

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 12, 2020**

**MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER**

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Chester was held on the above date at 10:09am with Mayor Thaddeus Kirkland presiding. A prayer was said followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called and the following were present:

Elizabeth Williams
William Morgan
William "Al" Jacobs
Mayor Thaddeus Kirkland
Portia West (**Absent**)

On motion of Councilor Jacobs, seconded by Councilor Morgan, the minutes of the previous meetings were approved as submitted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

Mayor Kirkland asked if anyone had emailed or called in any comments on Agenda items only.

Ken Schuster, City Solicitor says I have one email. He then reads an email from Tyrone Grobes (see attachment #1).

Mayor Kirkland says Mr. Grobes; if you're listening this is not a punishment to have parking meters in certain areas throughout the City. It is something that is done throughout many municipalities, as a matter of fact; all of the municipalities surrounding the City of Chester have parking meters. Secondly, I want you to know that whoever the person was that wasn't recognized, I respond to each and every call in a timely fashion. I'd be more than glad to talk to that individual again if they are willing to put in a call today we'd be more than glad to talk to them again. The Parking Authority is headed up by Mr. Erwin Lanier and if you would like to call City Hall, 610-447-7700, we can connect you to Mr. Lanier, he is the Director of the Parking Authority and all your inquiries can go to him and he should be able to answer any and all inquiries and questions concerning the parking in that area. It always has been a problem with Crozer... a problem that hopefully we can correct in the near future.

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Resolutions.

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby ratify the action of the Mayor of the City of Chester in the declaration of a weather emergency for the event which occurred on August 4, 2020, in directing the Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate and direct all activities of the emergency response and to take all action deemed necessary to respond to the emergency, pursuant to Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 PA C.S. Section 7501).

On motion of Councilor Jacobs, seconded by Councilor Morgan, the above Resolution was adopted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby authorize the Department of Accounts and Finance to refund the stated sums, to the listed individuals on the attached sheet, which represents reimbursement for the cancellation of events in the Community Room due to COVID-19 disaster declaration.

On motion of Councilor Jacobs, seconded by Councilor Morgan, the above Resolution was adopted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does approve and order payment of a series of bills and refunds as prepared by the Department of Accounts and Finance and as shown on Expenditure Approval List dated July 31, 2020, attached hereto and made a part hereof, subject to approval from the Department of Accounts and Finance.

On motion of Councilor Jacobs, seconded by Councilor Morgan, the above Resolution was adopted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

Proclamation – See attachment #2

B & C's Restaurant

Councilman Morgan says the City of Chester Business Grant Program has thus far 10 Business Applicants. As for the Grant it has been extended to August 14 for the Small Businesses in the City of Chester. Just make sure you all take advantage of that opportunity if you have been hurting or suffering because of COVID with not lost revenue but the struggle to keep up with payroll, to keep your lights/electricity, your water running within your business. The opportunity is here for you to potentially retrieve some financial support for COVID related expenses. You can go on the City of Chester's Website to print out the application and bring it them back into CEDA (Chester Economic Development Authority) and the deadline is August 14.

Mayor Kirkland says I want to personally thank our First Responders our Fire Fighters in particularly for their response to the storm this just past week. A number of our Police and Fire Fighter Personnel were in the area called Park Manor and they provided relief to those persons whose homes were flooded. We appreciate their service and their commitment. That was a rough time...seems like every 10 years that a flood comes through there. But I appreciate all the hard work of our Fire Fighters who were down there making sure that the Residents were safe. Also, I appreciate the hard work of our Police Officers. There was a crime committed a few days ago and it's because of the response from the Residents that our Officers are able to solve these crimes. When people are willing to step up and speak up it makes our Community a safer place. So I appreciate all the hard work our Law Enforcement personnel were able to solve these crimes that had happened over the weekend. We appreciate them and job well done. We've been working with the Stormwater Authority, the City and the Stormwater Authority partnered, we will have dumpsters on both the West end and East end of the City...two separate weeks. They'll start next week. There will be six dumpsters on the West Side or one of those sides and then the following week we will put six dumpsters on the opposite side of the City. We are trying to give our Residents an opportunity to get rid of some of the debris that has been just mounting up because of the COVID problem that we have throughout our Country and beyond. So, next week and the following week those dumpsters will be in place. We are asking that once we get rid of this debris/discard this debris we are asking our Residents a very simple thing and that is maybe step outside in front of your own home every now and then, take a broom/rake/shovel and sweep up in front of our very own homes. The goal is to make sure that we take care of our Community. It is OUR responsibility as citizens as well as Government to keep our Community looking clean. So that is the request.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS VIA EMAIL OR PHONE

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUST 12, 2020

Candice Thompson, City Clerk