

Chester City Council Meeting
January 28, 2019, 6:30 pm
Minutes

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

ABSENT: Councilman King and Councilwoman Tinker

Prayer: Councilwoman Reid led in prayer.

Petitioner: Deloris Jeter – Not present to speak.

Citizens Forum: Bobby Monroe – Revenue enhancement recovery program. Mr. Monroe explained that Data Max will get a list of current business license from the City of Chester and will handle all the calling and all the collecting and share the revenue which is 50-50. The City of Chester is currently getting zero. This is revenue for the City of Chester. We will find business for you that you are not aware of. Mrs. Jackson stated that she is very interested in this program and would like to provide additional information at the next meeting.

Administrative Report - Administrator Jackson announced the employee of the month for December, January and February. December Employee of the Month – Vee-Veca Torrence – Fire Department, January employee of the month Sylvia Young – HR Department, February employee of the month Don Wood. Ms. Torrence, Ms. Young and Mr. Wood were provided with a certificate of appreciation.

City Courier – Mrs. Jackson asked that Council provide input to the City Courier which will be published quarterly.

Finance – no comments

Fire – Councilwoman Bagley thanked the fire department for the great Fireman’s Banquet.

Human Resources – Mrs. Roof presented a PowerPoint overview on the Health Fair.

Police Department – Mayor Pro Tempore Reid thanked the police department for attending the Annual Chamber Banquet. Councilwoman Douglas had questions concerning the police department report totals.

Public Works Department – Special Collection Day- Mr. McBeth provided Council with an update on the collection. The next special collection date will be June 19, 2019. We will not be receiving any more TVs and tires until the next collection date. We want the citizens to know this pickup was a courtesy to the citizens because we do not pickup tires or TVs. This was an expense to the city. We also gave our citizens ample notice of this pickup. Please, do not put out any more. Mr. McBeth thanked Councilman Williams and his two sons for helping with the special pickup.

Recreation- Councilwoman Douglas had questions concerning the collection amounts on the report. Mr. White indicated it will be placed on the next report.

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

Committee Reports

Finance – Councilwoman Douglas discussed how the recording and tracking of the expenses at the Agribusiness Center are done.

Properties - no report

Public Safety - no report

Public Works – Councilman Williams discussed the expense the leaf machine costs the City. Councilman Williams reviewed the minutes and the discussion that took place in the previous meetings.

Recreation – no report

Mayor Pro Tempore Reid made a motion to approved as presented. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commission Reports

Evergreen Cemetery – no report

HPC – no report

ZBA – no report

Planning Commission – no report

Housing Authority – no report

Recreation – no report

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

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

Kitchen Committee – The hood has been approved and ready to receive the certificate of occupancy.

Economic Development Committee – No report

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

Unfinished Business – Second Reading Ordinance 2019-01 presented by Councilwoman Kovas. Councilwoman Kovas made a motion to approve the second reading of ordinance 2019-01, Purchase Real Estate for Police Department. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tempore Reid requested to move item #1, under New Business, Resolution 2019-01, Approving the Installment Purchase Plan of Finance Relating to various Capital Projects in the City and other related matters to after executive Session. No objection was made.

Executive Session

Mayor Pro Tempore Reid made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:20 pm, for discussion of a Legal Matter – Tax Sale, Legal Advice – City Improvement Projects and Personnel Matter – Summer Feeding Program. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Caldwell and Councilwoman Douglas opposing.

Mayor Caldwell left the meeting. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid presided over the meeting.

Councilwoman Kovas made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:15 pm. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. While in Executive Session, Council discussed a Legal Matter – Tax Sale, Legal Advice – City Improvement Projects and Personnel Matter – Summer Feeding Program. No action was taken,

Resolution 2019-01, approving the Installment Purchase Plan of Finance Relating to Various Capital Projects in the City and other related matters. Councilwoman Kovas made a motion to table this item until a work session and a public hearing is scheduled. Councilwoman Douglas seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Pro Tempore Reid opposing.

Councilwoman Kovas made a motion to continue the Summer Feeding Service Program and to open the hiring process for the SFSP Director and SFSP Assistant Director. Councilwoman Douglas seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilman Killian opposing.

With no further business, Councilwoman Douglas made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 pm. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Roof

