

City of Chester Council Meeting
Minutes
September 24, 2018

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

Prayer: Councilwoman Kovas

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

Citizens Forum: Robert Melton spoke to Council concerning property that he purchased on Pine Ridge Road. He was fined by the game warden because he crossed the road to get to his property. He wanted to let everyone know how he was treated. Mr. Melton indicated he just wanted the public to know what is happening to him. Council informed Mr. Melton that Pine Ridge Road is located outside the City of Chester.

Gloria Young, 106 Sterling Street – Spoke to Council concerning a parking ticket she received. She parked in front of her home, which she has been living in for 45 years. I was issued a ticket for parking facing traffic. Ms. Young wanted to know if there an ordinance? I am disabled and have been parking this way for 45 years, I was given a \$25.00 ticket. Councilman Killian stated he don't think it is right to make them pay this ticket. Mrs. Jackson stated she would get with Mrs. Young concerning this matter.

Departmental Reports

Administrative

Employee of the Month – Mrs. Jackson explained the process of the employee of the month. This month's winner is Patrol Officer Tyler Covington, October employee of the month.

EMA Recognition – Mrs. Jackson invited Ed Darby and Eddie Murphy to Council and commended them on a job well done and how everyone worked together planning for the Hurricane. A commendation was given to EMA, Department Heads and other staff members who went above and beyond with planning and helping during this time of need.

Finance – A request was made to continue what grants are currently running and to include in future reports.

Fire – no comments

Human Resources – no comments

Police - Special Recognition – Chief Williams provided the community with an overview of training and how things get done behind the scene. Chief Williams commended Captain Travis Moore, LT. Sims, Mrs. Tobias, and Sgt. Richardson for a job well done. Patrolman Rudolph Johnson was recognized as our newly hired officer. Chief Williams thanked Council for allowing him the opportunity to be a part of the City of Chester.

Public Works – no comments

Recreation – no comments

Mayor Pro Tempore Reid made a motion to approve as presented. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commission Reports

Finance – no comments

Properties – no comments

Public Safety – no comments

Public Works – no comments

Recreation – no comments

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve as presented. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commission Reports

Evergreen Cemetery – no comments

Historic Preservation - Mrs. Jackson reviewed with Council the revisions made on the HPC application.

Planning Commission – no comments

Housing Authority – no comments

Recreation – no comments

Mayor Pro Tempore Reid made a motion to approve the Commission reports as presented. Councilwoman Bagley second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ad-Hoc Commission Reports

Kitchen Committee – Councilwoman Kovas stated we are almost there! Alfred Lindsay is drawing plans for the Pavilion.

Economic Development Committee – Councilwoman Bagley stated they met on August 30, 2018.

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

Unfinished Business – Second Reading Ordinance 2018-05 Business License - Mayor Pro Tempore Reid made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance as presented. Councilwoman Tinker motion to approve. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business – Fiscal Year 2016-17 Audit Review – Rebecca Brendle provided council with an overview of the audit. Two of the positions have been filled, Finance Director and City Administrator on board and the majority of the findings should go away for the next audit. After much discussion, Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to approve as presented. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation – National Adult Day Care presented by Councilwoman Bagley. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve as presented. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session – Councilman Killian made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:40 pm for discussion of Legal Advice – Economic Development, Personnel Matter – Public Works Department, Legal Advice – Volunteer Policy, Legal Matter – Property Tax Sale, Contractual Matter – Inmate Housing. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Caldwell and Councilwoman Douglas opposing.

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session at 9 pm. Councilman King seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. While in Executive Session, Council discussed Legal Advice – Economic Development, Personnel Matter – Public Works Department, Legal Advice – Volunteer Policy, Legal Matter – Property Tax Sale, Contractual Matter – Inmate Housing. No action was taken.

With no further business, Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 pm. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof