



Public Works Committee

December 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Carlos Williams, Chairman

MINUTES

Present: Chairman, Councilman Carlos Williams; Committee Members Councilwoman Angela Douglas and Councilwoman Annie Reid; City Administrator, Stephanie Jackson, Public Works Director Reginald McBeth and Payroll Specialist Sylvia Young.

Call to Order: Chairman Williams called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tires and Television Pickup – Mr. McBeth informed the Committee that the Public Works Department has scheduled a tires and television pickup on January 16, 2019 and June 19, 2019. The community will be notified about pickup dates with blue door hangers notices on containers, city web and channel 3. The Committee had a brief discussion about the pickup plan and door hanger notices.

Open Top Recycling Waste Management – Mr. McBeth informed the Committee that regular glass bottles and plastic containers were recyclable items. The Committee discussed Waste Management and Sonoco Recycling Plant. Also, the Community discussed apartment complexes and illegal dumping.

OLD BUSINESS:

East Chester Renaissance Project – Drainage and Culverts – Chairman Williams informed the Committee that he continually receives requests to maintain clogged drains and culverts that is causing flooding. Mr. McBeth gave the Committee an update concerning clogged drainage and culverts. The Committee strategized plans to prevent clogged drains and culverts, removal of debris, and park maintenance. Mr. McBeth informed the Committee about department staff shortages.

Code Enforcement – Community Outreach – Councilwoman Douglas advised the Committee that Community Outreach programs strengthen community awareness. Councilwoman Douglas suggested to the Committee that a Public Works forum would improve community awareness concerning code enforcement. The Committee discussed the following ideas to improve Community Outreach:

- Town Hall Forums – Schedule forums before Council Meetings
- Utilizing local newspaper, web and city channel 3
- Public Works Forums

Substandard Housing (Rental Inspections, Inventory Registrations, Landlord Complaints) – Policy

Development & Collaboration – Councilwoman Douglas provided the Committee with a handout titled Checklist Comparison for Rental Housing Registration Code Enforcement Support Ordinance. Councilwoman Douglas and the Committee had a detailed discussion about information on handout. After much discussion, the Committee agreed that Councilwoman Douglas should provide Council with a presentation about substandard housing ordinance at next scheduled Council Meeting.

With no further discussion, Chairman Williams made a motion to adjourn meeting. The motion carried with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sylvia Young