

**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 10:04am 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.

Barry Owens, I'm here to represent and give a little information about the Willie Bowman Contracting Concrete and Construction Company. It's troubling when you go pass and see other contractor's getting all this work. So what I want to do is give you a list of the references we had actually done work for in the past and present. At the same time I need somebody to lead me to the bidding process or whoever takes care of these entities as were we can start bidding on some of this work.

Mayor Kirkland says whenever we put out contractor bids they are always advertised.

Mr. Owens says in the paper.

Mayor Kirkland says yes.

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Resolutions.

RESOLUTION

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

1. Alton Loper, 901 Lincoln Street, 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 900 Block of Lincoln Street, 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 Department of Accounts and Finance to refund the sum of \$1,647.87 to Chester Acquisitions, PO Box 531, Chester, PA 19016, which represents overpayment of 2019 Real Estate taxes for the property located at 2126 West 4th Street, Chester, PA 19013.

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 Thomas Geromichalos to the position of Patrol Officer, Chester Police Department, Department of Public Affairs, effective January 27, 2020, with a one (1) year probationary period. On a full time basis, with all benefits applicable thereto, at the salary range provided in the Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

FURTHER, said Patrol Officer is required to reside in the City of Chester for the first five (5) years of employment and must submit proof of residency to the Human Resources Department within 3 months of this date of hire. Thereafter they may maintain their residence within 50 miles of City Hall.

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 prepare the specifications for the advertisement for bids for the following:

1. Sale of Used Vehicles and Equipment through Muncibid;
2. Barry Bridge Park Dock Upgrades;
3. Barry Bridge Park Pergola;
4. Highland Avenue and Township Line Road Traffic Signal Upgrades; and
5. DF-19-60B Delaware County Demolition Program – 2020 Chester City Demolition Contract #1

FURTHER, that it does hereby authorize the City Clerk to advertise the aforementioned bids.

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

WHEREAS, bids for the sale of a 2017 International Camel 900 Sewer Vacuum Truck were being received from December 13, 2019 through January 15, 2020 on Muncibid; and

WHEREAS, seven (7) bids were received and they are all hereby rejected as said bids were below the reserve amount.

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

That it does hereby accept all of the recommendations provided by the City Engineer and does hereby authorize the City Clerk to re-advertise the sale of a 2017 International Camel 900 Sewer Vacuum Truck, in accordance with the revisions as recommended by the City Engineer.

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 accept the bid received through Municibid for the purchase of a 1993 International (SWAT) Truck, for which the winning bid was received on January 15, 2020, be and it is hereby awarded to Carmine Pignatora, at the responsible price of Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-six Dollars (\$2,666.00).

FURTHER, it does hereby authorize the proper City official to take all necessary actions for the proper sale of the aforementioned item as required by Municibid.

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 grant permission and authorize the issuance of a road opening permit to PECO for the installation of 3,675 linear feet of gas main, on the following streets within the City of Chester, in accordance with the documents on file in the City Engineer's Office:

1. State Route 3005 - Flower Street
2. State Route 0291 - Route 291
3. W. 7th Street
4. W. 6th Street

FURTHER, said permit is contingent upon all work being performed in a manner that is satisfactory to City Council and PECO's compliance with all of the following conditions as outlined by the City Engineer.

1. PECO performs a half width mill and overlay on City streets upon completion of the work. However, some work may require a full width mill and overlay depending on the extend of the openings.
2. All work that impacts sidewalks within City R.O.W.'s shall be replaced with new concrete sidewalks and ADA Accessible Curb Ramps where required by the City Engineer.
3. PECO contractor provides traffic control flaggers to ensure a continuous operation of City Streets.
4. The PECO main installation along Flower Street will impact the operation of the Soccer Stadium on game days. PECO will need to coordinate and have contingencies within their contract so that work will not take place on game days and roadways will be 100% operational.
5. PECO will need to obtain a Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) from PENNDOT.

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

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2017, Chester City Council approved the installation of Gas Main by PECO throughout various locations within the City; and

WHEREAS, PECO desires to compensate the City in lieu of final road restoration of milling and overlay for those locations; and

WHEREAS, the City plans to add these locations to its road program administered in conjunction with the Chester Economic Development Authority.

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

That it does hereby authorize the proper City official to execute the necessary documents for the acceptance of payment in lieu of road restoration, milling and overlaying, which was to be performed by PECO for the following locations:

1. Parker Street from 12th to 9th;
2. 10th Street from Kerlin Street to Fulton Street;
3. Fulton Street from 10th to 9th Street; and
4. 11th Street from Kerlin Street to Parker Streets.

FURTHER, that the aforementioned locations shall be included in the City's road program administered in conjunction with the Chester Economic Development Authority.

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 grant permission and authorize the issuance of a road opening permits to the Chester Stormwater Authority for the installation of approximately 1,800 linear feet of porous panels at the following locations within the City of Chester:

1. 9th Street
2. Flower Street from W. Front Street to Delaware Avenue
3. Highland Avenue from Front Street to Cherry Street

FURTHER, said permit is contingent upon all work being performed in a manner that is satisfactory to City Council and the Chester Stormwater Authority's compliance with all of the following conditions as outlined by the City Engineer.

1. The Chester Stormwater Authority shall perform a full width mill and overlay upon at the 9th Street location and half width mill and overlay at the other above referenced locations upon completion of work;
2. The Chester Stormwater Authority shall apply for a curb permit to replace all concrete curb that is disturbed as part of the project in accordance with City codes; and
3. The Chester Stormwater Authority's contractor shall provide traffic control flaggers to ensure continuous operation of City streets.

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

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2019, Chester City Council approved the Final Land Development for Mark Ryan to Subdivide 1 parcel into 4 separate parcels, and construct 2 semi-detached dwellings located at 701 East 19th Street, Chester, PA 19013; and

WHEREAS, said plans were not recorded within 90 days of Municipal Approval; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2019, Chester City Council approved a 90 day extension for the plan to be recorded.

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

That in accordance with recommendations of the Chester City Planning Commission dated February 13, 2019, and reviewed by the Delaware County Planning Commission on January 17, 2019, it does hereby grant final land development approval for Mark Ryan to subdivide one parcel into four separate parcels and construct 2 semi-detached dwellings located at 701 East 19th Street, Chester, PA 19013; and as shown on a plan prepared by Pennoni Associates Inc., located at One South Church Street, 2nd Floor, West Chester, PA 19382; dated December 20, 2018.

FURTHER, that it does hereby grant an additional 90 day extension.

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 January 3, 2020 and January 17, 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.

Public Comment

Asia Johnson, Boys & Girls Club, Chester, says on January 27th we'll be having our Annual Drug Free Communities Coalition Meeting from 5:30p to 7:30p. All is welcome.

Amin Abdul Salim, 242 Patterson Street says God says "he has much has given is much expected' from God and from people too. If our Lord has given us good of everything and mercy for all we certainly want to work with it. We left from the old year. Old acquaintances have been forgotten. So leave it there. Let it go! We are not always ready for things to go. We want to keep moving. 2020 we are going to have a lot to plant.

Mayor Kirkland recognizes Officer Thomas Geromichalos. It has been stated on Facebook that many bids have...persons who have come to the City and want to work in the City are getting the opportunities to bid on certain jobs and the residents, persons that live in this area are not. That is totally untrue. We put our bids in the paper at all times. As a matter of fact, the person who I consider a friend that put the post up has had an awful lot of work here in the City of Chester and here in City Hall. So I'm kind of a little disappointed in that. That's why I try to tell folks if they spend more time putting their face in the book instead of their face on the book get a whole lot more done and you can also find out the truth.

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

Respectfully submitted,

JANUARY 22, 2020

Candice Thompson, City Clerk