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**City Council Meeting**

**June 26, 2023 – 6:30 pm**

**In Person**

**Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Carlos Williams. Members of Council: Wade Young, Tabatha Strother, Dave Claytor, Jamie Price, Ursula Boyd-Crosby, Danielle Hughes, Tony Nelson, and Robbie King-Boyd

**ABSENT:**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams at 6:30 pm.

**Roll Call**

9 Present at the time of roll call (8 In Person) and (1 virtually, Hughes)

**Prayer**

Councilwoman Strother offered prayer.

**Pledge**

Council recited The Pledge of Allegiance and The Civility Pledge.

**New Business**

**Approval of Minutes**

Councilwoman Strother made a motion to accept the minutes with necessary changes. Councilwoman Nelson second the motion. The motion passed unanimous (9-0)

**City Administrator’s Report – Information Only**

City Administrator, Malik Whitaker presented the City Administrator’s Report as information only. No action was taken.

**Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-05 Budget Ordinance**

Councilwoman Strother made a motion to accept second reading of Ordinance 2023-05 *Budget Ordinance*. Councilman Young second the motion. The motion passed unanimous (9-0).

**Consideration of Ordinances and Resolution**

*Special Events Committee Policy*

Councilwoman Strother made a motion to accept the Special Events Committee Policy. Councilman Young second the motion. The motion passed unanimous (9-0).

*City Administrator’s Updates*

City Administrator Malik Whitaker provided an update on the following:

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

*City of Chester Audited Financials Presentation*

Mr. Will Wall of Love Bailey and Associates, LLC. presented City Council with the audit of the financial statements. *No action was taken*.

*Equipment and technology funding request*

City Administrator Whitaker presented a memorandum requesting fund from ARPA fund for:

*Public Works* - $61,500 to purchase a software system that will automate code enforcement, building permits, and business license. Implementation cost is $27,500, and annual software cost is $34,000.

*Parks & Recreation* - $300,000 in ARPA funds to purchase a new HVAC system for the pool room at the City Aquatic & Fitness Center.

*Public Safety (Police)* - $57,500 in ARPA Funds to purchase camera with automated license plate recognition technology (ALPR). $49,000 to purchase a subscription-based gunfire locator service.

Councilman Price made a motion to accept Memorandum to use ARPA funds to purchase cameras and gunshot locator. Councilman Claytor second the motion. The vote was as follows: 7 in favor: (Williams, Young, Strother, Claytor, Hughes, Nelson, Price), 1 opposed: (King-Boyd), and 1sustained: (Boyd-Crosby). The motion carried.

*Mainstreet SC/Training*

City Administrator Whitaker presented the Council with information regarding Mainstreet SC – America. He provided a background Mainstreet and the application process. Councilwoman Strother provided additional information. No action was taken.

*Commission Profile Form*

City Administrator Whitaker presented a revised copy of the Commission Profile form.

With no other business, Councilwoman Strother made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was second by Councilwoman Hughes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marquita Fair

Municipal Clerk