

Chester City Council Meeting
February 27, 2017
Minutes

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

Present: Mayor Pro Tempore Betty Bagley; Council Members Ike McBrayer, Susan Kovas, Annie Reid, Carlos Williams, Angela Douglas.

Absent: Councilwoman Linda Tinker and Mayor Caldwell.

Captain Moore reviewed the Organizational Chart with Council. We currently have 28 budgeted officers in the budget and according to this flow chart, 22 certified and 24 total employees and we are all community officers. Councilwoman Douglas had questions concerning salary increases. Councilman Williams discussed recruiting and broaden our search to military bases. What are the salary steps, and have you made in increases? Captain Moore informed Council that he and Mrs. Worthy have made several adjustments to all his staff and implemented a pay plan for the department.

Captain Moore presented the Take Home Vehicle Policy for Council to review. Discussed the advantages of take-home vehicles. Councilwoman Douglas wanted to know what the advantages of the take home vehicle are. Much discussion took place concerning this policy.

Councilwoman Reid stated that we need to implement salary increases to other departments as well.

Call to Order Public Hearing – Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley called the Needs Assessments to order at 6:30 pm. Grazier Rhea presented the list for Council to approve. The listing will be updated and will be forwarded to Council for the approval at the next meeting. The City of Chester supports Fair Housing.

Present: Mayor George Caldwell; Council Members Susan Kovas, Carlos Williams, Annie M. Reid, Betty Bagley, Ike McBrayer, William Killian and Angela Douglas.

Call to Order – Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley called the meeting to order.

Absent: Councilwoman Linda Tinker.

Prayer: Councilwoman Reid led in prayer.

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

Petitioner: The SC Witness Project – Sheila Johnson presented to Council this is a community-based program for early projection for cervical and breast cancer among African American Women. A mobile mammogram bus will be in our community April 17-19, 2017. Mrs. Johnson reviewed the guidelines to qualify.

Citizens Forum: Raymond Carter provided Council with a copy of a letter from former Chief Levister and complaint form. Mr. Carter spoke about Principal Graham and Alfred Williams at the schools in Chester.

We need to get it right; this will not be passed over. It keeps popping up who has power and control. When you are sleeping, I am not. I am out there seeing it. I am glad we have a second in command. I have respect for all the officers, but you need to have respect for me.

Departmental Reports:

Administrative – Mr. McGillis provided an update on the projects in the City of Chester.

Finance –no comments

Fire – no comments

HR – provided Council with an update on the projects.

Police –Sergeant Rickey Sanders received the Gang Investigator of the year award.

Public Works – no comments

Recreation – no comments

Councilwoman Reid made a motion to accept Departmental Reports as information. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commission Reports

Evergreen Cemetery – no report

Planning Commission – no report

Zoning Board of Appeals – Council needs to revisit the ordinance on the roof structure and square footage of the lot concerning the home on Orchard Street.

Housing Authority – Mr. Walling thanked Council for supporting the Housing Authority. Mr. Walling provided Council with an updated report on Public Housing Program. The program assists 112, Section 8 program assists 224. The Housing Authority had 3 families move from the Housing program to home ownership. Budget was \$1.7 million from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. The current waiting list is 300 plus. Councilwoman Douglas wanted to know how many people are currently in senior housing. Mr. Walling stated that 30% for current and waiting.

Recreation -no report

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

Ad-Hoc Committee Report

Kitchen Committee –Councilwoman Kovas provided current bid information which ended on December 30, 2017, and one bid was received. Councilwoman Kovas made a motion to approve the bid from

Wofford in the amount of \$12,000.00 for the kitchen flooring coming from Capital Improvement account. Reopened the bids Swafford 12,000.00. kitchen flooring and warehouse coming from the Capital improvements. Councilman McBryer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee

Unfinished Businesses:

Finance Director Position – Councilwoman Bagley requested that we reopen the position and get the position filled as soon as possible and go by our ordinance as soon as possible. Councilwoman Kovas rescinded the motion. Councilwoman Bagley motion to rescinded the motion to re advertise for the position for the Finance Director. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Strategic Planning Session Agenda – deferred to next meeting.

Standing Committees – Discussion took place concerning standing committees. Reid motion to reestablish standing committees. Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Executive Session:

Personnel Matter – Administrative Department Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:15. Councilman McBryer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session – Personnel Matter – Administrative Department - Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:45 pm. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilwoman Reid made a motion to allow the labor attorney to handle a personnel action issue. Councilwoman Douglas second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, Councilman Killian made a motion to adjourn at 8:48 pm. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.