

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
APRIL 14, 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 10:06am 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
Portia West
William "Al" Jacobs
Mayor Thaddeus Kirkland
William Morgan (**Absent**)

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Jacobs, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, 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 there are several Public Comments. It's unclear whether if they exclusively pertain to the Agenda or Action Items only or not. So my recommendation would be to read them now.

Joan Broadfield, 2430 Lindsay Street says (**see attachment #1**)

Mayor Kirkland says thank you for your comments Ms. Broadfield. We are not...I don't know what you mean by Contract with Covanta. That is incorrect information and I don't know who provided you with that information but that is incorrect. As far as our Community Clean-Up...We just did a month long clean-up that was headed up by Councilwoman Portia West. We went throughout this Community with each department. The Police Department, Fire Department, Parks, Streets and even members of the Finance Department went throughout this Community. Myself and all of my Colleagues picking up other people's trash because we believe in this Community and we want to keep this Community clean. Our collective departments did an excellent job...an excellent job going out into the Community to help make **OUR COMMUNITY** a cleaner area. Our hope is that folks is **"IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING"**. If you see people dumping in our Community you need to say something so that we can address that. We have our Police App were you can go on-line on our Police App and simply take a number down...take a license plate down and you can do this anonymously. So we're seeking help from our Community when it comes to keeping our Community clean.

Councilwoman West says with regards to recycling the City does get some type of reimbursement for the amount of tonnage that we report every year. Mr. Richard Knox is our Recycling Coordinator and he keeps track of the tonnage information that we get from our Trash Vendor, J.P. Mascaró. So, we do have a report on that that we provide every year. If you have any questions you can call 610-447-7700 and ask for Mr. Richard Knox our Recycling Coordinator. I too would like to encourage the Community to **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING CALL THE POLICE**. Unfortunately, we don't have cameras throughout the City so we can't see what's going on when people are dumping. There are some people (violators) who take this opportunity either early in the morning or late at night and sometimes it's done during the day and we're asking people that if you see someone get the color of the truck, a license plate would be fine, if you can. **WE DON'T WANT YOU TO PUT YOURSELF AT RISK! BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP TOO!!** In my neighborhood or whatever other neighborhood I'm in and if I see someone violating the Trash Ordinance then I'm going to call and report it and that's what I'm encouraging the Community members to do.

Deneen Mosley, 2011 W. 7th Street says (**see attachment #2**)

Mayor Kirkland says my understanding Ms. Mosley, I usually don't answer questions for persons who live out of State but I'll answer yours this time. The Trash Contract which is in Chester, Pennsylvania not Delaware, is done with Mascaró. We had two

bidders. This was the lowest responsible bidder. Quite frankly it was 2 million dollars lower. As you know, we are in a COVID situation where by persons are home and they're putting out more trash than ever. We've been in a catch-up mode...quite frankly we're caught up. This contract is for the next five years. We appreciate the work that Mascara has done thus far. They have had workers who have gone out into the community who've contracted COVID and they lost their own workers. We have folks from our City who are now hired. I've even seen some women on the back of the trash truck which I applaud! So, you look at what's going on here in the City of Chester...the State of Pennsylvania it's just like Delaware everybody has more trash because they are home. Now they are cleaning out their homes. They're home and they're buying more groceries. So, therefore they are producing more trash. As far as our Residential Parking here in Chester, Pennsylvania, I'm sure they have the same in Delaware, Residential Parking is for those persons in our Community who are finding hardships when it's coming to them trying to find a place to park. As I stated yesterday and I'm pretty sure you were in on that meeting, I wanted to know what it would be like for if it was my mother, your mother, my grandmother, your grandmother, your grandfather coming home not being able to find a place to park at their home and when they do come home and they find themselves confronted by an angry person that doesn't even live in their neighborhood. We're talking about areas like Nova Vista where seniors live in the same area as Crozer Hospital. Now Crozer is in Upland and Crozer Hospital workers' park in the Nova Vista area. When they park in the Nova Vista area they take the parking spaces of Seniors. Sometimes they even park in front of their driveways. We've been working on this for almost three years and so we're going to take care of our Seniors today. We made a commitment. We made a promise and we're going to do what we need to do for our Seniors today! We appreciate the comments and the work that things that were said by the Receiver but at the same time we have to govern and we are committed to just doing that.

Councilman Jacobs says Ms. Mosley I am absolutely ecstatic that there are people tuning into the Advisory Committee with the Receiver and his team and myself and the Mayor. When we first started out that meeting lasted about two minutes and to me it was worthless. So, now that I know that people are actually listening I'm glad you brought up my statement from yesterday about not having correspondence from the Receiver not having seen it. I didn't mean that with my colleagues because they check their email. I was simply trying to highlight and underscore the fact that we don't have any Administrative Assistant's in other words Executive Secretaries. Mayor and Council are left on their own. So, I missed a lot of things and this is a message to the Receiver, we have one AA and she's out for two weeks because she tested positive for COVID and that was the reason for that. Even though I didn't see the email from the Receiver I tried to give them an opportunity to explain to me why we shouldn't go forward with this Residential Parking Resolution and they fell short as far as I'm concerned. We are here to govern. This stuff is in court and we don't have anything to do with it. We need to provide that service to our Constituents here in the City of Chester. I think V.J. mentioned that there are about three spots around here in the City of Chester that has been neglected. The Mayor has already given examples of them. It's a Public Safety issue, also. People get into arguments. We haven't had that escalation but can get injured as a result of that. I have family members and people relations that live in Nova Vista that live over by Widener that it's been an issue for years. I stated yesterday when I was in Public (inaudible) Law in Media because we couldn't park in the general parking because that was for jurors. We starting parking in the Residential Areas and lickity split time there was no plan. You'll talking plan. There was no plan. They put up Residential Parking signs. So why shouldn't Chester have them. Why shouldn't we (inaudible) our community. Thank you!

Councilwoman West says I know that there has been some incidents where trash has not been picked up on your trash day. But, we have a collaborative working relationship with J.P. Mascaro and we have direct access with their supervisor and if you call in to my office 610-447-7700 and ask for Mr. Richard Knox or the Streets Department we will make sure that we call the vendor and nine times out of 10 they either go back out the same day or they come out the very next day to collect what they have missed. Some of this has happened because like we said because before they lost some of their employees due to COVID. Some of them have gotten sick. Some are afraid to return to work, I'm sure. We had a serious problem during the pandemic situation. But call and let us know that your trash has not been collected and most of you know me. I make sure it gets done.

Stefan Roots, 926 W. 9th Street says **(see attachment #3)**

Mayor Kirkland says we've been placed here to govern and we're going to do just that. One of the things I hope our folks would begin to talk about and share with folks and maybe Mr. Roots will do that with them. Delcora has been fined by the EPA. I'm hoping the residents look at their bill. It's over a million some dollars they were fined because of dumping sewage water into our regular water. If you look at your bills, you'll see that you're paying for that fine. I just had to say that because that's who Mr. Roots work for.

Kia Newman, 2707 W. 6th Street says **(see attachment #4)**

Mayor Kirkland says we look to our Engineer when it comes to those matters and we will continue to work with our Engineer, Mike Galante, and he will continue to work with the trucking company to make sure that roads...we can't raise the railway but we can lower our roads by the construction work that they do on our roads and our highways. Mr. Galante, do you want to address that?

Mike Galante, City Engineer says regarding the sign on Highland Avenue...Public Works will go out there and we'll check the signage and make sure that it's all in place. In regards to the trucking company we're going to (inaudible) propose their plan development on Booth Street. They're still going through the land development process. We are going to make sure that their trucking routes are set and that they don't go into the residential neighborhoods at all. I believe even during the presentation they did mention that they were going to look at Chester Residents for job placement.

Adelaide Evans, 465 Bradley Street says **(see attachment #5)**

Mayor Kirkland says **(question #5)** we don't know. If you can give us some more clarity on that we will definitely look into that. To the bidder...the trash company we have, J.P. Mascaro, there were two bidders who came in and bided on the City's trash and J.P. Mascaro was the lowest responsible bidder. They were lower by 2 million dollars and we have a five year contract which means that there will not be an increase in those monies or in that bill for the next five years. As far as the 700 hundred thousand dollar number that's incorrect and I'll let the person who made the comment correct themselves. That is in correct. If you are talking about the building that's being worked on that's covered up there is a company down there that just purchased that building. They are rehabbing that building. American Wood is a company that moved from Delaware to Chester and they are expanding. Once again it's progress. Progress always looks a little distasteful in the beginning but the end product I'm confident that the entire Community will love and see a beautiful building in that area. You'll see more Chester Residents employed.

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Resolutions.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 511.55, entitled Delegation of Powers, of Article 511 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Chester allows Council to designate Residential Parking Permit Area(s), by Resolution within Residential Districts.

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

That it does hereby designate the following areas within the City of Chester as Residential Parking Permit Zones, as further detailed on the attached lists:

Residential Parking Permit Zone #1
Residential Parking Permit Zone #2
Residential Parking Permit Zone #3

Nova Vista section of the City of Chester
Sun Hill Section of the City of Chester
Widener North section of the City of Chester

FURTHER, said designated areas are subject to review and amendment by Chester City Council from time to time as needed.

EVEN FURTHER, said zones are contingent upon final review and approval of the City Solicitor.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chester has established a Single Family Affordable Housing Initiative with funds allocated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the eligible uses of such funds is the creation of affordable housing through the rehabilitation of properties for sale to low-moderate income families; and

WHEREAS, the Chester Economic Development Authority, as the City's administrator for the HOME Program, has received an Affordable Housing Development Proposal from Smoove Investments, LLC requesting HOME funds in the amount of \$70,000.00 to rehabilitate 1112 Kerlin Street for sale to a low to moderate income homebuyer; and

WHEREAS, CEDA has reviewed such Proposal and recommends that the City consider the approval of the use of HOME funds for this project.

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

That it does hereby approve the use of HOME fund for rehabilitation of 1112 Kerlin Street and authorizes the Chester Economic Development Authority (CEDA) to take the appropriate steps to ensure that the requirements of the HOME Program are met.

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

RESOLUTION

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

1. Jacqueline Anne Whitehead, 330 Townsend Street, Chester, PA 19013
2. Ader Richardson, 1938 McDowell Avenue, Chester, PA 19013
3. Wanda Reed, 1002 Kerlin Street, Chester, PA 19013
4. Ayshah Begum, 206 E. 18th Street, Chester, PA 19013
5. Robert Butler, 314 Ward Street, Chester, PA 19013
6. Christopher S. Dorsey, 2404 Lindsay Street, Chester, PA 19013
7. Donald Willis, 604 West 14th Street, Chester, PA 19013
8. Pearlene Fletcher, 829 West 7th Street, 2nd Floor, Chester, PA 19013
9. Nadira Beard, 840 Elsinore Place, Chester, PA 19013
10. Florence Freeman, 2125 West 4th Street, 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 300 Block of Townsend Street; 1900 Block of McDowell Avenue; 1000 Block of Kerlin Street, 200 Block of East 18th Street, 300 Block of Ward Street; 2400 Block of Lindsay Street; 600 Block of West 14th Street; 800 Block of West 7th Street; 800 Block of Elsinore Place, and 2100 Block of W. 4th Street, in the City of Chester.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, QBS Realty, LLC wishes to purchase and redevelop certain real property owned by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Chester in the area of Tilghman Street, Church Street, and W. 2nd Street in the City of Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, as shown on the attached Exhibit A, for the development of twenty (20) residential housing units for rent; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Chester has approved the Redevelopment Authority entering into a Redevelopment Agreement conditioned upon approval of the Agreement by the City Council of the City of Chester; and

WHEREAS, the subject properties listed in Exhibit A are located in a redevelopment area in the City of Chester and as such, the sale, lease or transfer of such property is subject to approval by Chester City Council under the Urban Redevelopment Law, at 35 P.S. Section 1709(k).

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

That it does hereby approve the Redevelopment Agreement with QBS Realty, LLC, for the development of twenty (20) residential housing units for rent in the area of Tilghman Street, Church Street and West 2nd Street, in the City of Chester.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Chester (CRA) entered into a Redevelopment Agreement with Sapphire Technology Group, Inc., for the former Police Station property at 4th Street and City Hall Place; and

WHEREAS, Sapphire Technology Group, Inc. has requested that its Redevelopment Agreement with CRA be dissolved in order for the property to be sold to Penn Home Health Care LLC; and

WHEREAS, the CRA Board determined that the sale of said parcel would not have a detrimental impact upon redevelopment of the area; and

WHEREAS, the CRA Board approved the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agreement with Sapphire Technology Group, Inc. and approved entering into a new Redevelopment Agreement with new deed restrictions related to the proposed use of the property by Penn Home Health Care, LLC; and

WHEREAS, such approval is subject to the approval of Chester City Council, as required under Section 1709(k) of the Urban Redevelopment Law.

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

That it does hereby approve the actions taken by the Board of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Chester to dissolve the Redevelopment Agreement with Sapphire Technology Group, Inc., and enter into a new Redevelopment Agreement with Penn Home Health Care, LLC for the redevelopment of the property located at 4th Street and City Hall Place.

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

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby adopt the amended Park Permit Request Application, which sets forth the fees and the terms and conditions for the use of the public parks within the City of Chester.

FURTHER, this policy will take effect immediately upon the passage of this Resolution.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the charter for the Parking Authority of the City of Chester (CPA) was for a term of fifty (50) years, pursuant to the Parking Authority Law, 53 Pa C.S.A. §§ 5501-5518; and

WHEREAS, the charter for the CPA expired in 2016; and

WHEREAS, all of its real property and assets were transferred over to the City of Chester; and

WHEREAS, CPA is the owner of the parking lot located at Flower Street and Stadium Drive in the City of Chester, such parking lot being a portion of Barry Bridge Park; and

WHEREAS, FC Pennsylvania Stadium, LLC has expressed an interest to extend its current License Agreement for the use of the parking lot for certain limited periods under certain conditions.

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

That it does hereby approve entering into an Amended and Restated Parking Area License Agreement with FC Pennsylvania Stadium, LLC, for the use of the parking lot located on a portion of Barry Bridge Park, in the City of Chester.

FURTHER, it does hereby authorize the proper City official to execute the agreement for and on behalf of the City of Chester.

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

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 30, 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 Jacobs, the above Resolution was adopted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, West, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Ordinances.

**BILL NO. 2
ORD. 2, 2021**

**AN ORDINANCE
LAST AND FINAL READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER,
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF
CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE
VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF CHESTER,
PENNSYLVANIA**

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Jacobs, Bill No. 2, 2021 was passed on its Last Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, West, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS VIA EMAIL

NONE

Mayor Kirkland says I want to address Covanta that is located here in our City. Covanta has been a good partner to this Community...To this City...to this Government. Covanta has been one of the few industries that have not been fined by the EPA and those fines being passed on to you the Residents. Covanta hires Chester Residents. Covanta follows the rules and regulations. I wanted to be on record saying that because when people provide our Community with miss information such as seeing multitudes of our children walking around with inhalers because of Covanta. I have 13 grandchildren and not one of them has an inhaler. My children live here. I live here. We all live here (**Council**). I see people in this room...nobody has an inhaler. To try to gain political brownie points by passing off miss information, false information and lies to the Community is simply wrong and we don't need that kind of mess in our Community. When I say mess I'm talking about people who are spewing lies about our Community and about the industries. We are surrounded by industries. Some Communities, Marcus Hook, Trainer they have the industry living right on top of them but we choose here to try to gain political brownie points by trying to point out an industry that **WE**. When I say **WE**, years ago when it was trash to steam fought and fought hard against them to make sure that they followed the rules and regulations. Now we have a place in system were by Covanta, Covanta follows the rules and regulations. If they did not they would be fined just like Delcora was and just like other industries have been fined here in our City. I just wanted to be clear. The other Communities don't have to email me and ask me my thoughts. You hear them right now! If you choose not to bring your trash to Covanta, that's your choice. But, we choose to work with the industry here in our Community that has become a good partner. I want to thank each every worker and unemployed person that worked here in City Hall. We work as a team and we've been asked to build...Pharaoh has asked us to build bricks with no straws. I'm using a Biblical term. When I say bricks with no straws...we have no Community Liaisons, zero. Our Community Liaisons were our eyes and our ears in the Community. We no longer have any Community Liaisons...Thomas White, Lisa Dennis, Fred Green, Nasir. These are real people and because of the pandemic and because of the lay-offs, we're hoping that we can bring our people back. We don't have any right now. But I want to thank all of them and you for all your hard work. We have one Administrative Assistant when there were five. Five fantastic young ladies that helped us do our jobs and now we're done to one and she's out. The sad part now is we got to answer phones. Let me be the first one to apologize because I know...I don't know how to operate those phones down stairs so every now and then I might of hung up on somebody. I apologize right now! We have to operate the phones, give out food, work in alleyways along with our workers, sweep the floors, pick up trash and branches and we still governing. We're still governing even though we have to make bricks with no straws. We have one Solicitor and he has one aide when we had three and a secretary. Now we're down to one Solicitor and his right hand is ill. So we still have to make bricks with no straws. We have a depleted workforce and Spring is here and we have to deal with the streets and the parks. **WE HAVE TO MAKE BRICKS WITH NO STRAWS! WE'RE ABLE TO DO SO BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT TEAMWORK CONTINUES TO MAKE THE DREAM WORK!! SO I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU!!** There's know least to the best. We're all good! And we're all good because we work together!! We get the job done!! I would like to thank the Community, the real Chester Community, for your patience. Thank you for working with us. Thank you for coming up every now and then and say Thank You for your hard work when you thank these Councilpersons and these workers for the hard work that they do doing these hard and difficult times. So we want to thank the Chester Community because Chester is a very unique Community but it's the best Community in the whole wide world! Yea, we have to make some tough decisions but that's what we do...we govern.

Councilwoman West says with regards to Covanta I mentioned it before but here in the City of Chester I'm a member of the Chester Environmental Partnership and from that organization we decided to get four persons to work as Host Inspectors for the City of Chester. Mr. Rodney Robertson, Mr. John Johnson, Mr. John Shelton and Mr. Richard Knox and what they do is they have been trained by the DEP to follow certain guidelines. They go down to Covanta to do the inspection there. It's done on an annual basis. Mr. Knox and Mr. Robertson, they go out together and they have their checklist and things to look for to make sure that Covanta is meeting the requirements of the DEP and EPA. So we have those measures in place to go down and look for ourselves to see what is going on and Covanta has always been in compliance. If anything came up they were very expedient in terms of correcting whatever is needed. I can tell you for the past eight years we have not found any violations there with Covanta and they have been a good partner and yes, for the record I do support them because this is not something that we asked for, the City of Chester. You know we inherited this. We were told years and years ago that the trash to steam plant was coming to Chester and you had to take it. **WE HAD TO TAKE IT! I DIDN'T HEAR MUCH NOISE COMING OUT FROM THE COMMUNITY WHEN IT WAS THE COUNTY THAT SAID WE HAD TO TAKE A TRASH TO STEAM PLANT IN THE CITY OF CHESTER!!** So then you had organizations like the CEP a watch group looking at these various companies on the Waterfront. But, I don't hear anything about the other companies just Covanta and we have other companies that have been and are in violation of our environmental health here in Chester. So we need to be careful and we need to look closely at everything...The big picture not just zero in for political purposes on one company. As far as the clean-up that was conducted during the month of March by my Department and others...Police and Fire, Public Safety, Parks and the Streets Department...we all got together and went into various areas of our Community to clean-up. **NO** community members came out to help. I think maybe one or two

persons stopped and ask if they could help and they just rolled up their sleeves and starting working with us. When I was growing up my Mother had me sweep up the porch, steps, sidewalks and the street and we did the whole block. We picked up paper and everything. That's not happening now. So we as Community members, those of us that live here, we have to make sure that we're doing our part to keep the City clean. If you see someone dumping let us know. Call the Police. That's what I did when I found someone dumping and the Police came. They took the truck and the people were arrested. So you have to take responsibility and look out for your own Community. When we go to Upland and Parkside, those other areas, you don't see trash in people's yard but in Chester I see some areas where they are throwing trash out their windows down to the back yard in bags. They're not putting the trash out properly. You know we're supposed to have receptacles that we're putting the trash in. So I'm asking the Community and for those of us who are out there politicalizing everything, helping your Community and maybe reach out and help a Senior who maybe can't get out in their yard and see what you can do for the Chester Community and helping to keep it clean. For those of you that have been helping I want to thank you because I have plenty of people call me because a lot of you have my cell phone number because I'm available 24/7 and you know it. You can call me. You can reach out to me if you see me in the supermarket. I'm all over the place. You see me, you stop me and you tell me what's going on. You have problems you share it with me and maybe it doesn't always pertain to my department but it's good to know people who know people who know people. So I'm always available to help you. Thank you Community for those of you who do help and for those of you who are looking to criticize **SHAME ON YOU!**

Councilman Jacobs says I just want to give the Public a COVID-19 Vaccine Update. The Bureau of Health and the Chester City Health Board partnered with Widener University on April 21 over 15 doses will be available. Please call this number 610-447-7700 ext. 7955 for an appointment. Just about all of our Senior Residential Sites in Chester have received vaccines. Vaccines have been made available to them. Over 600 Seniors have been vaccinated. The Partnership has been made possible by Crozer Chester Medical Center. The City is Partnering with ChesPenn with their new mobile unit for COVID testing and vaccines to go into areas that have trouble accessing COVID-19 testing and vaccine. Scheduling for COVID-19 vaccine is still available at City Hall in the Health Department. This service is provided by Keystone First. **THE VACCINE IS BEING MADE AVAILABLE NOW TO 18 YEARS OLD AND OVER!** We've been dealing up to this point with people that were 65 and older and if you were less than 65 you had to have an acute medical condition. But now it's being opened up to 18 year olds and this will be starting April 13. Over 7,000 have been vaccinated in the City of Chester. Some of them have gone outside the City. We keep track of that through area code but 17,000 thus far have been vaccinated. COVID-19 testing is available in Upland at the Army Reserve, Urgent Care in Chester and will be available at Bethany Baptist on April 24 from 10a-2p. Yesterday I got my first vaccine and it was at the Wellness Center at 9th and Yarnall and its constantly people were coming in and out and it's not just people coming from the City of Chester about a third of the folk were from outside the City of Chester. I think that's very important especially what the President is putting out that we need to be vaccinated in order to overcome this pandemic. I just want to even encourage after you get your vaccine continue please to wear your mask, practice 6 foot social distancing and washing your hands.

Councilwoman Williams says I have a very serious problem when I see that things that are not written right and properly about the City of Chester. I feel the Citizens here should know that we have over 30 Parks here in the City of Chester. Not what I read. Also, I want you to know that I have requested the Summer Food Program which serves over 500 children and adults here in the City of Chester and I have not received a response. I'm really really upset about that because when you keep trying to say or whoever they are...that the people here in the City of Chester and Council and Mayor not doing their job properly I feel that somebody else is not doing their job properly and when you keep going back to Act 47, which that's what we were doing when we came in the door, I have a very serious problem with that and when you're not telling the truth about how we work here basically everyone sitting up here is educated in one way or another and we know how to run business and we are running business here in the City of Chester. I'm looking for you, the State of Pennsylvania, to do their job. You need to bring some money down here. That's what you need to do. You doing all this cutting and taking away. How about adding some money down here to the City of Chester the first City in Pennsylvania and we need to be taken care of.

Mayor Kirkland says I also want to thank the Stormwater Authority for their support in our clean-up efforts. They've partnered with us. They've been out there with their men and women working with us. So I want to give a shout out to Dr. Strand and the Executive Director and numerous of the Stormwater Authority for all the hard work they do and continue to do in this Community. We appreciate it! We understand the climate. We understand what time of year it is and we're big boys and girls. We believe in transparency and putting the truth on the table and we'll continue to do just that. We appreciate the opportunity to serve the People of Chester and we're going to do just that.

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:06am.

Respectfully submitted,

APRIL 14, 2021

Candice Thompson, City Clerk