

Chester City Council Meeting
December 10, 2018, 6:30 pm
Minutes

Present: Mayor George Caldwell; Council Members Angela Douglas, Betty Bagley, Linda Tinker, Annie M. Reid, Susan Kovas, Carlos William; City Administrator Stephanie Jackson; City Attorney Edwards and HR Director Carla Roof.

Absent: Councilman King and Councilman Killian.

Prayer: Mayor Pro Tempore Reid led in prayer.

Citizens Forum - No one present to speak.

Approval of Minutes: September 10, 2018, September 24, October 22, 2018. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve as presented. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Petitioner: Melody Reid – Hazel Pittman Center – Mrs. Reid provided Council with a package concerning ECHO DUI Task Force concerning help prevent Prescription and over the counter Drug abuse. A grant was received, and several drop boxes have been purchased and placed throughout the county. This is an effort to help with prescription drug abuse. Explained to Council how the disposable bags work and how to flush. Eat Smart Move More – Mrs. Reid spoke to Council concerning this program. Meet me at the Market, access to healthy food and exercise. Thank you for the partnerships that Council has assisted with in the past. Councilwoman Douglas thanked Mrs. Reid the partnership Hazel Pitman provides.

Administrative Report

Years of Service – Mrs. Jackson and Mayor Caldwell presented a 5 year service award to David Ford, Public Works Department. Riley Cloud, Fire Department, 20 years of service. Mayor and Council thanked them for a job well done.

State Champions – Go Cyclones

CCYFL – Central District – Division Champions - Congratulations to CCYFL

CPST Track Project – One Cent Sales Tax Project – A representative from Keek & Wood met with Mrs. Jackson and received a final drawing. The next step will be to send the drawing to DHEC, Request to request funds from County.

2019 AAA Glidden Tour – 150 Antique Cars will be passing through Chester and would like to display them in Downtown Chester. September 21-28, 2019.

Holiday Schedule - Mrs. Jackson provided the 2019 Holiday Schedule for Council's review. After much discussion, Councilwoman Kovas made a motion to approve the 2019 holiday schedule. Councilwoman Douglas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2019-20 Budget Calendar – Mrs. Jackson provided Council with the budget calendar which will allow us to adopt our upcoming budget. This will allow Council an opportunity to meet with Department Heads and budget workshops. Councilwoman Tinker motion to adopt as presented. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business – Second Reading Ordinance 2018-07 Rezoning Property behind 1649 JA Cochran Bypass from HC to Multi-Family. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid stated this was the first reading and she withdrew her original motion at the last meeting. Mr. Giltner is the owner of the property and a company wants to purchase the property to build low income multi level apartments. The property must be zoned as multi-family before the first of the year to move forward with his project such as funding, etc. Mayor Caldwell read the ordinance as presented. Council requested that Mr. Giltner be present to Council at the second reading. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid made a motion to approve first reading of ordinance 2018-07 and requiring that someone come speak to council. The motion carried with Council Members Douglas, Williams and Tinker opposing.

Funding – Creative Economic Development Consulting – Mrs. Jackson informed Council that we will need to have Chester Development Association and County Economic Development to help with funding. Hospitality Funds should be the funding source with anticipation of grant funds as well.

Commission Appointments – Councilwoman Tinker made motion to accept the resignation of Kim Tricia Sanders, Planning Commission. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to reappoint David Jackson, Beth Harris, Ronald Canty, Mitchell Crosby and Karen Kerr to the Recreation Commission. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Naming of Market Building – Councilwoman Bagley indicated that she is a little confused concerning the naming of the Market. Councilwoman Bagley stated that previously the Market was named Chester Commercial Kitchen. Councilwoman Kovas stated that the entire building is named the Agricultural Business Center and the kitchen was named Chester Commercial Kitchen.

New Business - Proclamation - National Hospice and Palliative Care Month – Councilwoman Kovas read the proclamation as presented.

Public Works Holiday Schedule – Two Special Collection Days Per Year – Mrs. Jackson provided dates for Council. Mrs. Jackson indicated that you can drop off live trees during the week of Jan 2 through 7, 2019 at 405 Ashford Street, Chester, SC 29706. Trees will not be picked up on the curb. The city will have two special collection days in a year that we will pick up electronics and tires. January 16, 2019 and June 19, 2019, will be the special pickup dates for 2019. This information will be on the rollout hanger for all citizens. Councilman Williams wanted Mr. McBeth to explain what is done when non-residents drop off in the City. Mr. McBeth stated that the police department will be notified in the event this occurs.

Executive Session – Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to go into executive Session at 7:31 pm, for Legal Advice for City Improvement Projects – Attorney Kozlarek, Legal Matter- Contract Public Defender, Contractual Mater – Employee Assistance Program, Personnel Matter – Safety Incentive – Carla Roof – City Administrative Jackson. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried with Douglas and Caldwell opposing.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:25 pm. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. While in Executive Session, Council discussed Legal Advice for City Improvement Projects – Attorney Kozlarek, Legal Matter- Contract Public Defender, Contractual Matter – Employee Assistance Program, Personnel Matter – Safety Incentive – Carla Roof – City Administrative Jackson. No action was taken.

Councilwoman Kovas made a motion to allow Administrator Jackson to enter into a contract with Saluda Center, Employee Assistance Program. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Kovas made a motion to approve a safety incentive for full time employees who have worked 6 months or more a \$100.00 incentive pay and part time employees who have worked 6 months or more a \$50.00 incentive pay. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

With no further business, Mayor Pro Tempore Reid made a motion to adjourn at 8:27 pm. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof