provided an updated Narrative and Summary to Council. Mr. David Peay wanted to know if money was available for mayor, council, and youth recreation. Mrs. Worthy provided Mr. Peay with the proposed budgeted figures. The hearing was closed at 6:35 pm.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**City of Chester 2016-17 Fiscal Year Operating Budget
Ordinance 2016-06**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Chester City Council of Chester, South Carolina, at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2016, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 100 West End Street, Chester, SC 29706.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider adoption of the proposed operating budget for the City of Chester for the 2016-17 fiscal years. This notice is given in lieu of the requirements of South Carolina Code of Laws Section 4-9-130.00

2015 – 2016 Fiscal Year

Total Operating Revenues	\$6,439,250
Total Operating Expenditures	\$6,439,250
Millage	188

2016 – 2017 Fiscal Year

Total Operating Revenues	\$6,065,044,
Total Operating Expenditures	\$6,065,044,
Millage	188

Proposed percentage change in budget -5.81%

At this time and place fixed or said public hearing, all interested persons who appear will be given an opportunity to express their views for or against this ordinance.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley called the meeting to order at 6:30.

PRAYER: Councilwoman Reid led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council recognized Troop 66, Scout Leader Mr. Jeff Dunn, informed Council the troop is working on their communications badge.

CITIZENS FORUM: Joshua Lodge 1015, Sister Frances Hinton speaking on behalf of the Greek Festival Hospitality Tax Form. This item will be discussed further in the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Acceptance of the SFSP Breakfast Bid - One bid was received from RSV Vending, Chester, in the amount of \$1.95 per meal. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve the bid in the amount of \$1.95 per meal, approximately 250-300 meals. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The timeframe for breakfast will be 7:30 – 8:30. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hospitality Tax Applications

City July 4th Celebration – Mrs. Worthy requested that Council approve a July 1 event sponsored by the City from the Hospitality Tax fund. Currently there is approximately \$53,000.00 left in the Hospitality Fund. After much discussion, Councilman McBrayer made a motion to spend up to \$10,000.00 dollars on a July 1 Celebration from the Hospitality Tax. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Caldwell opposing.

Red, White and Blues Festival – David Claytor presented an application for Red, White and Blues Festival – Mrs. Worthy stated that three of the requests on the application are not covered. This event will be on the grounds at Carolina Hall. After much discussion, Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley requested that Mr. Claytor revised his application removing Artist and accommodation from the application. Mayor Pro Tempore requested that we table this business until he can meet with Mrs. Worthy to review.

Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. Mrs. Worthy requested that Council set an amount to approve. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley rescinded her original motion. Councilman McBrayer rescinded the second to the motion. Councilwoman Reid made a motion to approve five to seven thousand dollars for the Red White and Blues festival. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Greek Festival Application - Council discussed the proposed application requesting \$4395.00. After much discussion, Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley made a motion to approve \$4000.00 for the Greek Festival from the Hospitality Tax. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Hospitality Tax Procedure – Councilwoman Reid informed Council that we need procedures for Hospitality funding. A copy from the City of Columbia was provided for council to review. We need to

make this process simple and less complicated. Councilwoman Reid made a motion to revamp our Hospitality Tax Application and allow the City Administrator to put in place by y July 1. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. After much discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

We Build Communities – Kotina Feaster -Currently the programs is operating under an EIN number and in the process of getting a 501-3C. Ms. Feaster stated that currently, she has no other funding. Mrs. Feaster will provide a completed application at the next meeting.

Comprehensive Fee Schedule – Mrs. Worthy informed Council that she would provide an updated copy for Council at the next meeting.

Donation of Property – Loomis Street, 201-04-02- 010-000. This property is not large enough to build on. No action was taken.

Strategic Plan – Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley requested that Mrs. Worthy and Mrs. Roof prepare a workbook and schedule Council to meet on Wednesday to review this plan. Councilwoman Reid requested that we need to assign a Saturday to review the plan. After discussion, Council agreed to set aside a Saturday for review of the Strategic Planning Session.

Main Street SC – Mrs. Worthy informed Council that she has been following this program and suggested that we work on enhancing our main street. Mrs. Worthy requested that we become a member of the Main Street SC. Mrs. Worthy will bring back to Council the joining fee.

With no further business, Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla R. Roof