

**City of Chester Council Meeting
Minutes, August 13, 2018**

Present: Mayor George Caldwell; Council Members Angela Douglas, Betty Bagley, Annie M. Reid, Susan Kovas, Carlos Williams, William King; City Attorney Edwards; Administrator Stephanie Jackson and HR Director Carla Roof.

Absent: Councilwoman Linda Tinker and Councilman Killian.

Citizens Forum:

Raymond Carter stated that the resume of the Police Chief is interesting, and his group has done a wonderful job checking it out, corruption, dirty tactics! Everything is coming back to be found. If you remember, 7-16-2014 a young man was killed. There will be no more names called just their title.

John Massey, resident of the City of Chester previously express concerns with parks. I would like to thank City Council and the Recreation department. Wylie Park is looking better. Mr. Massey talked to Council concerning placing a Memorial for Ladarius Wylie. Three years have passed and still no memorial. Mr. Massey proposed to replace signs, clean up the area and rename and dedicate the fitness trail in Wylie Park to honor Ladarius Wylie and to place a picture of Ladarius at the beginning and end of the trail. Discussion took place and Council stated that we would have to get approval from the Trustees. Mr. Massey requested that Council contact the trustees for approval. Mr. Massey's handout is attached.

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is John Massey. I'm a resident of the City of Chester. As some of you may remember I was here weeks ago expressing my concerns relating to our City Parks. I am here to thank the Council, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works in that Wylie Park is beginning to look much better. More importantly now I am here on behalf of an eleven year old child his name LaDarius Wylie.

"An 11-year-old boy died while saving the life of his sister when he pushed her out of the way of an out-of-control car. LaDarius Wylie was waiting at a bus stop with his seven-year-old sister Sha'Vonta in Chester, South Carolina, when he was hit on October 27, 2015. He died in hospital the next day." shared from a London England Newspaper "The Telegraph". November 5.

2015 the world was telling the story of this brave young boy with the courage of a man. 2018 there in no memorial still. Nearly three years later now it's time for this to change.

From my first reading of this story, my reading that the City and County were planning a "permanent memorial". I and others have thought what should this memorial be? A trail or trails could serve the community, the city and county. It would improve physical fitness and promote good health for the young and the not so young.

There is at Wylie Park the "WORLD FITNESS TRAIL" it is in relatively good shape. What it needs most are the missing trail signs replaced. Signs telling those who walk the trail how to use the equipment located at a dozen or more exercise stations. We replace the signs, clean up the area. We then rededicate and rename the "LaDarius Wylie World Fitness Trail" to honor this brave young man. At the beginning and the end of the trail (seen in red on the handout) we display a photograph of La'Darius and a plaque telling the story. It could be similar to what we see here.

For any of this to take place we first need Wylie Park Trustee approval. I'm asking the council to contact the trustees to do what is needed. Secondly we will need funding which I consider to be not much of a problem as private donations, for such a worthy cause, along with whatever the city and county could allocate would provide perhaps more than enough to get the Phase One work completed. Additional funding could be used towards the completion of Phase Two and perpetual care.

As you will also see from the handout there is a long range goal. Phase Two (shown in green) would lengthen the trail to include the area down by the creek. This would greatly improve the recreational possibilities at this nearly fifty acres. The phase two trail is already partially completed, once again please refer to your handout. With the proper trail surface this could easily be made handicap accessible, thus providing something for everyone here on the LaDarius Trail.

October 27, 2018 a little more than two months from now will be the third anniversary of this tragic event. With relatively little work left to do on this "already existing portion of the trail" with also very little funding needed. We should be able to complete Phase One of the LaDarius Trail project in just weeks. I hope to see you all there at the re-naming and re-dedication ceremony on or before the date previously mentioned. Thank you for allowing me to speak,

THE LaDARIOUS WYLIE TRAIL PROJECT WYLIE PARK



Shown in Existing Trail Sign Framework



Existing Fitness Trail Shown in Red



Roadway Runs Length of the Creek



Tanyard Branch Wylie Park

Carlos Williams addressed Council concerning the previous posts on social media, etc. We are on one accord with what we do for the City. Mr. Ken Lebbon came to most of the meetings and spoke with Councilwoman Ms. Douglas and Mr. Williams concerning the City. Mr. Lebbon addressed Council concerning becoming the City Administrator position in August 2017. After Mr. Lebbon did not get the job, they stopped speaking to Councilman Williams and Councilwoman Douglas. Mr. Jeremy Clark is the watchdog for this group? What are your motives and why don't you come to Council and ask questions? You cannot grow the community and continue to talk about the City and County, I will not tolerate when you talk about my family. You talked about Councilwoman Douglas and she may be one of the smartest members on this Council. Hundreds of thousands of dollars Councilwoman Douglas has gotten for this city. My question is, who watches the watchdog group? If your past is immaculate, ok, but your past is not immaculate. As the community, be careful who you follow. Just as you write things about Councilman King, do your due diligence and write up an article on the organizer of the CCEG. I got on this Council due to my family being brought into the question. I will help anyone, I love Chester, I will give you my last dollar. When you start talking about my family, I'm coming to you. I am giving you any opportunity to ask any questions that you have about the City of Chester. What are your motives in the City of Chester? We want to know, who is watching the watch dog group. Do your due diligence Travis (The News and Reporter).

Approval of Minutes: Councilwoman Reid made a motion to approve the minutes of the 6-11-18, 6-25-18, 7-2-18, 7-9-18, 7-23-18 as presented. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. Correction was made to the minutes of the June 25, 2018 and July 23, 3018. The motion carried with none opposing.

Unfinished Business – City Hall Restoration and Repairs – Councilwoman Kovas and City Administrator – The most recent invoice is in the amount of \$26,173.50. We can apply for half of the money from a Historic Preservation grant in the amount of \$25,000.00. Councilwoman Kovas made a motion to be reimbursed from the one cent sales tax coming from Capital Improvement. Councilman King seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Katie Gregory – Gastroparesis Awareness Month – Miss Gregory presented Council with a proclamation from the Governor Henry McMasters. Miss Gregory provided Council with an overview of this disease.

Proclamation – Councilwoman Kovas presented a proclamation to Ms. Gregory proclaiming the month of August as Gastroparesis Awareness Month.

Summer Camp and Wylie Park Pool Presentation – Parks and Recreation Department – A PowerPoint presentation provided an overview of the Summer Camp and Wylie Park Pool summer programs to Council.

Economic Development Master Plan – Councilwoman Douglas invited great friends of the City and County, Mrs. Karlisa Dean and Mike Enoch who provided a presentation to Council. The CDA will pay

Fee

The fee quote is based on the scope of work above. The quote assumes efficiencies that will be gained by completing the city and county projects jointly (e.g. sharing travel cost for meetings on the same day). Therefore, if one projects does not go forward, we will re-examine the quote. We welcome the opportunity to refine and amend the scope of work.

	Chester County	Chester
Kick-Off, Economic Analysis, Background Research	\$3,480	\$1,925
Organizational Analysis, Product Assessment	\$3,630	\$1,710
SWOT Analysis, Input Sessions, Surveys, Interviews	\$8,430	\$3,765
Best Practices, Strategies Workshop	\$5,400	\$2,415
Final Report, Presentation	\$7,960	\$6,865
Total Fees	\$28,900	\$16,680
Estimated Expenses	\$1,500	\$700
Total Fee and Expenses	\$30,400	\$17,380

Fees and expenses are billed monthly and payable upon receipt. Expenses are billed at net cost and mileage at the IRS standard reimbursement rate.

25% of the plan for the city and after it is completed they will reimburse 25 percent for a portion of the City's plan. Mrs. Karlisa Dean provided detailed information to Council. Mrs. Dean stated that she is excited about this plan and we all need to work together. Chester County's Strategic Plan is on their website. Mrs. Dean suggested that the city and county ride jointly and work jointly to correct issues that we have. Councilwoman Douglas informed Council this could not come at a better time with the one cent sales tax. This does not take the place of the internal Strategic Planning. We still must plan for things, it will not fall out of the sky. Councilman Williams stated that we need to move forward with the City of Chester's Strategic Plan and requested that Mrs. Jackson reach out to Jeff Shacker, MASC to schedule.

Resolution – Local Match for a MASC Hometown Economic Development Grant - Mayor Pro Tempore Reid read the Resolution as presented.

RESOLUTION COMMITTING THE CITY OF CHESTER TO PROVIDING A LOCAL MATCH
FOR A MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HOMETOWN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, here assembled on this 13th day of August 2018, that the City of Chester Council hereby commits to provide a local cash/in-kind match of at least \$2500.00, which equals the minimum 10 percent local match required by the Municipal Association of South Carolina, to support the City of Chester application for a \$25,000.00 Hometown Economic Development Grant. This grant and local matching funds will be used for: Developing and Implementing an Economic Development Master Plan for the City of Chester.

This resolution is made regarding the submission of an application form Hometown Economic Development Grant funds to the Municipal Association of South Carolina on or before September 29,2018.



Mayor George Caldwell, City of Chester

ATTEST:



8-13-18 Clerk of Council

City of Chester, Chester South Carolina

All in favor

Resolution 2018-04

Mayor Pro Tempore Reid made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. Councilwoman Douglas seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried with Councilwoman Bagley opposing.

PARD Grant – Administrator Jackson provided Council with an update. One suggestion, provide handicap swings and to provide work in Wylie Park. The Parks and Recreation Committee addressed this in a previous meeting.

Executive Session

Mayor Pro Tempore Reid made a motion to convene in Executive Session for discussion of a Legal matter – Attorney Winters – Receive advice concerning audit. Contractual Matter – Police Department and Contractual matter – Department of Juvenile Justice. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried with Caldwell and Douglas opposing.

Councilman King made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:09 pm. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

While in Executive Session, Council discussed a Legal matter – Attorney Winters – Receive advice concerning audit. Contractual Matter – Police Department and Contractual matter – Department of Juvenile Justice. No action was taken.

With no further discussion, Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Councilwoman Douglas seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof