

**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 7:13pm with Mayor Thaddeus Kirkland presiding. A prayer was said followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. **(No pledge today; Zoom Meeting)**. The roll was called and the following were present:

Elizabeth Williams  
William Morgan  
Portia West  
Mayor Thaddeus Kirkland  
William "Al" Jacobs **(Absent)**

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Morgan, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

Mayor Kirkland asked if anyone had emailed or called in any comments on Agenda items only.

**Robert Scott, Solicitor reads attachment #1 and attachment #2 from Adrienne Webster, 2407 Chestnut Street, Chester, PA.**

**Mayor Kirkland says Ms. Webster thank you for your patience. As it was stated, this is on tonight's Agenda and we will move as swiftly as possible to alleviate this problem from the neighborhood. We appreciate your patience and your concern and your willingness to participate in this process by contacting myself and other members of Council, Mr. Galante and Ms. Smith. Our goal is to make sure that you have a safe surrounding.**

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 update of employment status from part-time to a full-time work schedule, at the stated effective dates, for the following individuals listed on the attached sheet, with all benefits applicable beginning December 1, 2020.

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

That the Public Hearing for the 2021 Budget shall be held on December 30, 2020, at 10:00AM, in City Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 1 Fourth Street, Chester, Pennsylvania, 19013.

**FURTHER**, that the Final Action on the 2021 Budget Ordinance will be taken at a special meeting of Council to be held on December 30, 2020, at 10:30AM in Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 1 Fourth Street, Chester, PA 19013.

**FURTHER**, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to publish a notice of the date, time, and place of the aforesaid hearing.

**FURTHER**, that a copy of said proposed budget may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office at a fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

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

## **RESOLUTION**

### **THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

The following is the list of the Legal Holidays for the City of Chester for the year 2021:

New Year's Day	Friday, January 1
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	Monday, January 18
President's Day	Monday, February 15
Good Friday	Friday, April 2
Primary Election Day	Tuesday, May 18
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31
Flag Day	Monday, June 14
Independence Day	Monday, July 5 (observed)
Labor Day	Monday, September 6
Columbus Day	Monday, October 11
General Election Day	Tuesday, November 2
Veteran's Day	Thursday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 25 Friday, November 26
Christmas Day	Friday, December 24 (observed)

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

## **RESOLUTION**

### **THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

That the City Council of the City of Chester will be holding their Deliberative Only Meetings in City Council Chambers, One Fourth Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Chester, Pennsylvania 19013 at 2:00pm, prevailing local time, on the following dates for the year 2021. Said dates and times are subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions and/or state mandates.

January	11 25	July	12 26
February	08 22	August	09 23
March	08 22	September	07 20
April	12 26	October	12 25
May	10 24	November	08 22
June	07 21	December	06 13 20

**FURTHER**, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to advertise the foregoing as required by law.

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

## RESOLUTION

### THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That the regular meetings of the Chester City Council will be held in City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, One Fourth Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Chester, PA, 19013, at 10:00a.m., prevailing time, on the following dates for the year 2021, except where designated by an asterisk (\*) which meetings will be held at 7:00p.m., prevailing time. Said dates and times are subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions and/or state mandates.

January	13 27	July	14 28
February	10 24	August	11 25
March	10* 24	September	08* 22
April	14 28	October	13 27
May	12 26	November	10 24
June	09* 23	December	08* 15 22

**FURTHER**, the City Clerk is hereby directed to advertise the foregoing as required by law.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

That the regular meetings of the Chester City Council sitting as the Board of Revision of Taxes will be held in City Council Chambers, One Fourth Street, Chester, PA 19013, 10:30a.m., prevailing local time, on the following dates for the year 2021. Said dates and times are subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions and/or state mandates.

January	27	July	28
February	24	August	25
March	24	September	22
April	28	October	27
May	26	November	24
June	23	December	22

**FURTHER**, the City Clerk is hereby directed to advertise the foregoing as required by law.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

That the regular meetings of the Chester Aggregated Pension Board will be held in City Council Chambers, One Fourth Street, Chester, PA 19013, 2:30p.m., prevailing local time, on the following dates for the year 2021. Said dates and times are subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions and/or state mandates.

January 25

April 26

July 26

October 25

**FURTHER**, the City Clerk is hereby directed to advertise the foregoing as required by law.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

That it does hereby ratify the appointment of Aaliyah Calhoun, as a Violence Prevention Mentoring Case Manager, Mayor's Office, Department of Public Affairs, at the rate of \$20.52 per hour, for no more than 18.75 hours a week, effective December 7, 2020.

**FURTHER**, said individual is an independent Contractor and is not an employee of the City of Chester and shall not be entitled to any of the benefits normally provided to a City employee. As an independent Contractor, the City will not deduct federal income tax or earned income tax from any payments made to the Contractor.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

That in accordance with recommendations of the Chester City Planning Commission dated November 25, 2020 and reviewed by the Delaware County Planning Commission on November 19, 2020, it does hereby grant final approval for Ali Tifrani/A&Y Properties, LLC., to Reverse Subdivide three (3) Lots into one (1), located at 816-822 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Chester, PA 19013, as shown on a plan prepared by Catania Engineering Associates Inc., 520 West Mac Dade Boulevard, Milmont Park, PA 19033; dated September 22, 2020.

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Morgan, the above Resolution was adopted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, 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>
218 Pennell Street	49-08-01184-00
2405 Chestnut Street	49-01-01674-00

**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, 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 December 7, 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, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Ordinances.

**BILL NO. 5**  
**ORD. \_\_, 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE**  
**FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER,  
DELAWARE COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF  
PENNSYLVANIA, APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS  
ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC  
PURPOSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT,  
HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, DURING THE 2021  
CALENDAR YEAR.**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES ORDAIN:**

**SECTION 1.** That for the expenditures and expenses of the 2021 calendar year, the following amounts are hereby appropriated from the fund equities, revenues, and other financing sources available for the 2021 calendar year for the specific purposes herein set forth.

**SECTION 2.** The General Fund Budget for the 2021 calendar year is hereby set at **\$53,665,073** and appropriated from the following revenues, as more fully detailed in the attached Exhibit A:

Real Estate Taxes	\$ 9,617,460
Taxes - Act 511	\$ 17,661,759
Fines	\$ 160,000
Licenses and Permits	\$ 1,446,100
Interest, Rents and Royalties	\$ 4,767,803
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 10,967,650
Charges For Services	\$ 6,531,402
Reimbursements	\$ 777,632
Other Revenue	\$ 1,735,267
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 53,665,073</b>

**SECTION 3.** The General Fund Budget for the 2021 calendar year is hereby set at **\$53,665,073** and appropriated to the following departments, as more fully detailed in the attached Exhibit A:

Department of Public Affairs	\$19,552,288
Department of Accounts and Finance	\$21,550,213
Department of Public Safety	\$ 7,158,526
Department of Public Works	\$ 4,251,742
Operating Transfers	\$ 1,152,304
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$53,665,073</b>

**SECTION 4.** The State Liquid Fuels Tax Fund for the 2021 calendar year is hereby set at **\$826,848** with detailed appropriation described in greater detail in Exhibit A, "City of Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 2021 Budget".

**SECTION 5.** The Special Revenue Fund for the 2021 calendar year is hereby set at **\$75,000** with detailed appropriation described in greater detail in Exhibit A, "City of Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 2021 Budget".

**SECTION 6.** The Debt Service Fund for the 2021 calendar year is hereby set at **\$3,907,480** with detailed appropriation described in greater detail in Exhibit A, "City of Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 2021 Budget".

**SECTION 7.** The DCCC Fund for the 2021 calendar year is hereby set at **\$569,917** with detailed appropriation described in greater detail in Exhibit A, "City of Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 2021 Budget".

**SECTION 8.** The Capital Improvement Fund for the 2021 calendar year is hereby set at **500,000** with detailed appropriation described in greater detail in Exhibit A, "City of Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 2021 Budget".

**SECTION 9.** That any Ordinances conflicting with this Ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Morgan, Bill No. 5, 2020 was passed on its First Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Morgan, West, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0. Abstain: Williams.

**BILL NO. 6**  
**ORD. \_\_, 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE**  
**FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER,  
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,  
PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY  
THE HOME RULE CHARTER, REENACTING THE  
EARNED INCOME TAX FOR THE YEAR 2021, AS  
SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 303 OF THE CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES OF CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA,  
1978, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED, IN ITS  
ENTIRETY, WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE  
EXCEPT FOR AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION  
303.02 ENTITLED "IMPOSITION OF TAX" TO  
IMPOSE A TAX OF 2.00% FOR 2021 FOR  
GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES ON SALARIES,  
WAGES, COMMISSIONS, NET PROFITS AND  
OTHER COMPENSATION EARNED BY  
NONRESIDENTS, OF THE CITY OF CHESTER FOR  
WORK DONE OR SERVICES PERFORMED OR  
RENDERED IN THE CITY OF CHESTER, AND TO  
ESTABLISH THE EARNED INCOME TAX RATE  
AT 3.75% FOR 2021 ON SALARIES, WAGES,  
COMMISSIONS, NET PROFITS AND OTHER  
COMPENSATION EARNED BY RESIDENTS OF  
THE CITY OF CHESTER PROVIDING FOR THE  
ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE  
ORDINANCE; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR  
VIOLATION THEREOF.**

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Morgan, Bill No. 6, 2020 was passed on its First Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

**BILL NO. 7**  
**ORD. \_\_, 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE**  
**FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER,  
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE HOME RULE CHARTER, REENACTING WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE FOR THE YEAR 2021 THE "LOCAL SERVICES TAX", AS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 305 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA, 1978, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED, IN ITS ENTIRETY, WHICH IMPOSES A TAX, FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES, UPON THE PRIVILEGE OF ENGAGING IN AN OCCUPATION WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CHESTER AT THE RATE OF FIFTY TWO DOLLARS (\$52.00) PER YEAR.**

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Morgan, Bill No. 7, 2020 was passed on its First Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0

**BILL NO. 8  
ORD. \_\_, 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE  
FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ENACTING THE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2021, ON ALL REAL PROPERTY AT 32.7712 MILLS AND FIXING THE LIBRARY TAX AT 1.5 MILLS.**

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Morgan, Bill No. 8, 2020 was passed on its First Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0

**BILL NO. 9  
ORD. \_\_, 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE  
FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING SUBSECTION 925.021 ENTITLED "FEES", OF ARTICLE 925 ENTITLED "REFUSE COLLECTION" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, 1978, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED BY INCREASING THE FEE TO \$200 OF SUBPARTS (a)(1) AND (a)(2); AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.**

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Morgan, Bill No. 9, 2020 was passed on its First Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0

**BILL NO. 10  
ORD. \_\_, 2020**



**AN ORDINANCE  
FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER,  
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,  
PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY  
THE HOME RULE CHARTER, REENACTING  
WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE THE  
BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX FOR THE YEAR 2021,  
AS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 307 OF THE  
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF  
CHESTER, 1978, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND  
AMENDED, IN ITS ENTIRETY, WHICH IMPOSES  
A TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES  
UPON PERSONS, FIRMS, COMPANIES, AND  
CORPORATIONS ENGAGING IN CERTAIN  
BUSINESS WITHIN THE CITY OF CHESTER  
EXCEPT FOR THE AMENDMENT TO  
SUBSECTION 307.02(a) ENTITLED "RATE AND  
BASIS OF TAX" OF SECTION 307.02 ENTITLED  
TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES OF  
SAID BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX, TO SET THE  
SAID RATE OF TAX TO 3.0 MILLS FOR RETAIL  
AND 2.0 MILLS FOR WHOLESALE; AND  
REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF  
ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.**

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Morgan, Bill No. 10, 2020 was passed on its First Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS VIA EMAIL OR PHONE**

Robert Scott, Solicitor reads (**attachment #3**) from Nolan Fontaine, 509 Florence Drive, Chester PA.

Mayor Kirkland says we've been following the guidelines of both our City's Health Department and well as the County and directives from our State Officials, the Governor and his office. We will, as they say, follow the science and work along with those individuals who are doing everything they can to bring this COVID disaster to an end within our Communities. Thank you for your comment and your concern.

\*Mayor Kirkland says thank you Bob Scott our fill in Solicitor. We miss you Bob. We would also like to send out our prayers to our Solicitor, Ken Schuster. His mother transitioned a few days ago and that's the reason he's not with us today. So, we want to make sure that we send our prayers and our thoughts and well wishes to him and his family.

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**DECEMBER 9, 2020**

Candice Thompson, City Clerk

