



CHESTER CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING

Monday, March 22, 2021

VIRTUAL WEBINAR LINK:

<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/83177660947>

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:30 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Councilmembers Linda Tinker and TaTanish Campbell.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor Stringfellow. Roll call, quorum established.

II. PRAYER

Councilman Carlos Williams led Council in prayer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Stringfellow led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. CITIZENS FORUM

Karen Hill and Ken Lebbon discussed that the Light It Up Blue in recognition of Autism Awareness Day will still take place on April 2, 2021 virtually. Mayor Stringfellow stated that it will be communicated on Facebook, the news channel, and the City of Chester website. It was also stated that there were blue bulbs available for sale.

V. PETITIONER

Dr. Scott Allen, Volunteer, Donate Life SC, and Sharing Hope

- Petitioner presented Proclamation for April as Donate Life Month of SC. Upon motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Kovas, Council voted [6-Mayor Stringfellow, Council Members Angela Douglas, Carlos Williams, Susan Kovas, Annie Reid, and Robbie King-Boyd] for Proclamation. Opposes – None.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 22, 2021

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

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Stringfellow announced that Council would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss:
Contractual Matter: Convergent Non-Profit Solutions – Mr. Rick Kiernan
Contractual Matter: Enterprise – Police Vehicles
Personnel Matter: Police Department

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman Reid, Council voted [Unanimous] the Council entered Executive Session at 6:50 P.M.

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman King-Boyd, Council voted [Unanimous] to return into open session at 8:25 P.M. No action was taken by Council while in Executive Session.

VIII. SC Works Catawba Presentation -

Presenter – Mr. Leon Carter Facilitator & Outreach Coordinator –

Mr. Carter made a presentation of the WIOA employment program designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market.

IX. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Administrative

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - City Administrator Jackson informed Council of the stimulus funds approved by Congress that will be coming to the City of Chester. The funds will be issued by the State of South in two (2) payments. She recommended opening a separate bank account for the funds when they are issued.

Chester County Historical Society – Placement of 10 pounder Gun and Carriage – City Administrator Jackson discussed the letter from the Historical Society to place the gun and carriage in the museum in the City.

Approval of 2021 – 2022 Budget Calendar – City Administrator Jackson presented the budget calendar to Council - Upon motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Kovas, Council voted [6-Mayor Stringfellow, Council Members Carlos Williams, Angela Douglas, Susan Kovas, Annie Reid, and Robbie King-Boyd] for the approval of the 2021-2022 Budget Calendar. Opposes – None.

Affected Homes in Joe Collins Drainage Project – SC Rural Infrastructure Authority Grant Update – City Administrator Jackson stated that a grant has been submitted to improve the drainage.

Awarding of Bid – RFP 2021-002 Dodge Ram Vehicle (Fire Department) – City Administrator Jackson discussed the option for the acceptance of the bids resubmit a bid. Upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman King-Boyd Council voted [5 -Mayor Pro Temp Angela Douglas, Council Members Carlos Williams, Susan Kovas, Annie Reid, and Robbie King-Boyd]. Mayor Stringfellow recused herself from the bids of both vehicles within the Fire Department.

Awarding of Bid – RFP 2021-003 Ford Crown Victoria Vehicle (Fire Department) – City Administrator Jackson discussed the option for the acceptance of the bids resubmit a bid. Upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman Reid, Council voted [6-Mayor Stringfellow, Mayor Pro Temp Angela Douglas, Council Members Carlos Williams, Susan Kovas, Annie Reid, and Robbie King-Boyd]. Opposes none.

2014 CPST Project Updates – City Administrator Jackson stated that the funds need to be expended:
Sidewalk – permission to bid. Upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman Reid, Council voted [6-Mayor Stringfellow, Mayor Pro Temp Angela Douglas, Council Members Carlos Williams, Susan Kovas, Annie Reid, and Robbie King-Boyd]. Opposes none.

Evergreen Cemetery Street Repair – bid. Upon motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Kovas, Council voted [6-Mayor Stringfellow, Mayor Pro Temp Angela Douglas, Council Members Carlos Williams, Susan Kovas, Annie Reid, and Robbie King-Boyd]. Opposes none.

City Hall – Front door. Upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman Reid, Council voted [6-Mayor Stringfellow, Mayor Pro Temp Angela Douglas, Council Members Carlos Williams, Susan Kovas, Annie Reid, and Robbie King-Boyd]. Opposes none.

Finance – Monthly report presented in packet.

Fire – Introduction of new Firefighters – Chapin Jones and Devon Crape. Monthly report presented in packet.

Human Resources – Monthly report presented in packet.

Police Department – Introduction of new Police Officers – William Erwin, Derrick Crawford, and Timothy Workman. Officer Heath completion of the Police Academy. Monthly report presented in packet.

Public Works – Monthly report presented in packet.

Parks and Recreation – Monthly report presented in packet.

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

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Finance – No Report.

Properties – Attorney Edwards discussed a title search has been done and she will proceed with an ordinance.

Public Safety – No Report.

Public Works – No Report.

Parks and Recreation – No Report.

Economic Development – No Report.

YMCA Ad-Hoc – Attorney Edwards stated that the deed has been signed.

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

XI. COMMISSION REPORTS – No Reports.

XII. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS –

Mayor Stringfellow recommended appointment of Ms. Kathy Taylor Spencer for the Historical Preservation Commission. No Opposes.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS –

Nuisance and Abatement (Identification of Houses and Trailers that need to be removed) – Mayor Stringfellow discussed the removal of structures throughout the City and the work towards this need to start by compiling a list and seek funding towards this effort.

Downtown Beautification Project (scheduled cleanup and flowers) – Request for the Public Works Committee to look at the schedule of the routes to more attentive to the downtown area, and the Frank Connor Park. Council needs to see improvement as stated by the Mayor.

Citizens Review Board (Moving forward with appointments and academy/classes) - Requested submission of the names for the Citizen Review Board.

Jeff Brown Complex (Request for use of complex – Softball for Girls) Facilities - The Mayor received a request to use the Jeff Brown complex for girl softball team to practice if the complex is up to par beginning in April. Discussion concerning an ordinance for the usage of the ball fields and staffing.

Recreation Plans moving forward (Pool preparation and summer outdoor activities) – Programs and physicals to participate as events are being planned. The Mayor requested that the committee meet and bring back a recommendation. Attorney Edwards recommended a safety plan for usage of the facilities, equipment, and the bathrooms.

Proclamation – Support of Fair & Equitable Housing - Proclamation was read.

Proclamation – Donate Life Month – Proclamation was read.

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

City Updates - Councilwoman Reid and Councilwoman Kovas talked about the sidewalks in the City.

With no further discussion, upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman Reid, Council voted [Unanimous] that Council adjourn. Council adjourned meeting at 10:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Barbara L. Haggray



SPECIAL CALLED CHESTER CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

VIRTUAL WEBINAR LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82728667700>

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 PM

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

ABSENT: Councilman Carlos Williams, Linder Tinker, and Mayor Pro-temp Angela Douglas

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor Stringfellow. Roll call, quorum established.

II. PRAYER

Councilwoman Kovas led Council in prayer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Stringfellow led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Lifting Covid-19 Restrictions – RE: Outdoor Activities within the City

Mayor Stringfellow discussed the Jeff Brown softball field to be used for practices and Hog on the Hill event. A new ordinance was created to cover outdoor activities and facilities such as Parks, Fields, and the back lot. The request was made by City Administrator Jackson as requested for food truck vendors in downtown. Also, Attorney Edwards stated that CDC guidelines must be followed at all outdoor facilities. Councilwoman Reid stated that there should be a Covid release or waiver form for these outdoor activities. Mayor Stringfellow discussed the enforcement of the recommended ordinance and possible citations. The recommendation is to also check the CDC website for guidelines and make available to the public events. Also, signage be placed at the facilities. The Mayor also recommended coming up with an agreement regarding other expenses incurred and negotiate fees.

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Campbell Council voted to approve Ordinance No. 2021-03 [5 - Mayor Stringfellow, Councilwoman Kovas, Campbell, King-Boyd, Reid]; Opposes – none.

Upon motion made by Councilwoman King-Boyd and seconded by Councilwoman Kovas, Council voted to approve usage of outdoor facilities [5 - Mayor Stringfellow, Councilwoman Kovas, Campbell, King-Boyd, Reid]; Opposes – none.

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman Campbell, Council voted to approve Hog on the Hill event [5 - Mayor Stringfellow, Councilwoman Kovas, Campbell, King-Boyd, Reid]; Opposes – none.

V. ADJOURN

With no further discussion, upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman Campbell, Council voted [Unanimous] for meeting to adjourn. Council meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Barbara L. Haggray