



**CHESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL**  
Monday, February 12, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor Pro Tempore Annie Reid; Council Members Angela Douglas, Betty Bagley, William Killian, Linda Tinker, Susan Kovas, Carlos Williams and William King; Interim Manager, Carla Roof and Payroll Clerk/Interim Clerk to Council Sylvia Young.

**Absent:** Mayor George Caldwell

**Call to Order:** Mayor Pro Tempore Reid called Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Councilman Williams led Council in prayer.

**Citizens Forum:** Raymond Carter – Mr. Carter stated, “Once again I come before Council with no threats. I come to Council with facts. The situation that happened down on Saluda Street involving a young man that has not been solved, but we have solved it. Let’s go ask the City and County what happened to him. They have all the answers, and like I said some of your family members is coming to me. Everything is coming together now that started out with the City and County. Be careful who you let become a police officer, because in the long run they are coming back to us to tell what really happened. If you need any information on what happened or who was involved with the situation, I have a license plate number, I have everything. All you City and County cops got to do, is come to me, and let’s handle it like adults but if not, it’s their situation not mine.”

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to accept Minutes for October 23, 2017 and February 5, 2018. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Strategic Planning – February 24, 2018** – Mrs. Roof informed Council that Mr. Pope could not attend meeting originally scheduled for February 10, 2018, and he has rescheduled date to February 24, 2018. She wanted to know if Council has any conflicts with the rescheduled date. Council agreed to the date for the Strategic Planning Session on February 24, 2018.

**City Administrator Interview Dates** – Mrs. Roof asked Council would they be available to attend City Administrator interviews on Monday, February 19, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. Council agreed to the date for the Administrator interview date.

**Commission Appointments** – Mrs. Roof informed Council that Ms. Anderson and Ms. Meador will be moving out of the city limits; therefore, they need to be replaced as members on Evergreen Cemetery Commission. Council had discussion about Commission vacancies and members not attending meetings. Councilwoman Bagley stated that Ms. Anderson will not be leaving the city limits until March 5, 2018 and suggest that Mrs. Roof contact her to attend the next scheduled Evergreen Cemetery Commission meeting before she moves.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 2018-01 Risk Management Statement** – Mrs. Roof presented to Council the Resolution 2018-01 Risk Management Statement. Councilwoman Reid read to Council the Resolution 2018-01 Risk Management Statement. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-01. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Enterprise Fleet Management** – Kris Whiteside – Kris Whiteside gave a presentation for Enterprise Fleet Management and reviewed Fleet Synopsis handout given to Council. Mr. Whiteside answered Council’s questions and concerns about Enterprise Fleet

Management. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to refer Fleet Management presentation to the Public Safety Committee and to come back to Council with their recommendations. Councilwoman Kovas seconded motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Legislative update from Legislative Action Day** – Councilwoman Douglas – Councilwoman Douglas gave Council an update concerning the Legislative update from Legislative Action Day. No action taken.

**Opioids Class Action Lawsuit** – Councilwoman Douglas – Councilwoman Douglas expressed her concerns to Council about the opioid epidemic in the city. She informed Council about the Opioid Lawsuit. She introduced Boyd Brown, representing Tompkins, Thompson & Brown and former South Carolina Senator and Attorney Creighton Coleman. Mr. Brown and Attorney Coleman gave Council a presentation concerning the Opioids Lawsuit. They informed the Council that opioids addiction plagues a community, costs an estimated \$323 million per year, and provided statistics about opioids addition. They stated the following: statistics indicate opioids use affects every demographic area; for every thousand babies, three are born with an addiction to opioids; the State of South Carolina is suing manufactures of drug at no cost to cities; public awareness champions are underway; and the class action lawsuit will be filed within 30 to 50 days. Council had much discussion about Opioid Lawsuit and took presentation as informational. No action taken. Item pending until next Council meeting on Monday, February 26, 2018.

**Incentive Program for Business Owners and Entrepreneurs** – Councilman Williams expressed to Council his concerns about incentive programs for business owners and entrepreneurs. He suggested that Council provide ideas for incentive programs for business owners and entrepreneurs for discussion at the strategic plan session. No action taken.

**Department Leaders Evaluations** – Councilman Williams – Councilman Williams asked Mrs. Roof about department leaders evaluations for new hires. Mrs. Roof gave Council a report concerning departmental evaluations and monthly meetings.

**Community Development Block Grants, Community Redevelopment Programs and Private Donors** – Councilman Williams – Councilman Williams gave Council a report concerning CDBG Grants and housing state funds. He provided Council with a list of available grants with deadline dates for them to select which grants they are interested in pursuing for the city. Given to Council as informational. No action taken.

**Harvest Call Building Permits** – Councilman Williams – Councilman Williams gave Council an update concerning Harvest Call projects. Harvest Call is building eight new homes and renovating another twenty to thirty homes. Chester County has waived a lot of fees and demolition cost to help with project. He made a request that the City waive building permits and reimburse building permits fees paid by Harvest Call Ministries. Councilman King made a motion to waive building permits fees and reimburse building permits fees paid by Harvest Call Ministries. Councilman Killian seconded motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Contractual Matter** – City Attorney – Mayor Pro Tempore Reid stated that Council needed to convene into Executive Session to discuss a Contractual Matter – City Attorney. Councilman King made a motion that Council convene into Executive Session to discuss a Contractual Matter – City Attorney. Councilman Killian seconded motion. The motion carried unanimously. Council convened into Executive Session at 7:46 p.m.

At 7:59 p.m. Councilman King made a motion that Council reconvene from Executive Session. Councilman Killian seconded motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid stated that while Council was in Executive Session, it discussed a Contractual Matter – City Attorney. No action was taken.

With no further discussion, Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to adjourn. Councilman King seconded motion. Council meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sylvia Young