

MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER

A Public Hearing on the 2021 Budget of the Council of the City of Chester was held on the above date at 10:10am with Mayor Thaddeus Kirkland presiding. A prayer was said followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were in attendance:

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

Kenneth Schuster, City Solicitor asks the following questions to the City Clerk:

1. Has the notice of this Public Hearing on the 2021 City Budget been advertised? **The City Clerk says yes.**
2. What was the date of advertisement? **The City Clerk says December 10, 2020.**
3. Where was the City's Budget Advertised? **The City Clerk says the Delaware County Daily Times/City of Chester's Website and City of Chester's Facebook Page, I believe.**
4. Do you have proof of the advertisement? **The City Clerk says yes.**
5. Can you make the proof of publication upon receipt part of the record? **The City Clerk says yes.**
6. Has the budget been available in your office for inspection by the public from the date of advertisement to today's date? **The City Clerk says yes.**

Kenneth Schuster, City Solicitor says Mayor Kirkland; I would like to ask you to turn the hearing over to our Chief Financial Officer Nichols.

Mayor Kirkland says CFO Nichols.

**Chief Financial Officer Nichols presents the 2021 Proposed City Budget Presentation dated 12-30-2020 (see attachment)**

Chief Financial Officer Nichols says I will present to you the 2021 Budget in the amount of \$53,989,575:

Real Estate Taxes	\$ 9,617,460
Taxes - Act 511	\$ 17,721,759
Fines	\$ 160,000
Licenses and Permits	\$ 1,546,100
Interest, Rents and Royalties	\$ 4,437,803
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 10,987,153
Charges For Services	\$ 6,726,402
Reimbursements	\$ 977,632
Other Revenue	\$ 1,815,267

The Departmental breakdown on the Expenditure side:

Department of Public Affairs	\$19,160,844
Department of Accounts and Finance	\$21,042,204
Department of Public Safety	\$ 6,974,612

Department of Public Works/Parks & Public Property	<u>\$ 4,260,689</u>
	\$51,438,349
Operating Transfers	<u>\$ 1,152,304</u>
	\$52,590,653

**Chief Financial Officer Nichols says which would allow us this year to have an operating surplus of \$1,398,922.00.**

State Liquid Fuels \$826,848.00  
 Special Revenue Fund \$75,000.00  
 Debt Service is \$3,907,480.00  
 DCCC \$569,917.00  
 Capital Improvement Fund \$500,000.00

2021 Taxes

Real Estate Tax	9.4041 Mills
Real Estate Tax Library	.4017 Mills
Local Services Tax	\$52 Annual Fee
Business Privilege Tax for Retail	3.0 Mills
Business Privilege Tax for Wholesale	2.0 Mills
Earned Income Tax for Residents	3.75%
Earned Income Tax for Non-Residents	2.00%
Rubbish Fee	\$200

Chief Nichols says Mayor and Council that the Earned Income Tax for Residents is increased by a percent (inaudible) required to do so and Rubbish Fee was also increased because of the increase of fees from Delaware County's (inaudible) Waste Authority. I now open the floor for any questions or comments from Mayor and Council.

**Mayor Kirkland says the earned income tax for residents, the increase you were explaining wasn't clear...you were breaking up.**

**Chief Nichols says the earned income tax for our Residents. The City now has a distressed Pension tax. We are permitted by State Law through the Auditor General's Office, to oppose an increase on commuters or Non-Residents. In order for us to do such we also have to do the same on our Residents. So we did that this year and now we need to correct the action and increase the Residents tax by 1% to match the increase on the Non- Residents.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS VIA EMAIL OR PHONE FOR THE 2021 BUDGET**

**NONE**

The 2021 City Budget Public Hearing was adjourned at 10:24am.

Respectfully submitted,

Candice Thompson, City Clerk