

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 25, 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 10:12am 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**)

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

Ken Schuster, City Solicitor says (see attached).

Mayor Kirkland says this Council, the Solicitor and City Clerk are practicing safe distancing for this Council Meeting to make sure we are in compliance.

Ken Schuster, City Solicitor says I have not received any phone calls and Aigner Cleveland, Press Secretary has not received any emails.

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 disaster emergency, for the event which began on March 16, 2020, and continuing until such time said emergency no longer exist within the City of Chester, in directing the Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate and direct all activities of the emergency responses 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 Morgan, seconded by Councilor Jacobs, the above Resolution was adopted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chester desires to amend the Fiscal Year 2019 Action Plan in connection with the Community Development Block Grant Program to provide funding for the remediation/demolition of the former Pulaski School property, located on W. 7th Street between Booth and Grace Streets; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to reprogram \$150,000.00 from the Fiscal year 2019 Scattered Site Demolition Project and \$150,000.00 from unprogrammed and unused Fiscal Year 2018 prior year funds to the Pulaski School remediation/Demolition Project; and

WHEREAS, the intended reuse of the site is for the construction of a new Community Center that will be available to Chester residents on a City-wide basis; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing to discuss such Amendment was duly advertised on February 17, 2020, and held on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate period for public review and acceptance of comments has been provided, and City Council has reviewed all comments received on the proposed Amendment.

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

That it does hereby approve the amendment of the Fiscal Year 2019 Action Plan to reprogram \$150,000.00 from the Fiscal Year 2019 Scattered Site Demolition Project and \$150,000.00 from unprogrammed and unused Fiscal Year 2018 prior year funds to the Pulaski School Remediation/Demolition Project.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chester ("Applicant") desires to undertake the project, "Highland Avenue East Coast Greenway Connector" ("Project Title"); and

WHEREAS, the applicant desires to receive from the Department of Conservation and natural Resources ("Department") a grant for the purpose of carrying out this project; and

WHEREAS, the application package includes a document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant"; and

WHEREAS, the applicant understands that the contents of the document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant", including appendices referred to therein, will become the terms and conditions of a Grant Agreement between the applicant and the Department if the applicant is awarded a grant; and

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

1. The grant application may be electronically signed on behalf of the applicant by "Nafis Nichols" who at the time of signing, has a Title of Chief Financial Officer" and the email address of nnichols@chestercity.com.
2. If the Official signed the Grant Application Electronic Authorization prior to the passage of this Resolution, this grant of authority applies retroactively to the date of signing.
3. If the applicant is awarded a grant, the Grant Application Electronic Authorization, signed by the above Official, will become the applicant/grantee's executed signature page for the Grant Agreement, and the applicant/grantee will be bound by the Grant Agreement.
4. Any amendment to the Grant Agreement may be signed on behalf of the grantee by the Official who, at the time of signing of the amendment, has the "Title" specified in paragraph 1 and the grantee will be bound by the amendment.

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

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Ordinances.

**BILL NO. 3
ORD. 3, 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE
LAST AND FINAL READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER,
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF
CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE
VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF
CHESTER.**

On motion of Councilor Morgan, seconded by Councilor Jacobs, Bill No. 3, 2020 was passed on its Last Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS VIA EMAIL OR PHONE

Mayor Kirkland says I would like to thank the Chester Community for their support and help as we go through this crisis. We appreciate the fact that they have been complying with these laws that have been brought forth. We also want to continue with the safe practices of safe distancing from one another. Also, staying home and only going out for essentials definitely needed. We want our Community to continue to be safe and if anyone feels themselves as being sick please make sure that be tested. Be safe!

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:23am.

Respectfully submitted,

MARCH 25, 2020

Candice Thompson, City Clerk