

**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 10:05am 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**)

On motion of Councilor Jacobs, seconded by Councilor Morgan, the minutes of the previous meetings were approved as submitted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, 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 we've received no emails prior to the meeting.

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Resolutions.

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby engage the services of San Blas Securities, LLC, to act as the Agent for the City of Chester, for the private placing and underwriting of the City's 2021 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note.

FURTHER, that it does hereby authorize the proper City official to execute the Engagement Letter for and on behalf of the City.

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

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby authorize testing to be given by the Civil Service Board to all eligible candidates for the position of Fire Cadet, Bureau of Fire, Department of Public Safety.

FURTHER, that it does hereby authorize the City Clerk to advertise for testing to establish a civil service list for the position.

On motion of Councilor Jacobs, seconded by Councilor Morgan, the above Resolution was adopted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, 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. 626-628 W. 6 th Street	49-07-00422-00

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

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby ratify the update of employment status from part-time to a full-time work schedule, for the following individual on the attached list, with the stated effective date.

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

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

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby ratify the recall of the following individuals on the attached list, with an update of their employment status from laid-off to a full-time work schedule, with the stated effective dates.

FURTHER, said recalls are contingent upon the availability of funds from the Mayor's Executive on Loan Program and must be in accordance with the approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

On motion of Councilor Jacobs, seconded by Councilor Morgan, the above Resolution was adopted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, 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 October 23, 2020 attached hereto and made a part hereof, subject to approval from the Department of Accounts and Finance.

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

Presentation/Chaplain Orientation Swearing-In

**Rev. Belinda Boyer
Rev. LaRaine Branch
Dr. Rodney Bradley
Elder Ernest Brown
Rev. Sylvia Diggs
Bishop Kendon Gibson
Evangelist Tawanna Griffin
Overseer Hayward Hamilton
Rev. Brian Pittman
Bishop Willard Shelley**

Lisa Dennis, Chaplain presented Mayor and Council, Commissioner Gretsky along with Nasir Leach, a Red Ribbon Leadership Award from the Chester Police Chaplains Corps in recognition of National "Red Ribbon" Week. They all received an award and a red ribbon symbolic for promoting and being examples of a drug free community.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS VIA EMAIL OR PHONE

Councilman Jacobs says I would like to thank Mayor, you yourself and the rest of Council and United Health Group that put on the COVID testing from September 7 through October 4. There were 1,415 tests performed. There were 41 positives. For a rate of 2.93% which is pretty low. I would also like to say that, that group came in that hired people majority of folk that worked were from Chester and I would like to give Rosetta Carter credit for that because she spearheaded that for the most part. One of the things that they came to understand was that when you come into a Community, that you hire the people who are local then it becomes a success for that program.

Mayor Kirkland says y'all clap it up for Ms. Carter. Job well done!

Councilwoman Williams says tomorrow we will be celebrating Penn's Landing at 100 Penn Street @ 12.30p. (338 years)

Councilman Morgan says Tuesday, GO VOTE!! IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY VOTED!!

Mayor Kirkland says we want to remind folks that are coming here that you have access to our City Parking Lot. PLEASE PARK YOUR VEHICLES IN THE CITY PARKING LOT!! DON'T PARK YOUR VEHICLES ON THE STREETS OR PARK IN THEIR METERS UNLESS YOU PLAN ON FEEDING THE METERS. THEY WILL BE GIVING TICKETS!!! You are encouraged to park in the City parking lot so that you can avoid having your car ticketed.

Commissioner Gretsky says Thursday we will be at Police Headquarters from 6-8. Please pull up...stop up. We have a lot of candy to give out.

Mayor Kirkland says we will make sure that there is social distancing. They're going to make sure that the young people as well as their parents have masks. We will try to move the children through as quickly as possible but it is a safe environment were our kids can come and partner with our Law Enforcement personnel.

Shakur Abdul-Ali, Chaplain says Councilwoman Williams is there anything planned for Veteran's Day coming up November 11.

Councilwoman Williams says I'm working on it.

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37am.

Respectfully submitted,

OCTOBER 28, 2020

Candice Thompson, City Clerk