

Chester City Council Meeting
July 25, 2016, 6:30 pm
Minutes

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

ABSENT: Councilman Killian and Administrator Worthy.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Caldwell called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PRAYER: Mayor Caldwell led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS FORUM: No one present to speak.

PETITIONER

J. Wriley McKeown – Not present.

Odell Kennedy – not present to speak

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Administrative – No comments.

Finance – Interviews for Finance Director are scheduled for August 1, 2016, 5 pm.

Human Resources –No comments.

Police Department – Mrs. Kovas would like the Police to report on the body cameras. Discussion took place concerning a grant for body cams. Council requested an update to be provided in the next report. Councilwoman Douglas thanked Captain Moore and Tobias for their participation with the Community Input.

Public Works – Councilman McBrayer stated a truck has been sitting at Shugart's for several months, when will it be moved. Mr. Douglas stated by the end of July.

Recreation – Mr. White was not present. Councilwoman Douglas encouraged Council to help with the Back to School Bash, meetings are held on Thursday at 3:30 at the Recreation Department. Drop sites are as follows: City of Chester, City Hall, Hazel Pitman, Roddey Building and Recreation Center.

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve the reports as submitted. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No Committee reports submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Storm Water Update – Keck & Wood, Keith Costley - Storm Water Update. The East Chester Project is half-complete and very pleased with the project. Much discussion took place concerning Storm Water and funding options. No action was taken. Councilman Williams stated a sinkhole was reported over a week ago and the hole is still there on Loomis Street. We need to put more priority on solving issues in the low-income areas as we do in the other areas.

Councilwoman Reid left the meeting at 7:05 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Food Manufacturing Kitchen – Councilwoman Douglas stated that she would like to have this project moved forward. It is advantageous to have an Ad-Hoc Committee to review and schedule a meeting of all who were involved in this project where we can move forward. After much discussion, we need to clear up any inconsistencies before we bring anyone from the outside. Mayor Caldwell appointed Councilman Williams, Councilwoman Kovas and Douglas to serve on the Ad-Hoc Committee. Councilwoman Kovas will serve as Chair.

First Reading Ordinance 2016-08 Approving and Authorizing Sale and Conveyance of Real Property owned by the City of Chester located at 1587 Old York Road to Contiguous Property Owner. Councilman McBrayer read as presented. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve first reading as presented. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The city will only receive 25% of the \$1000.00. City Attorney stated her fee was covered. The motion carried unanimously.

Community Policing, Police Training and Transparency – Councilman Williams commended Mrs. Tobias and Captain Moore with community policing, police training and transparency. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley thanked the police department on a job well done on the “Collin Roberts Day”.

Police Department Substation – Councilwoman Douglas stated that Councilman Killian requested to discuss this item. Council needs to have a work session with the Chief and officers to discuss this in more detail. Place this on the next work session in August.

With no further business, Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof