

**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 10:08am 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
Portia West
William "Al" Jacobs
Mayor Thaddeus Kirkland

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

Mayor Kirkland asked if anyone in the audience had any comments on Agenda items only.

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Resolutions.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the following individual has requested a handicapped parking zone:

1. Shirley Ann Welden, 409 Highland Avenue, Chester, PA 19013

WHEREAS, after a thorough investigation by the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, it has been determined that the aforementioned individual has met all of the required criteria and has a need for said handicapped parking zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby authorize the proper City officials to install a handicapped parking zone in the 400 Block of Highland Avenue, in the City of Chester.

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

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby authorize the proper City official to submit an application to Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), Transportation & Community Development Initiative (TCDI) to participate in a feasibility study to relocate the Highland Avenue SEPTA train station.

FURTHER, DVRPC requires acknowledgement of the 20% match requirement for this grant.

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

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby appoint Melissa A. Lovett, Esquire, who is learned in law and is a duly qualified member of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, be and is hereby appointed to the position of Assistant City Solicitor, Solicitor's Office, Department of Public Affairs, effective March 16, 2020.

FURTHER, she shall receive a salary as provided in the Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

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

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby reappoint Catherine A. Feminella, as a member of the Chester Housing Authority Board, term to expire December 31, 2024.

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Morgan, the above Resolution was adopted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, 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 February 24, 2020, attached hereto and made a part hereof, subject to approval from the Department of Accounts and Finance.

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

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Ordinances.

**BILL NO. 2
ORD. 2, 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE
LAST AND FINAL READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER,
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY SUBSECTION
503.09 ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION AND
ADJUDICATION OF PARKING VIOLATIONS"
OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY
OF CHESTER, 1978, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND
AMENDED, REPLACING IT WITH A NEW
SUBSECTION 503.09 TO REMOVE
INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS OF PARKING
PENALTIES; REVISE NOTICE PROVISIONS;**

**REMOVE HEARINGS BY TELEPHONE AND
FOR WRITTEN TESTIMONY; REMOVE
VIOLATION DESCRIPTIONS AND PENALTY;
PROVIDE FOR IMMOBILIZATION AND
TOWING; AND REPEALING ALL
ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES
INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.**

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Morgan, Bill No. 2, 2020 was passed on its Last Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

Public Comment

Martha Lee, Health Educator says **(see attached)**.

Amin Abdul Salim, 242 Patterson Street says rise for your innocence. The believers will win. Jesus said (inaudible) belongs to the soul. I just want to make a believer out of you and a quick illusion to be on our guard. He is going to vest in you. Don't be fooled by this so called economic. Don't let false hope (inaudible). Educate the poor woman's child.

Kevin Richard, U.S. Census Bureau says in and around the City of Chester needs Census takers beginning April 1. For each person that is not accounted for it can cost about \$2,000 a year for 10 years. Population information is critical for the funding needed for roads, schools, local, state and county government, etc. The pay starts at \$19.50 and you can work a minimum of 20 hours or up to 40 hours a week. It will end in August possibly the end of September. The information is confidential and we will only publish the data collected. **Everyone must be counted in the household (infants on up).**

Mayor Kirkland says the census is very important. Like the gentlemen said in order for us to get the financial benefits that we need here in the City everyone needs to be accounted for.

Mayor Kirkland says keep the family members of Reverend Calvin Williams, Ms. Peggy Charleston and Mujahid Fareed in prayer.

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25am.

Respectfully submitted,

FEBRUARY 26, 2020

Candice Thompson, City Clerk