

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 10, 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 7:05pm 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
Portia West
William "Al" Jacobs
Mayor Thaddeus Kirkland
William Morgan (**absent**)

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Jacobs, the minutes of the previous meetings were approved as submitted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, 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 this meeting was published in the Delaware County Daily Times as well as posted on the website in terms of the recommendations of the Office of Open Records on how to conduct remote meetings during the pandemic. The public is permitted to email the City and as of 9:45a there were no emails received by Aigner Cleveland, Press Secretary, who conducts that email. In addition we have provided a telephone number, 610-447-7700 ext. 7951, which permits the public to call in. He then reads the one (1) email received for today's meeting. (See attachment)

Mayor Kirkland says thank you Ms. Turner for your comments and your commitment to the City of Chester and hoping and praying that your Mom is doing well at her current residence. There will be a platform. We are looking at how we can bring together residents who want to contribute positively to the City of Chester. Our community is just like many other communities throughout this Commonwealth and throughout this Country. We go through our crisis and we go through our ups and downs but collectively we come together and make positive strides here in the community of Chester. We look forward to touching basis with you. You will be hearing from Ms. Cleveland, our Communications Director, in the very near future as we set up some meeting opportunities for various community members to be a part of Chester moving forward.

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Resolutions.

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

The Stormwater Authority of the City of Chester is proposing to construct stormwater infrastructure within the City of Chester that includes the following:

1. Stormwater Management Piping
2. Stormwater Inlets and Manholes
3. New Stormwater Outfall at Chester Creek
4. Stormwater Tree Pits
5. Stormwater Porous Panels

The locations of improvements are as follows:

- Parker Street through Private Property to Chester Creek
- Parker Street from W. 11th to W. 12th Streets
- W. 12th Street from Kerlin to Parker Streets
- W. 11th Street from Parker to Kerlin Streets
- W. 7th Street from Fulton to Penn Streets

FURTHER, the Stormwater Authority of the City of Chester shall obtain road opening permits.

EVEN FURTHER, the City does authorize a waiver of the half mill and overlay requirement for this project.

On motion of Councilor Jacobs, seconded by Councilor Williams the above Resolution was adopted.

Mayor Kirkland says Mr. Solicitor does this project cost the City any finances.

Ken Schuster, City Solicitor says no, your Honor. This project is 100% funded by Penn Vest (inaudible) to Stormwater Authority at zero cost to the City.

Mayor Kirkland says in that area a many of persons lost their homes to flooding on various occasions on the other side of 11th and 12th Street. They had to relocate and many of them moved out of the City of Chester which means we lost home ownership in this Community. Our goal is to make sure that we don't end up in that situation again. We want to encourage folks to come to Chester... move to Chester...purchase homes in Chester and live in Chester. This project will alleviate that and make sure that we don't have to go through that same horror once again.

The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0 Abstain: West.

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby ratify the recall of Joy Taylor, with an update to her employment status from laid-off to a full-time work schedule.

FURTHER, that it does hereby transfer Joy Taylor from the position of Constituent Services/Event Coordinator, Mayor's Office, Department of Public Affairs, to the position of Deputy Controller, Controller's Office, Department of Accounts and Finance, with a thirty (30) day probationary period, with all benefits applicable thereto, effective May 25, 2020, at the salary range as provided in the Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

EVEN FURTHER, said recall and transfer is in accordance with the approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Jacobs the above Resolution was adopted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, 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 April 27, May 5, May 21, and June 8, 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 Jacobs, the above Resolution was adopted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, West, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

Ken Schuster says the call in number again, 610-447-7700 ext. 7951.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS VIA EMAIL OR PHONE

Mayor Kirkland says we'd like to thank you all for your participation by way of Zoom, FB or other methods of technology. To the Chester Community, I am appreciative of how our Community has conducted itself during this crisis. To the George Floyd Family and others who have gone through extremely painful situations and losing loved ones our prayers and our thoughts go out to them. I am so proud of the Chester Community and the hard work they have put together in preserving not only our properties, our businesses but having the fortitude to have conversations with one another and we will continue to have conversations as we move forward Mayor and Council will be included in those conversations. Council and I would like to congratulate the CLASS OF 2020. It is a year that they will never forget and neither will we. We are grateful for your tenacity and just your willingness to be steadfast and unmovable when it comes to your education.

Councilwoman West says I would like to thank the Chester Community for your patience with us, with the Streets Department as we attempt to clean-up those areas where we have illegal dumping and housing clean-outs. There's also a lot of trash and debris. I have four people that are working so hard to do the best job that they can in collecting the bulk trash and then JP Mascaro, the vendor, is picking up the regular trash and the recycle. I had someone call me tonight before the meeting about grass cutting in their area and I had to explain to them that I don't have a grass cutting crew but we will try to think up some creative and innovative things by which we can maybe accommodate some areas with the grass cutting. We are working on that. I just want to thank Carol Allen Foster for her encouraging words before I came to my meeting tonight. It was very encouraging. She wanted to encourage Mayor and Council for the work that we're doing in spite of the crisis we've been facing with the pandemic. Thank you so much for your love and your support.

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

JUNE 10, 2020

Candice Thompson, City Clerk