



CHESTER CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING

Monday, February 22, 2021

VIRTUAL WEBINAR LINK:

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MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Wanda Stringfellow; Mayor Pro Tempore Angela Douglas, Council Members TaTanish Campbell, Annie Reid, Susan Kovas, Robbie King-Boyd; City Administrator Stephanie Jackson, Director of Human Resources/Municipal Clerk Barbara L. Haggray.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Linda Tinker and Carlos Williams.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Stringfellow. Roll call, quorum established.

II. PRAYER

Mayor Pro Temp Douglas led Council in prayer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Stringfellow led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. CITIZENS FORUM None.

V. PETITIONER - None.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 20, 2021 and January 25, 2021

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Kovas, Council voted [6-Mayor Stringfellow, Mayor Pro Temp Angela Douglas, Council Members TaTanish Campbell, Susan Kovas, Annie Reid, and Robbie King-Boyd] to accept Minutes as information. Opposes none.

VII. REPORT

Summer Feeding Report – Report was provided by Director Anita Springs for the Summer Feeding Program with beginning and closing report 2020/2021. Discussed were the food supply challenges, the weekend meals, and breakfast and lunch. A grant was provided for supplies. Councilwoman Douglas inquired about the reconciliation of the budget. City Administrator Jackson stated that a budget would be provided. A discussion was had regarding the Volunteer Program on drug screening and background checks.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Administrative

Award of Bid – City Slope Repair - City Administrator Jackson presented bids for the project. Upon motion made by Councilwoman King-Boyd and seconded by Councilwoman Reid, Council voted [6-Mayor Stringfellow, Mayor Pro Temp Angela Douglas, Council Members TaTanish Campbell, Susan Kovas, Annie Reid, and Robbie King-Boyd] to accept the Bid. Opposes none.

RIA Grant – City Administrator Jackson discussed the community involvement in the grant project. Grant has been applied for.

2014 CPST Balances and 2020 CPST Funds – City Administrator Jackson stated that the forms have been completed to the County to fund projects to include City downtown sidewalks, Evergreen, and City Hall.

Award of RFP - Upon motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Kovas, Council voted [5-Mayor Stringfellow, Council Members TaTanish Campbell, Susan Kovas, Annie Reid, and Robbie King-Boyd] for Award of RFP. Opposes - One (1) – Councilwoman Douglas.

Offer from Chester County Historical Society – Placement of 10 Pounder – Gun and Carriage – City Administrator Jackson informed Council about the damage to the cannon was done by a vehicle. She inquired what was the pleasure of the Council as to a new location that it could be moved to. A proposal was made to move it to the Courthouse grounds.

Parliamentarian Procedure Manuals – City Administrator Jackson stated that the procedure manuals were given by Attorney Winters.

Finance – Councilwoman Douglas asked about the Grant Fund account, the Hospitality Tax, and the Budget. Councilwoman Reid stated that updates and corrections will need to be made.

Fire – Chief James Jackson discussed repairs to the garage door will be repaired.

Human Resources – Monthly report presented in packet.

Police Department – Monthly report presented in packet.

Public Works –

Separation of Meters at new PD Substation - Director of Public Works McBeth discussed the separation of meter by Duke Power.

Parks and Recreation –

New Playground Equipment at Wylie Park - Director of Parks and Recreation Chris White stated that the installation of equipment was completed. He stated that funds had not been provided. He states that they are waiting for two (2) trees to be cut down. He also stated that there were some drainage problems due to big equipment being used.

Chester County Funding Request - Director of Parks and Recreation Chris White discussed ADA pathway in the park and fixing drainage.

Citizens Donation to Parks & Recreation Program - Director Chris White stated that a citizen of Chester, David Days, a member of the United States Air Force, presented a gift to the City. Mayor Stringfellow stated that she wanted to send a letter of thanks to him and all Councilmembers would be included.

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman Reid, Council voted [Unanimous] to accept Committee reports as information.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Finance –

Councilwoman Reid stated that the Finance committee is staying on top of things. Councilwoman Douglas discussed capital improvements needed over the years and aligning the budget for FY21/22. Councilwoman Reid stated that these items will be discussed.

Properties – No Report.

Public Safety –

Councilwoman Kovas reported on comp-time and new hires. Mayor Stringfellow discussed job security in major manufacturers that has been brought to her attention.

Public Works – No Report.

Parks and Recreation – No Report.

Economic Development – No Report.

YMCA Ad-Hoc –

Approval of Minutes – 1/20/2021, 1/27/2021, 2/3/2021, 2/10/2021 - Upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman Campbell, Council voted [6-Mayor Stringfellow, Mayor Pro Temp Angela Douglas, Council Members TaTanish Campbell, Susan Kovas, Annie Reid, and Robbie King-Boyd] to accept the minutes as information. Opposes none.

Garland Report – Discussed by City Administrator Jackson.

Community Involvement and Fundraising Proposals - Discussed by Councilwoman Kovas.

Recreation Programming – Discussed by Councilwoman Campbell.

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Kovas, Council voted [Unanimous] to accept Committee reports as information.

X. COMMISSION REPORTS – No Reports.

XI. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS – Mayor Stringfellow recommended Ms. Kathy Taylor Spencer for the Historical Preservation Commission. No Opposes.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS –

York Technical College Reconnect Program - Presenter – Dr. Monique Perry-Graves - (Mayor Pro Temp Angela Douglas); A power point presentation was made to Council regarding programs being offered through the York Technical Reconnect Program for the citizens of Chester and to also form a partnership with the City. City Updates – Councilwoman Reid – Discussed sidewalks being repaired, negligence of repairing the traffic light. Mayor Stringfellow stated that there will be new construction which identify as a sign of growth.

Ordinance 2021-01 – Emergency Ordinance to Renew ordinance No. 2020-20 – Continue the Requiring of Face Mask to be Worn in Public during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Attorney Edwards will prepare appropriate information.

Ordinance 2021-02 – Emergency Ordinance to Renew Ordinance No. 2020-21 – Authorize the

City Administrator to Develop and Enact a Plan to Continue Providing Electronic Council Meetings, Commission Meetings, and Committee Meetings as an Option during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Mayor Stringfellow encouraged all citizens to wear your mask and to adhere to the ordinances.

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Campbell, Council voted [6-Mayor Stringfellow, Mayor Pro Temp Angela Douglas, Council Members TaTanish Campbell, Susan Kovas, Annie Reid, and Robbie King-Boyd] to accept the Bid. Opposes none.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Stringfellow announced that Council would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss:

Contractual Agreement – Catawba Farm & Food – City Administrator Jackson

Contractual Agreement – YMCA Building – Attorney Edwards

Legal Advice – Police Vehicle Repairs – Attorney Edwards

Personnel Matter – Interim Police Department Positions

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Campbell, Council voted [Unanimous] the Council entered Executive Session at 9:25 P.M.

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Kovas, Council voted [Unanimous] to return into open session at 10:35 P.M. No action was taken by Council while in Executive Session.

With no further discussion, upon motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Campbell, Council voted [Unanimous] that Council adjourn. Council adjourned meeting at 10:46 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Barbara L. Haggray