

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

Mayor Kirkland says we are recognizing Black History Month! We are celebrating the accomplishments and achievements of African American's throughout our Commonwealth and throughout our Country! We ask that you would join us in this celebration in a very, very, very positive way as we celebrate our History here in the City of Chester and beyond!! So, today we are going to be doing something a little different. We will be recognizing some of our persons who have made history here in this Community!!

**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 10:10am with Mayor Thaddeus Kirkland presiding. A prayer was said followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. **Kim Pinder-Garner sings the Negro National Anthem!!**

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 meeting 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.

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Resolutions.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the following individuals have requested a handicapped parking zone:

1. Michael Williams, 227 Hayes Street, Chester, PA 19013
2. Cathy Fleming, 2109 West 9th Street, Chester, PA 19013
3. Angelina McIlvrid, 923 East 16th Street, Chester, PA 19013
4. Alice J. Barrett, 735 Irvington Place, Chester, PA 19013
5. Wilbur Carson, 2830 West 10th Street, Chester, PA 19013
6. Lena Warren, 1034 Parker Street, Chester, PA 19013
7. Brenda Rodriguez, 3410 Carter Lane, Chester, PA 19013
8. Francesca Dungee, 109 West 22nd Street, Chester, PA 19013
9. Carol Burnett, 2702 West 7th Street, Chester, PA 19013
10. Mytrice Ann Womack, 938 West 7th Street, Chester, PA 19013
11. Bernard D. Neal Sr., 3030 West 6th Street, Chester, PA 19013
12. Melody Johnson, 336 Lamokin Street, Chester, PA 19013
13. Phyllis D. Stanford, 1140 Keystone Road, Chester, PA 19013

WHEREAS, after a thorough investigation by the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, it has been determined that the aforementioned individuals have met all of the required criteria and have a need for said handicapped parking zone.

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

That it does hereby authorize the proper City officials to install a handicapped parking zone in the 200 Block of Hayes Street; 2100 Block of West 9th Street; 900 Block of East 16th Street, 700 Block of Irvington Place, 2800 Block of W. 10th Street; 1000 Block of Parker Street; 3400 Block of Carter Lane; 100 Block of West 22nd Street, 2700 Block of West 7th Street; 900 Block of West 7th Street; 3000 Block of West 6th Street; 300 Block of Lamokin Street; and 1100 Block of Keystone Road, in 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 hereby award the contract for Traffic Signal Maintenance, for the City of Chester, for which bids were received on November 25, 2020, be and is hereby awarded to Signal Service, Inc., 1020 Andrew Drive, West Chester, PA 19380, at the sole bid price of \$1,200.00 annually for service maintenance for a 3-year period, plus the stated hourly rates for labor and equipment for non-maintenance services.

FURTHER, that all other bids be and are hereby rejected; all certified checks and/or bid bonds accompanying said bids shall be returned to the unsuccessful bidders.

FURTHER, that the Solicitor's Office shall prepare contracts and the successful bidders shall furnish a Performance Bond in the full amount of their respective contracts in accordance with the specifications and to the satisfaction of City Council.

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 the officials of the City of Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, in regular session assembled on the 10th day of February, 2021, do hereby make application of County Liquid Fuel Tax Funds in the amount of Fifty-four Thousand One Hundred Thirty-five Dollars (\$54,135.00) to be used for the 2021 Street Resurfacing Program.

FURTHER, that all materials used and work done hereunder shall conform to the current Pennsylvania Department of Transportation specifications or specifications approved by the Department and all work will be done within the legal right of way.

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 grant permission and authorize the issuance of a road opening permit to Chester Water Authority for the installation of 300+/- feet of main to renew existing water mains, upgrade valves, hydrants and water services, at the following locations within the City of Chester, in accordance with the documents on file in the City Engineer's Office:

1. W. 3rd Street from Trainer Borough Line to Ward Street
2. Upland Street from E. 11th Street to E. 12th Street
3. Bickley Place from Upland Street to Potter Street
4. Potter Street from E. 10th Street to E. 12th Street
5. Potter Street from E. 6th Street to E. 8th Street

FURTHER, said permit is contingent upon all work being performed in a manner that is satisfactory to City Council and Chester Water Authority's compliance with all of the following conditions as outlined by the City Engineer.

1. Chester Water Authority performs a half mill and overlay on all road openings exceeding 100' or three (3) patches within 100".
2. Chester Water Authority performs a full width mill and overlay on Bickley Place due to the reduced width of the roadway.
3. Chester Water Authority provides appropriate traffic control measures to ensure continual operation of City Streets.

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 grant permission and authorize the issuance of a road opening permit to PECO for the installation of 300+/- feet of new electrical conduit, at the following locations within the City of Chester, in accordance with the documents on file in the City Engineer's Office:

1. E. 2nd Street from Avenue of the States to Welsh Street
2. Hinkson Street from End to PA State Route 291
3. PA State Route 291 from Hinkson Street to Harrah's Boulevard
4. Harrah's Boulevard from PA State Route 291 to E. 4th Street

FURTHER, said permit is contingent upon all work being performed in a manner that is satisfactory to City Council and PECO's compliance with all of the following conditions as outlined by the City Engineer.

1. PECO performs a half mill and overlay on all road openings exceeding 100' or three (3) patches within 100'.
2. PECO provides appropriate traffic control measures to ensure continual operation of City Streets.
3. PECO obtains all required Road Opening Permits from the City as well as a Highway Occupancy Permit from PENNDOT.

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 ratify the action of the Mayor of the City of Chester in the declaration of a weather emergency for the event which occurred on January 31, 2021, in directing the Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate and direct all

activities of the emergency response and to take all action deemed necessary to respond to the emergency, pursuant to Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 PA C.S. Section 7501).

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 accept the sales proposal submitted by Edmunds GovTech, for the installation and use of financial software, pursuant to the proposal dated December 15, 2020.

FURTHER, it does hereby authorize the Director of Accounts and Finance and the Chief Financial Officer to execute all necessary documents for and on behalf of the City of Chester.

FURTHER, that the agreement is contingent upon final review and approval of the City Solicitor.

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, Section 5 of the Act of January 24, 1966, P.L. 15 35, NO 537, known as the "Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act", as amended, and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) adopted thereunder, Chapter 71 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code, requires the municipality to adopt an Official Sewage Facilities Plan providing for sewage services adequate to prevent contamination of water and/or environmental health hazards with sewage wastes, and to revise said Plan whenever it is necessary to meet the sewage disposal needs of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, Gannett Fleming, Inc. has prepared an Act 537 Update for the entire DELCORA Service Area. This plan is for the sole purpose of addressing the PA DEP Act 537 requirements for the public-to-private wastewater disposal system transfer of the DELCORA system to Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc.

WHEREAS, the alternative of choice to be implemented is Alternative 2 – Sale of the DELCORA system to Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc.

WHEREAS, the City of Chester finds that the Act 537 Plan Update described above conforms to applicable zoning and subdivision ordinances and to other municipal ordinances and plans, and to a comprehensive program of pollution control and water quality management.

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

That it does hereby adopt and submit to the Department of Environmental Protection for its approval as an update of the "Official Plan" of the City of Chester, the above referenced Act 537 Plan Update. The City of Chester hereby assures the Department of the complete and timely implementation of the said plan as required by law. (Section 5, Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act as amended).

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chester provides crossing guards to the Chester Upland School District; and

WHEREAS, the Chester Upland School District is delinquent to the City of Chester for the services provided; and

WHEREAS, the Chester Upland School District owns property located at 106-130 East 6th Street, Chester, PA 19013;
and

WHEREAS, the City of Chester desires to acquire, and the School District desires to sell.

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

1. That it does hereby authorize the purchase of 106-130 East 6th Street, Chester, PA 19013, in an "AS IS CONDITION" in the amount of \$508,782.14, which represents the complete forgiveness of all account receivable claimed for crossing guard services through December 31, 2020.
2. It does also ratify the execution of the Agreement of Sale of Real Estate by the Mayor and does authorize the delivery of such agreement, deed, transfer tax affidavits or other documents as may be necessary or appropriate to consummate the purchase of the property on the terms set forth above.

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Jacobs, 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 January 29, 2021 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. 1
ORD. __, 2021**

**AN ORDINANCE
FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER,
DELAWARE COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA, PRESCRIBING THE NUMBER,
DUTIES AND COMPENSATION OF THE
EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CHESTER FOR
THE YEAR 2021, DIRECTING PAYMENT ON AN
ANNUAL BASIS; PRESCRIBING THE METHOD
AND TIMES OF PAYMENT; AND REPEALING
ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES
INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.**

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Morgan, Bill No. 1, 2021 was passed on its First Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Jacobs, Mayor Jacobs. Nays: 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS VIA EMAIL

Mary Nixon, 1307 Perkins Street says **see attachment #1.**

Mayor Kirkland says I think we had that complaint before. We just didn't have an address. We will turn that information over to our Police Department. We do have a Noise Ordinance in the City that should be properly followed. We will definitely follow up on your request this week...today.

Mayor Kirkland says I want to recognize City Controller Blackwell and ask for her to recognize her partner in helping us put on a Black History Display and decorations downstairs. To my understanding this is probably our FIRST ever Black History Display and program here in the City.

Edith Blackwell, City Controller introduces Michael Lewis a student from Delaware State and he's doing an internship in my boutique and he's a designer and decorator. He helped me put the display together downstairs. I want to thank him for helping me. He will be in the boutique for 250 hours. He'll get credits from college for that. You will see him a lot.

Mayor Kirkland says thank you Mr. Lewis and City Controller.

Councilwoman West says Michael is also a Chester High School graduate...Class of 2010!!

Mayor Kirkland says thank you Michael and we've already seen the work you have done. We appreciate your talents and exhibiting those talents here in the City of Chester. We want to encourage all of you. There should be some Black History within your own homes that you would be able to share with us. The tables are set up downstairs...there on display. One of them that I am most proud of is the picture of late Mother and Father of our very own Livia Smith. It's a picture of them dancing. They celebrated 59 years of marriage. Her Dad was 98 and her Mom was 101. So please when you get an opportunity at least put something down there on the tables for our history sake and view what is already present there. I have found out in my journey that we are quick to put one another down but were slow to lift one another up. That needs to be changed and hopefully through this Black History experience it will be.

Citation – Chester Women In Excellence (see attachment #2)

Mayor Kirkland says we will be recognizing African American Men at our next Council Meeting.

Councilman Jacobs says this has to do with administering the vaccine here at City Hall in the Community Room on February 18th and 19th at 1pm. **THIS IS FOR CHESTER RESIDENTS ONLY!!** For people 65+ and people from ages 16-64 with high risk conditions causing increased risk for disease. You must call and register in order to receive the vaccine. Contact Rosetta Carter at 610-447-7700. There will be almost at the same time a Grand Opening at the Wellness Center... Keystone First Vaccine Center and that will be at 9th & Yarnall on February 18th and I think the ages are the same on that. Also, I would ask that you call Rosetta Carter for this one too!

Councilwoman West says I want to thank all of those persons who are now going to receive their handicap parking. Thank you for your patience. We have a limited staff here at City Hall so a lot of the clerical work sometimes fall short but you all have been very patient with us in the Streets Department. So I just want to thank you for your patience.

Mayor Kirkland says there is a food giveaway every Tuesday beginning at 10am here at City Hall. I would like to thank Kim Pinder-Garner again for singing the Negro National Anthem this morning. The only way we can get a handle on this COVID-19 deadly virus is if we take care of ourselves. So we're encouraging folks...I'm encouraging folks to get the vaccine. If you don't do it for yourself...do it for your family. I understand the hesitation. Especially a lot of young people because of past history. That's what it's called...past history. The science is different. The science is better. Only way we're going to get out of this and be able to get to some sense of normalcy is if we get as many people vaccinated as possible. So we're now opening up our vaccination centers and we want people to take advantage of them. Please! I want to thank Reverend Sherard Graham and his wife Tamika Graham for their technical assistance this morning. We appreciate you!!

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42am.

Respectfully submitted,

FEBRUARY 10, 2021

Candice Thompson, City Clerk