

**Chester City Council Meeting**  
**October 14, 2019**  
**Minutes**

PRESENT: Mayor Wanda Y. Stringfellow; Council Members Betty Bagley, Annie M. Reid, Angela Douglas, Susan Kovas, Carlos Williams and William Killian; City Attorney Edwards; City Administrator Jackson and HR Director/CMC Carla Roof.

ABSENT: Council Members William King, Linda Tinker.

Call to Order Public Hearing 2019-2029 Comprehensive Planning. Mayor Stringfellow called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30. Mr. Gallman presented and reviewed the Comprehensive Plan with Council and the public in attendance. Much discussion took place. Council thanked Mr. Gallman and the COG for presenting the plan.

Prayer: Councilwoman Reid led in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens Forum: No one present to speak.

Petitioners:

Mr. Donald Kingcaid – Community Christian College – Black Knights – Mr. Kingcaid stated that he is here today to bring awareness of a new football team here in the Carolinas. The students are being housed in Lancaster. They are taking online classes toward an associate degree while they are playing for the Black Knights. We currently play at Joe Collins Stadium and our record is currently 6-0. Mr. Kingcaid provided an information packet for Council's review. Discussion took place concerning grant funding and life scholarships. We are looking for a home base, housing, etc. We would like Council's support.

Mrs. Adams spoke to Council concerning her son's injury at the Joe Collins Stadium during a football game. She was asked to come and speak to Council. Her son received life threatening injuries. I am requesting that the program provide additional equipment and weight range requirements. EMS needs to be available during all the games. My son currently has 8 weeks of recovery. My son is 43lb. and a 122lb kid tackled him. The child that made the tackle is within the weigh requirement. There needs to be more protection and I would like for you to provide additional equipment. The accident took place on September 24, 2019. It was never brought to my attention to purchase this extra equipment; my husband and I was not athletic in school. I am asking for extra equipment for the kids. Due to the severity of this situation, the time limit was waived. I am working on getting EMS personnel at the games for the remainder of this year. Much discussion took place. Jackson stated that she has requested that Police be available at every game. Police protection is a direct order and needs to take place. Councilman Killian stated that officers and EMS needs to be put in place. The officers will be paid 30.00 an hour and Chief Jackson indicated that he will have one of his staff members available at the

games. EMS stated that it would be about 150.00. Mayor Stringfellow stated that we are mandating a member of the police department, fire and EMS personnel must be at every game.

Mr. Earl Moore – Census 2020 - Mr. Moore presented the 2020 Census to Council. Complete Count Committee is a Committee to make sure that all citizens are counted. The Census is confidential. It is 72 years before it is released. The Map - \$1,500, received per person that is counted. Mr. Moore indicated we have got to make this work in Chester County. The County of Chester needs to be 75% to make this work. Everyone matters! Mayor Stringfellow informed the young people in the audience that they can possibly make some money, depending on your age. You can make a difference. Mr. Moore stated you must be 18 or older to be hired and apply online today.

Ms. Elizabeth Rowe-Melodie Reid, Hazel Pittman Center ECHO Collation concerning youth VAPING in youth. A package of information was provided to Council and Several of the youth presented a program to Council. The youth proposed to Council to pass an ordinance concerning vaping. Mrs. Reid stated the ordinance will require business owners to clean up their store fronts and reduce vaping advertisements.

Special Recognitions – Councilman Williams stated that the City of Chester had three Junior scholars from Chester Middle School. Andrew Dalton Myers, Christian Howze and Jai'Den Stringfellow received special recognition for high academic achievements. Councilman Williams read the requirements to be a junior scholar. Councilman Williams presented a certificate and a gift card to each recipient.

#### Administrative Report

City of Chester Auction – Mrs. Jackson provided Council with an overview of the upcoming auction. This will be advertised on Facebook, website and local paper.

Grant Updates – Mrs. Jackson informed Council the 150,000.00 CDBG for the Pavilion is still under review.

Trails Grant - COG indicated this will be the last time to apply. This will update the Wylie Park Trails. An acceptance was approved, and Mrs. Jackson will be attending a meeting this week, by invitation only, to receive additional information. Discussion took place concerning a fee charged by the COG.

Hometown Economic Development Grant – This grant was submitted but did not get submitted by 5 pm. A lot was going on that week and my focus was taken from this application.

Councilman Williams left the meeting at 8:22 pm.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

First Reading Ordinance 2019-07 Sale of City of Chester Property – Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Councilman Killian second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Meet and Greet Date for Fire Chief – November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 5:30 pm.

HILLarity sponsored by CDDA – October 18-19, 2019 – Mayor Stringfellow requested that Councilwoman Bagley be the liaison for the City of Chester.

Railroad Tracks – Mayor Stringfellow – defer to the next meeting.

Triangulation System – Gunshot Detection Technology – Mayor Stringfellow Shootings within City - Mayor Stringfellow – Mayor Stringfellow stated that she has been reviewing triangulation Systems and would like to possibly do the same in our City. Chief Williams indicated he helped Skip Holbrook in Columbia get his system. The City of Chester is 3 miles, \$225,000.00 for the system in the City of Chester. Chief Williams stated there are several grants available for one year. The sensors determine if it is a firecracker or a firearm. The system is so detailed, it can tell what caliber was used. Chief stated that he has the information and will be glad to have the person to come and demonstrate. Public Safety will meet to review the grants with the deadline of December. Requested that Chief and the Administrator set up demonstrations. Discussion took place concerning working with the County.

Dawson Drive Street Lights – Mayor Stringfellow would like to pursue street lights going up Dawson Drive from Lands Tire up. The City needs to look at a lighting project, possibly using One Cent Sales Tax. Mrs. Jackson stated she would work on a cost estimate and will bring back to Council.

Christmas Parade – Mr. White stated that we are reaching out to businesses and getting people to sign up. Councilwoman Bagley stated that we should get a local Santa instead of hiring someone from outside.

Trunk-a-Treat – and Free Car Seats – Officer Tobias stated that she will be checking expiration dates on car seats and if they are out of date or if they have been involved in a crash, the police department will provide a new car seat. We will educate at the Trunk-a-Treat. October 25, 2019.

Opportunity Zone Summit – Mayor Pro Tempore Douglas provided Council with an update on the Summit. After much discussion, Mayor Pro Tempore Douglas stated that she will be doing 5 tours with investors by the end of the year.

National Women's Small Business Month - October is National Women's Small Business Month – Looking to reach out to women who own businesses and recognize them.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to convene in Executive Session at 9 pm, for discussion of Legal Advice – Zoning Ordinance 2010-01, Contractual Matter – Gadsden Street, Legal Advice – Recreation Sports, Personnel Matter – Finance Department. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilwoman Douglas opposed the motion.

Mayor Pro Tempore Douglas left at 10:37 pm.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session. Councilwoman Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. While in Executive Session, Council discussed Legal Advice – Zoning Ordinance 2010-01, Contractual Matter – Gadsden Street, Legal Advice – Recreation Sports, Personnel Matter – Finance Department. No action was taken.

With no further business, Councilwoman Kovas made a motion to adjourn at 10:51 pm. Councilwoman Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof