

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 10, 2021**

**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 7:02pm 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
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.

Ken Schuster, City Solicitor says public comments can be made by dialing 610-447-7700 ext.7951. I've received no phone calls or emails for public comment on action items.

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Resolutions.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chester received real estate tax payments from the individuals named on the attached list; and

WHEREAS, 72 PA C.S.A. §5566(b) provides for the refund of monies paid to a political subdivision that does not have a statutory right to said monies, within three (3) years of payment thereof; and

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

That it does hereby authorize for the Department of Accounts and Finance to refund the stated amounts to the individuals on the attached list.

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 authorize the proper City official to prepare specifications and/or any other necessary documents for the advertisement for bids for the sale of a 1990 Ford F-450 Stake-Bed, VIN #24065 from the Department of Public Property and Recreation.

FURTHER, that it does authorize the proper City official to advertise for the aforementioned bid.

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, the City of Chester is the owner of/or has an ownership interest in various properties located in the City of Chester, which are no longer/never were used for municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chester owns a number of vacant lots in the vicinity of West 2nd & Tilghman Streets; and

WHEREAS, these properties could be assembled with adjacent properties owned by the Chester Redevelopment Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chester desires and intends to return such real property to productive use.

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

That it does hereby authorize the parcels identified on the attached "Exhibit A" owned by the City of Chester, be transferred to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Chester for redevelopment purposes.

FURTHER, that it does hereby authorize the proper City official(s) to execute all documents necessary to complete this transfer, for and 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, 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 March 3, 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. 1, 2021**

AN ORDINANCE LAST AND FINAL 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 Last Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Jacobs, Mayor Jacobs. Nays: 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS VIA EMAIL

Aдриene Webster, 2407 Chestnut Street says **(see attachment #1)**.

Mayor Kirkland says thank you Ms. Webster. We appreciate your patience and your willingness to work with us along with our City Engineer, Mike Galante. We look for a speedy resolve for you and your family.

Kia Newman, 2707 W. 6th Street says **(see attachment #2)**.

Councilwoman West says I'm very much familiar with the property there that is falling down. I'll let Councilman Jacobs answer that since that falls under his department. As far as recycling on the West Side, I had no knowledge that it had ever stopped. Recycling is every Wednesday and that's when it's supposed to take place. I do know that due to the weather we did have some recycling that was pushed back the following week. But what I'll do is check with our trash vendor, J.P. Mascara and find out...just look into what's going on down in the 2700 Block of West 6th Street. I'm sorry for the inconvenience.

Councilman Jacobs says I'm sure that if that property is in that bad of shape that it's probably on the demolition list and I'll check that out tomorrow.

Mayor Kirkland says **(he repeats what Councilman Jacobs said in case it wasn't heard because Councilman Jacobs had his mask on)**. If it's in that bad of shape we will make sure that we move expeditiously to correct that for you.

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

MARCH 10, 2021

Candice Thompson, City Clerk