



CHESTER CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING

Monday, November 23, 2020

VIRTUAL WEBINAR LINK:

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

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:40 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, City Attorney Latonya D. Edwards, Director of Human Resources/Municipal Clerk Barbara L. Haggray and Payroll Specialist Sylvia Young.

ABSENT: Council Members Linda Tinker, William Killian, and Carlos Williams.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Mayor Stringfellow. Roll call, quorum established.

II. PRAYER

Councilwoman Campbell led Council in prayer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Stringfellow led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. CITIZENS FORUM – No one came before Council.

V. PETITIONER

Dr. Gwendolyn Brown – Dr. Gwendolyn Brown – Clinton Jr. College

Ken Lebbon - Mr. Lebbon thanked the Director of Public Work, Reggie McBeth for assisting with the hanging of the banners.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 24, 2020, October 13, 2020, October 14, 2020, October 15, 2020, October 26, 2020, November 10, 2020
Upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman Douglas, 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. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Administrative – City Administrator Jackson gave Council an update concerning COVID-19 testing for the month of November, 2020, and free testing being available and closeout of the completed City Hall Renovation Project and the completion of the Police Substation Project- the sale of the First Citizen Bank to include a special sales tax;

Approval of the RFP for the Demolition of the Public Works Garage. Upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman Douglas, Council voted [6 - (Mayor Stringfellow, Council Members TaTanish Campbell, Annie Reid, Susan Kovas, and Robbie King-Boyd)]; Opposes none

Approval of the RFP for Renovations to Kitchen and Other Areas of Parks & Recreation Building. Upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Campbell, Council voted [6 - (Mayor Stringfellow, Council Members TaTanish Campbell, Annie Reid, Susan Kovas, and Robbie King-Boyd)]; Opposes none.

Approval to Purchase Fire District Signs, New Park Signs and new Logo; Upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman Douglas, Council voted [6-Mayor Stringfellow, Mayor Pro Temp Angela Douglas, Council Members TaTanish Campbell, Susan Kovas, Annie Reid, and Robbie King-Boyd];

Finance – Mark Wood gave Council an update concerning 2019 Audit Preparation is in progress. Councilwoman ask about the Summer Feeding program because of delayed payment and budget amendments.

Fire – Chief James Jackson introduced new Firemen Haley, Givens, Oxendine, Ryan, and Kelly. Chief Jackson announced the retirement of Fire Marshall Don Wood. Approval of the new job description for Deputy Fire Marshall. Upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman Douglas, Council voted [6-Mayor Stringfellow, Mayor Pro Temp Angela Douglas, Council Members TaTanish Campbell, Susan Kovas, Annie Reid, and Robbie King-Boyd]; Opposes one.

Human Resources – Introduction of new Director of Human Resources, Barbara L. Haggray. No report in package.

Police Department – Chief Eric Williams introduced the new Policeman, Larry Wilson; Chief Williams requested approval of new job description for Evidence Technician I – which will be a dual role; Upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman Reid, Council voted [6-Mayor Stringfellow, Councilwoman Douglas, Campbell, Susan Kovas, Annie Reid, and Robbie King-Boyd]; Opposes one.

Public Works – Discussion took place concerning by Councilwoman Reid concerning the communities and neighborhoods to have knowledge when there is construction taking place for them to prepare in case of the loss of power or roadblock for detours. Director Reggie McBeth stated hat sometimes he is not aware of construction projects, but will try to get information prior to projects.

Parks and Recreation – Director of Parks and Recreation Chris White, the Virtual Parade requesting videos from Council, the Virtual Christmas Tree Lighting can be seen on Facebook Live and the Return of Santa and Tour of Lighted Downtown Chester, businesses to decorate and light up the stores. Director White will contact the newspaper.

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman Reid, Council voted [6-Mayor Stringfellow, Councilwoman Douglas, Campbell, Kovas, Reid, and Boyd-King]; Council voted [Unanimous] to accept departmental reports as information.

Mayor Stringfellow – questioned the abatement -dumping waste behind home is substandard. There are concerns of dumping, littering on the website of concerns. The need of software to connect to the website for complaints to Department of Public Works (DPW), the concerns of taking water without permission, dumping of waste.

Tony Lancaster – Concerns regarding the neighbor with the demolishing a home and he stated that the resident need to be prosecuted.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Report – Need to make appointments.

Properties Report – No report in package.

Public Safety – No report in package. Councilwoman Kovas gave Council an update concerning the virtual Committee meeting will be December 5, 2020;

Public Works – Truck replacement – need options, prioritize the equipment; to outsource four (4) areas; need an RFP from four (4) companies. Upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman Douglas, Council voted [6-Mayor Stringfellow, Councilwoman Douglas, Campbell, Kovas, Annie Reid, and Robbie King-Boyd]; the Ordinance for the Sale of Certain Equipment; Opposes none.

Recreation – No Report in package.

Economic Development – No report in package. Councilwoman Douglas gave Council an update concerning the Committee meetings. Upon motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Campbell, Council voted [6-Mayor Stringfellow, Councilwoman Douglas, Campbell, Kovas, Annie Reid, and Robbie King-Boyd]; Opposes None.

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

IX. COMMISSION REPORTS – No reports in package.

X. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS - Replacement Recommendations – Review in 2021; The Historic Preservation Commissioner Gracey Justice has resigned; Mayor Stringfellow has requested that Council be prepared to bring new candidate for appointment at the next Council meeting; No vote was taken.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – The 2nd reading of Ordinance 2020-14 has been done per LaTonya Edwards; Upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman Douglas, Council voted [Unanimous] to accept Committee reports as information;

XII. NEW BUSINESS - Motion was made by Councilwoman Kovas and second by Councilwoman Campbell to accept the first Reading of Ordinance 2020-19 for the sale of green bins – not in service;

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Stringfellow announced that Council would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Legal Advice Project New Life, and Legal Advice TAN – Attorney M. Kozlarek; Contractual Agreement – Market Building – Attorney Edwards, and Contractual Matter – HR Director Salary;

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Kovas, Council voted [6, with Council entered Executive Session at 930 p.m.

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Kovas, Council voted [Unanimous] to return into open session at 10:26 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 Douglas, Council voted [Unanimous] that Council adjourn. Council adjourned meeting at 10:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Barbara L. Haggray



SPECIAL CALLED CHESTER CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING

Thursday, December 3, 2020

VIRTUAL WEBINAR LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83529492940>

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:30 PM

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

ABSENT: Council Members Linda Tinker and Carlos Williams

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor Stringfellow. Roll call, quorum established.

II. PRAYER

Councilwoman Reid led Council in prayer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Stringfellow led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on YMCA Closing and Strategies to Maintain YMCA Recreational Opportunities in the City and County Ordinance – Mayor Stringfellow began the discussion. Councilwoman Kovas and Councilwoman Campbell attended a meeting of the local YMCA Board of Directors who want to close the YMCA. Updates were given by the Regional Director, Curtis Lee. Some concerns were the leaks of the roof, new dressing rooms, but save the pool. The membership has dropped from 700 to 500 member. A partnership with MUSC, the County or the school district maybe a possibility. Director Wessinger spoke with the School Board and the County.

Councilwoman Kovas stated that funds will need to be raised for the roof and renovations of the bathrooms. Director Reggie McBeth made an assessment of the building, including the roof and other related repairs. The 500 members pay memberships and that money should stay in the Chester community. Councilwoman Campbell stated that a solution would be to create a community partnership. Mayor Stringfellow wanted to know why the funds from Chester went to other facilities. Mayor Stringfellow wanted to know where do we go from here.

City Administrator Jackson stated that the County Supervisor Dr. Frederick was left in the dark. Councilwoman Douglas stated that the newspaper commented that a YMCA presence will continue but not in Chester. Be cautious of putting money in a bad building. Mayor Stringfellow stated that we need to provide recreation to improve the citizens quality of life and there should be a commitment to the residents. Councilwoman Douglas brought up revenues from the City and the County.

Councilman Killian stated that the City of Chester should have received information regarding revenue. Councilman Killian said we should work together to move the project forward. Councilman Killian, we need a collateral effort and a partnership stated that programs have gone down, we need fund raising, help from industries. He stated that we got to do something and agreed by Mayor Stringfellow. City Administrator Jackson stated the City of Chester got crumbs for the penny sales tax. Director White stated that we need to keep the building in the City.

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman Campbell to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee, Council voted [6- Mayor Stringfellow, Councilmembers TaTanish Campbell, Annie Reid, Susan Kovas, William Killian, Angela Douglas, and Robin King-Boyd to accept the recommendation for an Ad Hoc Committee for the YMCA. Opposes none.

With no further discussion, upon motion made by Councilman Killian and seconded by Councilwoman Kovas, Council voted [Unanimous] for meeting to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Barbara L. Haggray



SPECIAL CALLED CHESTER CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING

Monday, December 21, 2020

VIRTUAL WEBINAR LINK:

<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/8352949294017947>

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 5:30 PM

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

ABSENT: Council Members Linda Tinker, Carlos Williams and William Killian

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Mayor Pro Temp Angela Douglas; Quorum established.

II. PRAYER

Councilwoman Reid led Council in prayer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Temp Angela Douglas led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 28, 2020, November 7, 2020

Upon Motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman Reid, Council voted [6- Mayor Stringfellow, Mayor Pro Temp Angela Douglas, Councilwoman Kovas, Campbell, King-Boyd, Reid], to accept that all Minutes as information; Opposes – none.

V. NEW BUSINESS

2021 Administrative Staff Holiday Schedule – Administrator Jackson

City Administrator Jackson stated the Juneteenth will be added to the 2021 schedule. Upon Motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Campbell, Council voted [6- Mayor Stringfellow, Mayor Pro Temp Angela Douglas, Councilwoman Kovas, Campbell, King-Boyd, Reid]; Opposes – none.

Approval – RFP for Collapse of City Hall Parking Lot – Administrator Jackson

City Administrator discussed the collapse of the parking lot. The Dennis Corporation will work with City Administrator Jackson to complete the RFP. Upon Motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman Reid, Council voted [6- Mayor Stringfellow, Mayor Pro Temp Angela Douglas, Councilwoman Kovas, Campbell, King-Boyd, Reid]; Opposes – none.

Ordinance 2020-20 – Emergency Ordinance to Renew Ordinance No. 2020-17 to Continue the Requiring of Face Masks – Upon motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Kovas, Council voted [Unanimous] to accept Ordinance 2020-20 – Emergency Ordinance to Renew Ordinance No. 2020-17 to Continue the Requiring of Face Masks. Discussion took place concerning the wearing of mask.

Ordinance 2020-21 – Emergency Ordinance to Renew Ordinance No. 2020-18 to Continue Providing Electronic Council Meetings, Commission Meetings, and Committee Meetings - Upon motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Kovas, Council voted [Unanimous] to approve Ordinance 2020-20 – Emergency Ordinance to Renew Ordinance No. 2020-18 to Continue Providing Electronic Council Meetings, Commission Meetings, and Committee Meetings as an Option during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Ordinance 2020-22 – Change Regular Meetings of Council to the Fourth Monday in Each Month
Upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman King-Boyd, Council voted [Unanimous] to approve Ordinance 2020-22 – Change Regular Meetings of Council to the Fourth Monday in Each Month.

Street Law 101 Session 3 – Scheduled for January 5, 2021 – 5:00 P M - Mrs. Jackson gave an update. Upon motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Kovas, Council voted [Unanimous] for Street Law 101 Session 3.

Discussion on Cancellation of Scheduled Council Meeting on December 28, 2020 – 5:00 P M.
Upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman King-Boyd, Council voted [Unanimous] to the Cancellation of Scheduled Council Meeting on December 28, 2020.

VI. Committee Report

YMCA Ad-hoc Committee

Approval of Minutes – December 16, 2020

Upon Motion made by Reid seconded by Councilwoman Reid, Council voted [6- Mayor Stringfellow, Mayor Pro Temp Angela Douglas, Councilwoman Kovas, Campbell, King-Boyd, Reid], to accept the Minutes as information; Opposes – none.

YMCA Board – Communicated Plans for YMCA Building

Discussions took place regarding the plans for the YMCA building.

With no further discussion, upon motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman King-Boyd, Council voted [Unanimous] for meeting to adjourn at 632 P M.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Barbara L. Haggray



SPECIAL CALLED CHESTER CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING

Monday, December 21, 2020

2nd Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83529492940>

VIRTUAL WEBINAR LINK:

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:15 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Wanda Stringfellow; Council Members Annie Reid, Susan Kovas, TaTanish Campbell, Robbie King-Boyd, and Mayor Pro Tempore Angela Douglas; Attorney LaTonya Edwards; Dr. Glenda Brown, Frances Hall; City Administrator Stephanie Jackson, and Human Resources Director Barbara L. Haggray.

ABSENT: Council Members Linda Tinker, Carlos Williams and William Killian

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P M. by Mayor Stringfellow; Quorum established.

II. PRAYER

Councilwoman Reid led Council in prayer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Stringfellow led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Identify Areas of Need for Citizens – Dr. Glenda Brown with Sisters Walking in Freedom

After - School Programming

Low Income Housing

Reading Program

Educating Consulting for Females in Justice System

Discussions were made on the topics listed above for citizens of the City of Chester, South Carolina. Dr. Glenn Brown that After School Programs are needed for the struggle of children. Ms. Frances Hall, Director of Charlotte Trade School is interested in opening a Vocational School on Main Street in similarity of trade school in Charlotte, North Carolina. She stated that she can help with the YMCA project with her resources.

With no further discussion, upon motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Kovas, Council voted [Unanimous] for meeting to adjourn at 7:17 P M.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Barbara L. Haggray.



SPECIAL CALLED CHESTER CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING

Thursday, January 7, 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, Carlos Williams, Annie Reid, Susan Kovas, Carlos Williams, Linda Tinker, Robbie King-Boyd, and Mayor Pro Tempore Angela Douglas; Attorney LaTonya Edwards; Attorney Joannie Winters, Marc Woods; City Administrator Stephanie Jackson, and Director of Human Resources Barbara L. Haggray.

ABSENT: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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

Ward One Seat Vacancy

Discussion were made regarding filing through the Election Commission due to the vacate seat in Ward One due to Councilman William Killian has vacated the seat. Special election will need to take place. Upon motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Campbell Council voted [8 - Mayor Stringfellow, Mayor Pro Temp Angela Douglas, Councilman Williams, Councilwoman Kovas, Tinker, Campbell, King-Boyd, Reid]; Opposes – none.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel Matter – Police Department

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Reid and seconded by Councilwoman Tinker, Council voted [Unanimous] to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter – Police Department. No action was taken.

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman Reid, Council voted [Unanimous] to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:50 pm.

With no further discussion, upon motion made by Councilwoman Kovas and seconded by Councilwoman Douglas, Council voted [Unanimous] for meeting to adjourn. Council meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Barbara L. Haggray