



**CHESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL**

October 9, 2017, 6:30 pm

Minutes

PRESENT: Mayor George Caldwell; Council Members Angela Douglas, Betty Bagley, William Killian, Linda Tinker, Annie Reid, Susan Kovas, Carlos Williams and William King; Human Resources Director/Interim Administrator Carla Roof and Interim Clerk Sylvia Young.

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

PRAYER: Mayor Caldwell led in prayer and held a moment of silence.

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

CITIZENS FORUM: Raymond Carter informed Council that eleven city police cars were at Chester Homes looking for him. Mr. Carter stated that his cell phone has been tapped by City Police and it has been proven by FBI. It is now over!

Petitioner – Jamey Wooten, Chester Downtown Development Association –Mr. Wooten asked Council for assistance with city clean-up after the Hillarity Festival scheduled for October 21, 2017. Cost for security is \$1,080 for six officers. Councilwoman Douglas requested that he fill out a Hospitality Tax form. Mayor Caldwell informed Mr. Wooten that CDDA will get support for Hillarity Festival.

Councilwoman Douglas requested that an Executive Session item be added to the agenda to discuss a Contractual Matter – Chester Wastewater Recovery. No objection was made.

Phillip Thompson King – CWR – Mr. Thompson King presented a presentation to Council concerning the current situation on Lynwood Avenue and Saluda Street. Requesting the money from the escrow account to be used and the city transfer this property to the CWR. This system is compromised and we need to repair. Mr. Thompson-King would like to have the funds to defray some of the cost for the infrastructure.

Travis Moore, Interim Police Chief – Swearing in of Officer – Sgt. Harris repeated the Police Oath.

Proclamation – Calvary Baptist Church – Mayor Pro Tempore Reid read the proclamation as presented. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve as presented. Councilman King seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation –Domestic Violence Awareness Month – Mayor Caldwell read the proclamation as presented. Councilwoman Kovas made a motion to approve proclamation as presented. Councilwoman Tinker second motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Red Ribbon Week – Makeesharia Tobias – Gave Council Red Ribbon Week history and read pledge. Red Ribbon Campaign on October 26, 2017 at 10 a.m.

Proclamation – Red Ribbon Week – Councilwoman Kovas read the proclamation as presented. Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to accept proclamation as presented. Councilwoman Tinker second motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Haunted Trail – Hospitality Tax – Makeesharia Tobias – Gave Council a package that contains information on the Hospitality Tax Grants Guidelines & Application Grant Reporting Form and Request for Funds. Four questionnaires for public feedback after event. Charging at the entrance of event, 10 to 12 years old \$8 and \$6 for younger children. Much discussion, will review package and get back with department. No action was taken.

Donation of old Police Radios to Fort Lawn – Sgt. Newton – Fort Lawn needs communication equipment. Sgt. Newton request that Council approve the donation of old Police radios to help town. After discussion, Councilwoman Kovas requested to send request to the Public Safety Committee to check on matter.

EXECUTIV E SESSION – Councilman King made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:43 p.m., for discussion of a Personnel Matter – Public Works Department – Employee Compensation, Personnel Matters – Finance Director Position, Police Chief Position, Administrator Position, and Public Works Director Position, and Contractual Matter – Chester Wastewater Recovery. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Caldwell opposing.

Councilman King made a motion that Council reconvene from Executive Session at 9:04 p.m. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Caldwell announced that while in Executive Session no action was taken on Personnel Matter – Public Works Department – Employee Compensation, Personnel Matters – Finance Director Position, Police Chief Position, Administrator Position, and Public Works Director Position, and Contractual Matter – Chester Wastewater Recovery. Councilwoman Reid made a motion to hire Attorney Audrey Lindeman to handle proposed contract with the Chester Wastewater Recovery System. Councilwoman Tinker seconded motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman King made a motion to regrant five weeks compensation to Public Works employee. Councilman Killian seconded motion. The motion carried with Councilwoman Kovas, Councilwoman Tinker and Councilwoman Bagley opposing.

With no further discussion, Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to adjourn meeting at 9:09 p.m. Councilwoman Tinker seconded motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sylvia Young