

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DECEMBER 30, 2020**

**MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER**

A special meeting of the Council of the City of Chester was held on the above date at 10:25am with Mayor Thaddeus Kirkland presiding. A prayer was said followed by the Pledge of Allegiance **at the beginning of the Budget Hearing**. 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.

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Resolutions.

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby update the employment status of the individuals listed on the attached sheet to a full-time work schedule, effective January 4, 2021, with all benefits applicable beginning February 1, 2021.

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 in accordance with recommendations of the Chester City Planning Commission dated December 9, 2020 and reviewed by the Delaware County Planning Commission on December 17, 2020, it does hereby grant final approval for Agronomed Biologics LLC., to develop 9.05 acres with a 70,000 sq. ft. medical marijuana grow facility at 8th and Hinkson Sts., Chester, PA 19013, as shown on a plan prepared by Catania Engineering Associates Inc., 520 West MacDade Boulevard, Milmont Park, PA 19033; dated April 22, 2019.

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 the following individuals to the position of Patrol Officer, Chester Police Department, Department of Public Affairs, effective January 4, 2021 with a one (1) year probationary period. On a full-time basis, with all benefits applicable thereto, at the salary range provided in the Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

1. Orabi Youssef
2. Maura O'Connell
3. Michael Smalarz
4. Thomas Davidson II
5. Jonathan Keeney
6. Sean Boyd
7. Yonatan Patsko

FURTHER, said Patrol Officers are required to reside in the City of Chester for the first five (5) years of employment and must submit proof of residency to the Human Resources Department within 3 months of this date of hire. Thereafter they may maintain their residence within 50 miles of City Hall.

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. 10, 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE
LAST AND FINAL READING
(AS AMENDED)**

**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
CALENDER 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 **\$53,989,575** and appropriated from the following revenues, as more fully detailed in the attached Exhibit A:

Real Estate Taxes	\$ 9,617,460
Taxes - Act 511	\$ 17,721,759
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
TOTAL	<u>\$ 53,989,575</u>

SECTION 3. The General Fund Budget for the 2021 calendar year is hereby set at **\$52,590,653** and appropriated to the following departments, as more fully detailed in the attached Exhibit A:

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/Public Property	\$ 4,260,689
Operating Transfers	<u>\$ 1,152,304</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$52,590,653</u>

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 Last Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

Councilwoman Williams left the meeting.

The City Clerk proceeded with the opening of bids.

**COLLECTION, REMOVAL AND PROPER DISPOSAL OF RUBBISH, TRASH
GARBAGE AND RECYCLABLES**

Solid Waste Services, Inc.
D/b/a J.P. Mascaro & Sons
2650 Audubon Road
Audubon PA 19403

Bid Bond 10%
Bid Amount **See attachment #1**

Republic Services
372 S. Henderson Road
King of Prussia PA 19406

Bid Bond 10%
Bid Amount **See attachment #1**

Ken Schuster, City Solicitor says may I respectfully advise that the trash bid should be awarded in public at this meeting.

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Morgan, the above Bids were accepted and Solid Waste Services, Inc., D/B/A J.P. Mascaro & Sons was awarded the Bid. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Morgan, West, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

Swearing-In Patrol Officers

Orabi Youssef
Maura O'Connell
Michael Smalarz
Thomas Davidson II
Jonathan Keeney
Sean Boyd
Yonatan Patsko

PUBLIC COMMENTS VIA EMAIL OR PHONE

Diane Nowell, 1157 Spruce Street says **(see attachment #2)**

Mayor Kirkland says yes.

Hailey Gerena, 314 E. 24th Street says **(see attachment #3)**

Councilwoman West says if she's talking about a bulk trash issue that's something that I will look into right away. We pick those items up when we get slips on them or phone calls. If you're talking about a regular trash issue, I have been up on E. 24th Street personally and I have friends who are up there as well and they usually let me know if there is a...say like a delay in a three week pick-up. I never heard that before but I will look into it and address it with the Supervisor from the trash vendor and I apologize for the inconvenience.

Mayor Kirkland says you're correct. This pandemic has put everyone's lives in some type of (inaudible). It has been a very difficult time for all of us here in the City of Chester and throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We have done an awful lot in trying to employ some of our residents by way of J.P. Mascaro. We've asked residents who would like to be employed and work with our trash removal company to come forth and we're still doing that. I would hope that, not yourself, but anyone else who looks down on our City (inaudible). I enjoy living here in this community and I'm going to do my part and hope that everyone else would do theirs when it comes to cleanliness of our City. Trash just doesn't grow up out the ground. Someone has to put it there. So we're asking our Citizens to also be the eyes and ears for us. If they see illegal dumping, all they have to do is get a license plate number, make a phone call and we will make sure that the person who is trashing our house is brought to justice. We've been up in that area on a numerous occasions and cleaned that area but for some strange reason the trash keeps reoccurring. As Councilwoman West has stated we never, that's unfortunate if it has, but we never encountered a three week delay in trash removal. If that is the case, we will make sure that it is corrected as soon as possible. Thank you for your comments and once again if we do our part our City will be cleaner and I will assure the (inaudible) will do their part.

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17am.

Respectfully submitted,

DECEMBER 30, 2020

Candice Thompson, City Clerk

