

**Chester City Council Meeting**  
**April 22, 2013, 6:30 pm**  
**Minutes**

PUBLIC HEARING CALL TO ORDER: East Chester Renaissance Project – Phase II – Grazier Rhea provided Council with an update on Phase II of this project. The grant money will be used for drainage, fire hydrants and engineering. Promote this in the community and help get the easements completed by July. Approval of Engineer for Storm Drainage Activities –Keck and Wood

Public Hearing was closed at 6:40 pm.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Stringfellow called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

PRAYER: Councilwoman Tinker led in prayer.

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

CITIZENS FORUM: No one present to speak.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Mayor Pro Tempore Reid gave a report of the students that visited City Hall from Chester Park, they performed a mock Council Meeting. Mrs. Reid provided a list of all of the items they wished for Chester. This was a great opportunity for the students.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Finance – No report

Fire – No report

Human Resources – Mrs. Roof requested that each member of Council would resubmit their score sheets on the City Administrators position and return to her no later than 12 noon on Friday. Much discussion took place.

Police Department – No report

Public Works – No report

Recreation – No report

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Councilman Williams seconded the motion.

COMMITTEEREPORTS:

CDDA – Councilwoman Bagley provided an update to Council. Hog on the Hill will be held May 3 & 4, 2013. Everyone is invited to attend. The Lighting was completed in the shelter in the back lot.

Properties Committee met before the Council Meeting and the Committee recommends approving the estimate received on required items, Lock Repairs, Door closures, Lock Box Key and Security Alarm required by SC Fire Code. After discussion, Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve \$4500.00, from capital improvements to pay for these items. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION REPORTS: No reports submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Committee Reports – Councilwoman Tinker motion to appoint Mr. William Lyons to the Chester Housing Authority as a tenant representative. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The other appointments will be deferred to the next meeting.

Summer Feeding Program – Peggy Johnson - Mayor Stringfellow informed Council that the City of Chester received notification the city received funding for this program. Mayor Stringfellow informed Council it would take \$35,000.00 to fund this program, which is 100% reimbursable to the city. Councilwoman Tinker made motion to support the summer feeding program with the amount of \$35,000., coming from the General Fund. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Proclamation – Mayor Pro Tempore Reid read the Fair Housing Proclamation as presented. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve as read. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Engineer for Storm Drainage Activities – Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the engineering firm of Keck & Wood for the storm drainage. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of COC Occupational Exposure Policy – Don Wood provided to Council the updated proposal. After much discussion, Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve as presented. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Business License – Councilwoman Kovas discussed issues concerning business licenses for small business repairs. Mr. Wood indicated that he would get with Mr. Cook concerning this issue.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof