

**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
Portia West
William "Al" Jacobs
Mayor Thaddeus Kirkland

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Morgan, the minutes of the previous meetings were approved as submitted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, 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 Margaret Johnson (see attachment).

Mayor Kirkland says Ms. Johnson; if you're listening we would be more than glad to set up a meeting opportunity with you. I will have Ms. Denise Stanback, my Administrative Assistant, reach out to you. If we don't have your number we would ask that you reach out to us so that we can set up the meeting. We appreciate your willingness to work along with this Administrative and help all of us make our City a better place to live, to grow and to play.

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Resolutions.

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby amend the following Resolution, passed by Chester City on April 22, 2020, to read as follows:

That it does hereby grant permission and authorize the issuance of a road opening permit to Comcast Cable for the installation of 7,940' of new conduit at the following locations:

1. 4th and Avenue of the States to 6th and Avenue of the States;
2. 5th Street to a point 168' East of Avenue of the States; and
3. Edgmont Avenue from 113' South of 5th Street and to 260' North of 5th Street

FURTHER, additional work includes the following:

1. Twenty-nine (29) 2' x 3' Vaults within City sidewalk areas;
2. Overhead wiring on existing utility poles

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

1. Comcast provides engineering plans that are completed to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.
2. Comcast obtains a road opening, sidewalk and curb permits from the City of Chester Streets Department.
3. Comcast provides a Traffic Control Plan in accordance with PENNDOT Publication 213.
4. Comcast will be required to replace damaged brick paver crosswalks completely in accordance with City Standards.
5. Comcast replaces all concrete and brick paver sidewalks that are disturbed as part of the construction work.

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 ratify the appointment of the following named individuals to the position of Apprentice Firemen, Bureau of Fire, Department of Public Safety, effective July 20, 2020, with all benefits applicable thereto, at the salary range as provided for a first year Apprentice, in accordance with the contract between the City of Chester and International Association of Firefighters, Local 1400.

Jamiel L. Church
Mohammed J. Anding
Ronald E. Thompson
Emanuel G. Delva
Andre D. Grant

FURTHER, said individuals are required to reside in the City of Chester for the first five (5) years of their employment. Any firefighter not residing in the City of Chester must do so within (3) months of their date of hire as a permanent employee, and must submit proof of residency to the Human Resources Department.

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 Solicitor's Office to prepare a thirty (30) day Notice of Termination of the Management Agreement between the City of Chester and Worrell Real Estate Services for the property located at 140-160 E. 7th 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 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 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 July 16, 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.

Swearing-In - Apprentice Fireman

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Fire Commissioner Rigby recognizes Lieutenant Jesse Scott from the Philadelphia Fire Academy.

Councilman Morgan says right now there is a 2020 Census going around and we want to make sure that everybody registers and input their information for the 2020 Census. July 23 the Census Team will be at the Stinson Towers 10a-12p and also on July 24 the Census Team will be at the Palmer House 10a-12p. In regards to the Small Business Grant Program; I would like to thank State Representative Brian Kirkland and Ms. Antoinette Truehart of Entrepreneurs Works. We were on a virtual call meeting last week where we spoke about the City of Chester's small business grant opportunities. We gave out all the information for the qualifications and the way to go about for the application and everything that you will need. State Representative also spoke about the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's opportunities for small businesses as well. If you have forgotten or did not make that meeting, we still have it on the City of Chester's Facebook page. If you have some questions that might be able to be answered may have been answered through that video. Also it is on the City of Chester's website at chestercity.com. We have a link there that will take you directly to our small business grant program opportunity. The maximum amount that you can be approved for is \$5,000.00. You must be a small business within the City of Chester. You have to have no more than five employees within your business. You must be for profit and you must be registered and up on your business taxes within the City of Chester. Please take advantage of this opportunity and other opportunities that present themselves from Delaware County or from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Councilwoman West says I would like to thank Chester residents for your patience with our trash and refuse pick-up. A lot of areas have been missed for maybe weeks at a time. My staff and I met with management people from J.P. Mascaro and we asked them for a contingency plan of how they are going to move forward and try to do a better job in getting the trash and also the recycle. I do know that trash has been picked up late in the day or not at all. The supervisor, Mr. Tim DiGregorio, has been wonderful to work with and whenever we call about our issues he's always ready to go out and try to rectify the situation. Because of the COVID-19 situation they've had staffing issues. I would also like for you to know that J.P. Mascaro is looking for people from Chester to hire. So if you know of anyone that is looking for employment, we would like to work through our Workforce Development and you can contact the Mayor's Office.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS VIA EMAIL OR PHONE

Mayor Kirkland says I want to thank all of those for their attendance and sent up their prayers for the Alston Family concerning the passing of Former Police Commissioner Darren Alston, Sr. We just thank all of you that continue to keep the family lifted up in prayer during this time of bereavement for them. Just for our records there has been a number of times...something being said in the newspaper that is incorrect and then said again in certain periodicals. It was stated in the Daily Times that we provide Harrah's Casino with almost half a million dollars each year to Harrah's Casino. That's not true. Harrah's Casino provides to the City of Chester 10-13 million dollars annually. If they want to get the story straight they might want to pick up the phone and call me and find out what the facts really are. It's just that simple.

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:44am.

Respectfully submitted,

JULY 22, 2020

Candice Thompson, City Clerk