

**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 7:10pm 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 the call in number is 610-447-7700 ext. 7951.

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Resolutions.

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 the following bid:

Traffic Signal Maintenance

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

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, Educational Data Systems, Inc. entered into a Lease Agreement with the City of Chester, dated November 7, 2002, for the lease of approximately 2,684+/- square feet of space at the premise known as 160 E. 7th Street; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 1 to the Lease, expanded the lease space to include an additional 4,023 square feet for a term to coincide with the existing lease and subject to the terms and conditions of existing lease; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 2 to the Lease, allowed for the temporary lease of an additional 2,382 square feet of usable space in "as is" condition, beginning October 1, 2017 and ending November 30, 2017.

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

That it does hereby authorize the proper City official to execute an amendment to the current Lease Agreement between the City of Chester and Educational Data Systems, Inc., for the lease of space on the first floor consisting of approximately 8,990 square feet (rentable space); and the lease of additional space on the first floor, consisting of approximately 1,320 square feet pursuant to the outlined terms and conditions.

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 amend the Resolution passed by Chester City Council on August 26, 2020 to read as follows:

That it does hereby authorize the Department of Accounts and Finance to refund the sum of \$19,060.00 to Gregory Tucker, which represents escrow refund for the repair of damages sustained to the property located at 230 East 22nd 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

WHEREAS, by virtue of a Resolution adopted July 24, 2002, the Council of the City of Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, declared its intent to follow the schedules and procedures for the disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with ACT 428 of 1968, each individual act of disposition shall be approved by Resolution of the Council of the City of Chester;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, in accordance with the above cited Municipal Records Manual, hereby ratifies the authorization of the disposition of the following public records:

Department of Public Affairs – Solicitor's Office

Purchase Orders 2000-2009
Purchase Contracts 1996-2002
Resolution Requests 2004-2008

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 Dr. Lewis M. Hunt-Irving as a member of the Chester City Board of Health, to replace Dr. Christopher Hannum, term to expire, in accordance with 53 P.S. § 37302.

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Morgan, the above Resolution was adopted.

Mayor Kirkland says I just want to thank Dr. Christopher Hannum for all his service on our Health Board, his leadership and his expertise and dedication to that Board was second to none. We appreciate all the hard work and effort that he

put into it and we salute him as he moves forward in another endeavor working with one of our partners here in the City of Chester.

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 the Delaware County Demolition Program, Blighted Property Demolition Fund to obtain funds for the demolition of the following properties:

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Folio Number</u>
1. 629 W. 6 th Street,	Folio No. 49-07-00367-00
2. 500 Kerlin Street,	Folio No. 49-07-01355-00
3. 502 Kerlin Street,	Folio No. 49-07-01356-00
4. 211 Ivy Street,	Folio No. 49-08-00803-01
5. 213 Ivy Street,	Folio No. 49-08-00811-00
6. 2215 W. 3 rd Street,	Folio No. 49-10-00255-00
7. 300 Woodrow Street,	Folio No. 49-06-01235-00
8. 302 Woodrow Street,	Folio No. 49-06-01236-00

FURTHER, it does hereby authorize the proper City officials to execute all necessary documents on behalf of 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 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 August 28, 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. 4
ORD. 4, 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE
LAST AND FINAL READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER,
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
CREATING NEW ARTICLE 924, ENTITLED**

**“STREET CLEANING” TO ESTABLISH NO
PARKING STREET CLEANING ZONES
THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF CHESTER, AND
REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF
ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.**

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Morgan, Bill No. 4, 2020 was passed on its Last Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

The City Clerk proceeded with the opening of bids.

BARRY BRIDGE PARK DOCK UPGRADES

Gessler Construction Co. 565 E. St. Andrews Drive Media PA 19063	Bid Bond Bid Amount	10% \$119,375.00
Mid Atlantic Marine 13 W. Susquehanna Drive Little Egg Harbor NJ 08087	Bid Bond Bid Amount	10% \$49,000.00

HIGHLAND AVENUE AND TOWNSHIP LINE ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES

Charles A. Higgins & Sons, Inc. PO Box 647 Media PA 19063	Bid Bond Bid Amount Alternate Amount	10% \$94,060.00 \$14,034.00
Lenni Electric Corporation 1020 Andrew Drive West Chester PA 19380	Bid Bond Bid Amount Alternate Amount	10% \$93,100.00 \$21,815.00

MEMORIAL PARK FOOTBALL FIELD LIGHTING PROJECT

Ford Brothers Electrical Co. Inc. 413 W. Amosland Road Norwood PA 19074	Bid Bond Bid Amount	10% \$168,400.00
G.A. Vietri Electrical Construction 105 Independence Way Coatesville PA 19320	Bid Bond Bid Amount	10% \$93,360.00
K.C. Electric 308 E. 20 th Street Chester PA 19013	Cashier's Check Bid Amount	\$6,000.00 \$60,000.00
Lenni Electric Corporation 1020 Andrew Drive West Chester PA 19380	Bid Bond Bid Amount	10% \$102,500.00
Philip Brothers Electrical Contractors 235 Sweet Spring Road Glenmore PA 19343	Bid Bond Bid Amount	10% \$98,700.00

Ken Schuster, City Solicitor says the call in number is 610-447-7700 ext. 7951.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS VIA EMAIL OR PHONE

Councilman Morgan says I just want to give an update. Over the pandemic we were speaking about the Micro Small Business Grant opportunity, I'm proud to say that we've been able to fund, I believe 19 businesses throughout the City of Chester, has been approved for funding for financial assistance. A good amount of those businesses will be receiving the funds very soon and I'm sure that they will be appreciative of it. It's something that we are very proud of and were able to assist businesses throughout this pandemic process. Also, right now currently the City of Chester is giving away, not giving away but you have to qualify for it, rental and utility financial assistance for renters in the City of Chester. It's not for Homeowner's unfortunately. There is other financial assistance mechanisms out there throughout the County for Homeowner's but the City of Chester has a rental and utility assistance program being ran through Community Action. We have been posting this on our social media and our websites where you can find the website and the phone number of whom you need to reach out to schedule an appointment to see if you qualify and how you can fill out that application. Over the past year...year and a half the City of Chester Riverfront Alliance, many other stakeholders and entities, Delaware County and the State Representative Office has been speaking with Consultants and Developers about the Chester Waterfront Master Plan Presentation. Next week on September 15 from 6p-7p there will be a Zoom meeting where we would like the Community or whoever believes they have some stake in City of Chester, our Waterfront, to join us on our presentation where the Consultants will be able to present the study that they have been able to come up with. The study will speak of a little bit of what businesses will be able to sustain here in the City of Chester and Delaware County...what our residents are looking for...whether it's recreational uses, or whether it's a mixed use property for business and residential living as well. So make sure you can join us on our Zoom meeting and we will be able to present that information. We've had roughly about two (inaudible) over the past year and a half meetings with the Community to hear about what the Community wants. This is the first opportunity for you all to see that your vision may be able to come for vision at least within that plan and that project. I will not read the entire Zoom euro of a link but on our City of Chester website and on our Social Media and Facebook page we have been posting that information for about a week or two now. I'm sure we will keep continuing to share as we lead up to next Tuesday.

Livia Smith, Director of Public/Community Health Education says I don't have actual numbers but they told me it was close to 115 people that were tested for the COVID today. It went well the first day. So stay tuned for tomorrow if the weather is not bad we will be here from 9a-5p. We will be here Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the next four weeks. Everyone needs to get tested in the Community because we want to have a safe and healthy Community. United Healthcare Services is the lead on this particular initiative.

Mayor Kirkland says we want to thank United Healthcare. This is a free testing for all our residents and it will be going on for the next four weeks and we encourage you to come out. I want to thank all members of Council along with myself who went through the testing as well and we're trying to make sure we get as many persons here in City Hall tested as possible.

Councilwoman West says I would like to commend Councilwoman Williams. She has been working tirelessly for the past few months with the Census going out to different areas trying to encourage people to give their information so that we can have a good showing in Chester. Our numbers have been a little bit low but yesterday and today and we will be out all week going around to different developments. We were at the William Penn yesterday and also Chester Apartments. Today we went to the Bennett Homes, Daniel Scott and Chatham Estates and Martin Luther King. We just want to encourage everyone to participate in the Census. The information is vital to our City, County and State. Based on the numbers that we are able to get we can get monies for our Schools, Roads, Community Centers...different things that we would need as a City for our Community Members. So it's very important that we all participate in the Census taking.

Councilwoman Williams says to all the parents and to everyone in the Community RIGHT NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP! for the schools. My biggest thing right now is for our children. What are we going to leave our children? What are we

here to do for our Children? I definitely need everyone in each household to fill out those Census because they are very detrimental to our City. I would appreciate very much if you take time out of your busy schedule. You can either call us or the mailers have already been out. I'm telling y'all tonight...I'm not too proud to beg when it comes to my City and my Children! I NEED THAT CENSUS!! CITY OF CHESTER...this is one time I'm asking you please give me what I need!

Councilman Jacobs says Mayor you mentioned that City Employees, everybody knows that COVID Testing is not mandatory but majority of the people that notes went out to at City Hall, most of City Hall people volunteered to do their COVID Testing. Going back to Resolution 5, the appointment of Dr. Lewis M. Hunt-Irving, you are exactly right...Dr. Hannum served for the time that he did (inaudible) spectacular and I wish him well too, but I also would like to welcome Dr. Lewis M. Hunt-Irving for taking up the banner and I think he's going to be doing great things. The next Resolution I want to talk about is #6 the Delaware County Demolition Program. I just want to say that the City Clerk ran off all those addresses there were eight. Before this program got started that money came from the City's CDBG money. I think we're still using that money...Mike aren't we? (Mike says yes we are)...so this is like supplement. So we are going to (inaudible) speed and get rid of some of the buildings around here in Chester that need to be taken down and Mike should get the compliment for that because he works heavily with the County in that program.

Councilwoman West says I would like to thank our Constituents here in the City with their patience with the numerous trash issues that we've been experiencing. Our Vendor had a hard time with staffing issues. The City Highway department, we're having concerns with staffing and so there have been some great delays on bulk trash pickup and yard waste and then our trash vendor have been behind. But this week it seems as though they're starting to catch up some...we still have a ways to go. But thank you to everyone here in the City of Chester for your patience.

Mayor Kirkland says I too would like to thank them for their patience as well.

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

Candice Thompson, City Clerk