

**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 10:04am 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.

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Resolutions.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the following individuals have requested handicapped parking zones:

1. Willie Sam Wilburn, 1023 Butler Street, Chester, PA 19013
2. Theresa Nbili, 909 East 21st Street, Chester, PA 19013
3. Quinton L. Brown, 45 East 24th Street, Chester, PA 19013
4. Shatisha Miller, 224 West 22nd 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 1000 Block of Butler Street; 900 Block of East 21st Street; Unit Block of East 24th Street; and 200 Block of West 22nd 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

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby ratify the appointment of Eleese Elam, to the position of Program Manager for the Summer Food Service Program, effective June 24, 2021, at the hourly rate of \$16.00 per hour, not to exceed 37.5 hours per week.

FURTHER, said employment shall end two (2) weeks after the conclusion of the 2021 Summer Food Service Program.

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 ratify the appointment of the following individuals to the position of Fire Cadet, Chester Bureau of Fire, Department of Public Safety, effective June 23, 2021, at an hourly rate of \$14.52 per hour, on a per diem basis, not to exceed 40 hours a week, with no benefits.

Nicholas Vaders
Owen Macfawn

FURTHER, that the employment of said individuals as Fire Cadets for the city is contingent upon satisfactory completion of all training, evaluations and testing required to graduate the fire academy courses that apply to skills required by the Chester Fire Department.

FURTHER, upon graduation said employment with the City as an Apprentice Firefighter shall be based upon availability.

FURTHER, if employed as a Firefighter for the City of Chester said individuals are required to reside in the City of Chester for the first 5 years of employment. Any firefighter not residing in the City of Chester must do so within ninety (90) days of their date of hire as a permanent employee, and must submit proof of residency to the Human Resource Department.

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 authorize the proper City official to accept a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development, under the provisions of the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act (ACT 47), in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$220,000), which shall be used for completing a Municipal Comprehensive Plan and other conditions as specified in the contract

FURTHER, said grant is contingent upon final 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

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby authorize promotional testing for the position of Captain to be given by the Civil Service Board to all eligible candidates of the Chester Police Department, Department of Public Affairs.

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:

The Stormwater Authority of the City of Chester is proposing to construct the following stormwater infrastructures within the City of Chester:

1. Stormwater Management Piping; and
2. Stormwater Inlets and Manholes

The locations of improvements are as follows:

- W. 6th Street from Edgemont Avenue to Chester Creek

FURTHER, the Stormwater Authority of the City of Chester shall comply with all of the following conditions outlined by the City Engineer and said conditions must be completed in a manner that is satisfactory to City Council.

1. Applicant must reconstruct the ADA Ramps at the following locations and provide full engineered design plans.
 - All corners at Sproul Street and W. 6th Street; and
 - Northeast and Southeast Corners of Edgemont Avenue and W. 6th Street
2. If the applicant disturbs a corner during construction, the corner shall be upgraded.
3. The Stormwater Authority takes full responsibility for the maintenance and repair of all proposed improvements.
4. Applicant provides traffic control for continuous operation of the roadways and coordinates installation with the Public Works Supervisor and the City Engineer.
5. Applicant provides a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan.
6. Applicant provides a copy of the NPDES Permit.
7. Applicant obtains and provides verification that all easements have been obtained from private property owners for the construction of proposed improvements.
8. Applicant obtains any and all required NJDEP Permits.

FURTHER, the Stormwater Authority of the City of Chester shall obtain all necessary road opening, sidewalk and curb permits from the City of Chester Streets Department.

EVEN FURTHER, the City does authorize a waiver of the half mill and overlay requirement for this project.

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:

The Stormwater Authority of the City of Chester has completed the following work under an emergency status and prior to final restoration within the City of Chester:

Stormwater Management Piping

The locations of improvements are as follows:

- Hancock Street from Ridley Avenue to Sun Drive

FURTHER, the City does authorize a waiver of the half mill and overlay requirement for this project.

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 approve the Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report as provided by Milligan & Company, LLC, providing an analysis of the City's governmental and business activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Chester as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, and related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements.

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, by Resolution dated September 11, 2019, approved the sale of property by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Chester to Agri-Kind Hemp LLC; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to such approval, the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Chester approved a request to amend the entity that would purchase such property from Agri-Kind Hemp LLC to Starboard Industries, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Chester has requested that the City of Chester consent to the sale of such property to Starboard Industries, LLC.

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

That it does hereby authorize and consent to the sale of the following real properties as listed on Exhibit "A" from the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Chester to Starboard Industries, LLC:

FURTHER, that the appropriate designated officers are hereby authorized to execute and deliver such agreements, deeds, transfer tax affidavits or other documents as may be necessary or appropriate to consummate the sale of the properties on the terms and conditions as set by Chester City Council.

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 accept the U.S. Department of the Treasury State Fiscal Recovery Fund and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Award, the funds disbursed under this award may only be used in compliance with section 603© of the Social Security Act, Treasury's regulations implementing that section, and guidance issued by Treasury regarding the foregoing.

FURTHER, the period of performance for this award begins on the date hereof and ends December 31, 2026, as set forth in the Treasury's implementing regulations, in addition, the City may use award funds to cover eligible costs incurred during the period that begins on March 3, 2021, and ends December 31, 2024.

FURTHER, the City will determine prior to engaging in any project using this assistance that it has the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of such project.

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

EVEN FURTHER, said award is contingent upon final 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

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does authorize the proper City official to enter into an agreement with Spyglass, to conduct a telephone line audit for the City of Chester's current telephone system.

FURTHER, there is no "up-front" charge for this service. Any potential costs will be commissioned based on a percentage of the overall savings achieved by the City.

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 authorize entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Chester Police Department and the Chester Charter Community Charter School, as a requirement of Pennsylvania Safe Schools Act 24, P.S. §§ 13-1301-A, to establish procedures to be followed when certain incidents may occur on school property, at any school sponsored activity or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school sponsored activity; including but not limited to a school bus, as described in the MOU.

FURTHER, that it does hereby ratify the execution of the MOU by the Chester Police Commissioner for and on behalf of the City of Chester.

FURTHER, the MOU is contingent upon the final 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 is located in Delaware County, Pennsylvania (the "City"); and

WHEREAS, the City qualifies as a "local public procurement unit" as defined under Chapter 19 of the Commonwealth Procurement Code, 62 Pa. C.S. § 1901 et seq. (the "Code"); and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission ("DVRPC") qualifies as a "public procurement unit" under the Code, and has established a Regional Streetlight Procurement Program (the "Program") for the purpose of entering into "cooperative purchasing" agreements with regional municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the City, in its capacity as a local public procurement unit, agreed to participate in the Program, as reflected by the adoption of a letter of intent in connection with the Program's Phase 1, and by the adoption of a resolution authorizing the participation in the Program's Phase 2; and

WHEREAS, full participation in the Program's additional Phase 3 (Project Management) and Phase 4 (Post Construction Operations and Maintenance Services) will allow the City to implement the project (the "Project") and improve the performance of municipal street lighting; and

WHEREAS, DVRPC entered into a contract with Keystone Lighting Solutions (“KLS”) to provide design services as part of Phase 2 of the Program and at the option of participating municipalities to extend services provided in Phases 3 and 4; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its authority under the Code, the City entered into contract with KLS for Project Development Phase 2 for professional design services to evaluate, recommend, audit, design and manage the Project with the option to proceed with Phases 3 and 4; and

WHEREAS, KLS has completed the services required in connection with Project Development Phase 2; and

WHEREAS, as part of Project Development Phase 2, KLS presented a Final Project Specification and Proposal (the “Proposal”). and in this Proposal KLS estimated the costs to the City associated with KLS’ services for Phases 3 and 4; and

WHEREAS, also in the Proposal KLS provided a “Total Project Cost” found in the Project Cashflow, which establishes the total price to the City associated with this Project; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to exercise its option to proceed with Phases 3 and 4 under its existing contract with KLS and to secure its professional assistance in connection with the procurement and installation of these improvements; and

WHEREAS, DVRPC has entered into a contract with Armour & Sons Electric, Inc. (“Armour”) to provide construction installation services and assigned to Armour DVRPC’s contracts for manufacture and distribution of equipment; and

WHEREAS, participating municipalities, including the City, are able to “piggyback off of” the contract entered into by DVRPC for installation, in accordance with the Code; and

WHEREAS, continued participation in the Program will allow the City to implement its project and improve the performance of municipal street lighting, and specifically to manage and administer the procurement, installation, and financing of the transition to light-emitting-diode (LED) street lighting and other street light improvements, and the maintenance of those improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that its interests warrant piggybacking off of DVRPC’s contract with Armour, thereby forming a separate and new contract between the City and Armour in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

WHEREAS, the County has agreed to provide a loan to the City (the “Loan”) from funds borrowed by the County from the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority (“DelVal”) and to any other municipality that desires to participate in cooperative procurement organized by the Regional Streetlight Procurement Program; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to receive the Loan from the County and issue a Promissory Note, Series 2021 (the “2021 Note”) to the County to evidence of its obligations under the Loan for a project (the “2021” Project) which will: (i) improve the performance of municipal street lighting, and specifically to manage and administer the procurement, installation, and financing of the transition to light-emitting-diode (LED) street lighting and other street light improvements, and the maintenance of those improvements in the city; and (ii) pay of costs of issuance incurred by the City in connection with the Loan and the issuance of the 2021 Note; and

WHEREAS, the payments due on the 2021 Note in each year will be subject to annual appropriation by the City, as a current obligation payable solely payable from funds appropriated and lawfully available for such use during the then current fiscal year of the City; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Project will benefit the health and welfare of the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Project shall be for the benefit and use of the general public, and no private party shall have any special legal entitlement to the beneficial use of the 2021 Project, through a lease, management contract, or any other arrangement that would result in a private business use under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That the City of Chester does hereby exercise its option under the existing cooperative purchasing contract with KLS and to proceed to Phase 3 and Phase 4 of the Program for Project Management and Post Construction Operation and Maintenance Services; and

FURTHER, that the Council of the City of Chester hereby authorizes the City to enter into cooperative purchasing in the form of a contract with Armour & Sons Electric, Inc. for installation of equipment; and

FURTHER, that the Council of the City of Chester hereby authorizes and directs its officials, employees, agents and representatives to take all such further actions and to execute and deliver all such instruments and other documents as may be necessary or appropriate to enable the City to carry out the intent and purposes of the foregoing resolutions and the transactions contemplated hereby; and

FURTHER, that the Council of the City does hereby authorize and approves the Loan from the County in the maximum principal amount of \$1,500,000.00 as evidenced by the issuance of the 2021 Note. The City shall be responsible for paying certain costs of origination of the Loan in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 as directed by the County upon the issuance of the 2021 Note, which shall be paid from the proceeds of the 2021 Note. The 2021 Note shall be purchased by the County on or about July 26, 2021; and

FURTHER, that the substantial form of the 2021 Note attached hereto as Exhibit B is hereby approved. The Mayor and the City Clerk (collectively, the "Authorized Officers") are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the 2021 Note, in the substantial form attached hereto, but with such alterations, deletions and additions as the Authorized Officers may approve (such approval to be conclusively established by the execution of the 2021 Note by the Authorized Officers). The Authorized Officers also are hereby authorized and directed (i) to execute and deliver such other certificates, instruments, and agreements (including those required by DelVal or otherwise related to the 2021 Note) and (ii) to take all actions that may be necessary or beneficial to issue the 2021 Note; and it is

FURTHER, that the amounts payable in each year under the 2021 Note shall be current expenses subject to annual appropriation by the City and payable solely from funds lawfully available for such use during the then current fiscal year of the City and shall be evidenced by the 2021 Note in the maximum principal amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00). The 2021 Note shall bear interest (the "Loan Interest") as set forth in the 2021 Note. The 2021 Note shall be subject to optional redemption by the City as set forth in the 2021 Note. The principal payments under the 2021 Note (the "Loan Principal") shall be amortized as set forth in the 2021 Note; and is

FURTHER, that the payments due on the 2021 Note do not constitute a lien or charge upon the funds of the City beyond the fiscal year for which the City has appropriated money to pay the Loan Interest and Loan Principal (and any other sums due under the 2021 Note) and the obligations of the City do not constitute a general obligation debt of the City. Neither the full faith and credit nor the taxing power of the City or of any other political subdivision of the Commonwealth has been or will be pledged to the payment of the Loan Interest and Loan Principal (and any other sums due thereunder); and it is

FURTHER, that the City does hereby authorize payments on the 2021 Note to be made by ACH Debit from a demand deposit account to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., or any other bank designated by DelVal, acting as the appointed collection agent of the County. The Authorized Officers are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the ACH Debit Authorization form attached hereto as Exhibit C, and such other certificates, instruments, and agreements as may be required for purposes of making payments on the 2021 Note.

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Jacobs, the above Resolution was adopted.

Councilwoman Wests says she has a question. First, I want to make a statement that this is a wonderful project that is going to help the City of Chester in a lot of different ways, especially as it pertains to dumping and criminal activity. We will be able to light up our Community and keep you safe. How long has this plan been in motion...the partnership between the City and DVRPC? Did this start before the Receivership?

Mayor Kirkland says yes it did.

Councilwoman West says she just wants to note that, that this has been a plan that was in action before the Receivership. The City has been looking into this for you. I want to thank the Receiver for his support of this project and also the County for their support.

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 authorize the proper City official to submit an application to the Delaware County Demolition Program, Blighted Property Demolition Fund to obtain funds for the demolition of the following properties:

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Folio Number</u>
802 W. 6 th Street	49-07-000432-00

FURTHER, it does hereby authorize the proper City officials to execute all necessary documents 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. 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 July 2, 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. 4
ORD. 4, 2021**

**AN ORDINANCE
LAST AND FINAL READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER,
INCREASING THE TERM OF EXISTENCE OF THE
CHESTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY, ADDING TO THE AUTHORITY'S
PURPOSES, POWERS AND SCOPE OF PROJECTS
PERMITTED, AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENTS
AND THE FILING OF SAID AMENDED ARTICLES OF
INCORPORATION, AND REPEALING ALL
ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES
INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.**

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Jacobs, Bill No. 4, 2021 was passed on its Last Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, West, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

**BILL NO. 5
ORD. 5, 2021**

**AN ORDINANCE
LAST AND FINAL READING**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE HOME RULE CHARTER, REENACTING THE EARNED INCOME TAX FOR THE YEAR 2021, AS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 303 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA 1978, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED, IN ITS ENTIRETY, WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE EXCEPT FOR AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 303.02 ENTITLED "IMPOSITION OF TAX" TO IMPOSE A TAX OF 2.00% FOR 2021 FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES ON SALARIES, WAGES, COMMISSIONS, NET PROFITS AND OTHER COMPENSATION EARNED BY NON-RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF CHESTER FOR WORK DONE OR SERVICES PERFORMED OR RENDERED IN THE CITY OF CHESTER, AND TO ESTABLISH THE EARNED INCOME TAX RATE AT 3.75% FOR 2021 ON SALARIES, WAGES, COMMISSIONS, NET PROFITS AND OTHER COMPENSATION EARNED BY RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF CHESTER; WITH ONE PERCENT (1.00%) OF THE RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS EARNED INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS BEING DESIGNATED TO DISTRESSED PENSION PAYMENTS AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Jacobs, Bill No. 5, 2021 was passed on its Last Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, West, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

**BILL NO. 6
ORD. __, 2021**

**AN ORDINANCE
FIRST READING**

AUTHORIZING THE INCURRENCE BY THE CITY OF CHESTER OF NONELECTORAL DEBT BY THE ISSUANCE OF (1) GUARANTEED HOST COMMUNITY REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES A OF 2021 IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL OF \$13,000,000, AND (2) GUARANTEED HOST COMMUNITY REVENUE REFUNDING NOTES, SERIES B OF 2021 IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE

PRINCIPAL OF \$12,000,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN DEBT OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF A DEBT STATEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION; COVENANTING TO CREATE A SINKING FUND AND TO BUDGET, APPROPRIATE AND PAY DEBT SERVICE ON THE 2021 OBLIGATIONS; PLEDGING CERTAIN REVENUES FOR PAYMENT OF THE 2021 OBLIGATIONS; MAKING A FULL FAITH, CREDIT AND TAXING POWER GUARANTEE OF THE CITY FOR THE PROMPT AND FULL PAYMENT OF THE 2021 OBLIGATIONS IF SUCH REVENUES ARE NOT SUFFICIENT; SETTING FORTH THE SUBSTANTIAL FORMS OF THE 2021 OBLIGATIONS AND AUTHORIZING AN OFFICER OF THIS CITY TO APPROVE OTHER, FINAL TERMS OF SUCH OBLIGATIONS, WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITS; SETTING FORTH THE AMORTIZATION AND INTEREST RATES OF THE 2021 OBLIGATIONS; SETTING FORTH THE INTEREST PAYMENT DATES, PLACE OF PAYMENT AND OTHER DETAILS OF THE 2021 OBLIGATIONS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TRUST INDENTURE UNDER WHICH THE 2021 OBLIGATIONS WILL BE ISSUED AND SECURED AND CONTAINING CERTAIN FURTHER AGREEMENTS; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER AGREEMENTS; FINDING THAT A PRIVATE NEGOTIATED SALE OF THE 2021 OBLIGATIONS IS IN THE BEST FINANCIAL INTEREST OF THE CITY AND ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE 2021 OBLIGATIONS PURSUANT TO A BOND PLACEMENT AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF A DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT RELATING TO THE 2021 OBLIGATIONS; APPOINTING A TRUSTEE AND SINKING FUND DEPOSITORY; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION.

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Jacobs, Bill No. 6, 2021 was passed on its First Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, West, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

Mayor Kirkland says we are currently open to the Public but we were unable to proceed in a manner that we would like to because we have some technical problems that we are correcting. So, we'll be officially open to the public on our next Council Meeting and whereby will be looking to have approximately 25 persons since we are still in the pandemic era.

PUBLIC COMMENTS VIA EMAIL

Deneen Mosley, Property Owner in Chester City says **(see attachment #1)**

Mayor Kirkland says I think it's important to respond to you Ms. Mosley because of false information. It's not fair to the Community or to this Council when false information is provided by persons like yourself. (1) No one up here works part-time. Sometimes we work seven days a week. We spend more time here than we do with our own family because we have a love for this City and a commitment to do our jobs and do them correctly. So I take offense when someone tells me I'm working in a part-time position when I work seven days a week. (2) The salaries as you know were reduced by previous administration simply to cause financial hardship on the members of this Council. Not one time have I ever seen you go to a Council Meeting from another administration to talk about their salaries. They reduced the salaries of this administration just to cause financial hardships. (3) The Pension problem has absolutely nothing to do with our salaries. Not one thing. If you really did your homework and looked at why our Pension is a problem you would be telling folks the truth and not pointing fingers at this administration. This Pension problem has been going on for decades. (4) I personally as Mayor did not take a salary my first year. Just want to be clear with that Ms. Mosley and then for four years didn't have any health benefits from the City which saved the City money. Just want to be clear Ms. Mosley, I hope you're looking and listening because I don't appreciate when folks try to put out there false information for political reasons. I understand that we're in a political season. I get it. What's going to happen is we're going to tell the truth. (5) We raised the taxes because we simply had to correct an error in our tax

instruction and when we raise taxes we raise taxes on ourselves. We had to raise taxes on our families. It's painful for everybody. So it's not like this administration just raises taxes and we're in the clear and we don't have to pay taxes. We do too! Finally, maybe one day you will tell us what the salaries are of those persons in Delaware. Those elected officials in Delaware...where you live. If you bring that information to us it would be appreciated.

Councilwoman West says Mayor can I also say this past Sunday I was out and I contacted you on Sunday about an issue that was brought to me by a Community Member. (The Mayor was away on vacation) but responded to me about some issues in the Community regarding cars and trucks parked up on the sidewalk. I had a resident contact me Saturday and I went to her house on Sunday and sat and spoke with her...got with the Mayor and he told me about some resolutions that he had in mind. People who know me in this Community and there are a lot of you who know that I text you all times of day and night responding to your requests. I am very responsive. A lot of us are. The Mayor is always on you know when I have to go out and do something I'm letting him know...corresponding with him or other Members of Council to get their assistance. So, none of us work part-time. None of us and that's the truth.

Margaret Johnson, 927 Booth Street says **(see attachment #2)**

Councilwoman West says when you reported that matter to us or to me, I did consult with my staff in the Streets Department and Mr. Mark Alexander informed me this morning that that matter had been taken care of in terms of the illegal dumping. But that's not to say that there wasn't additional dumping since that time they went out. With the lighting issue that's something that we turn over to Lenni Electric and they come out. So what I have to do is check with them to see how far along they are in getting to the matter between Booth and Harwick Street. I apologize for the delay but I did put it in for you but I will follow up.

Councilwoman Williams says I would like to send a special thanks to the Sponsors that sponsored the Senior Class Trips for Chester High School and the STEM Program for last nine years. We couldn't do it last year or this year because of the epidemic. I would like to thank the NAACP, Covanta and Monroe Energy for sending over 10,000 Students that we have to the Great Black Wax in Maryland and then we would go to Washington. After the African American Museum was built we would go straight to Washington D.C. to the African American Museum and at the end of the day they would end up at the Corral and all that was taken care of by the NAACP, Covanta and Monroe. Also, while we were going through the pandemic Covanta and Monroe donated the money that they generally give me for the class trips...they donated that for food distribution. Out of that food distribution we were able to feed over 2,000 people here in the City of Chester. I would also like to thank Keystone because they also took a part in helping us distribute the food here to the City. Once again, I would just like to thank them and let them know we are not taking anything for granted and we really really appreciate what they are doing here in the City of Chester.

Councilman Jacobs says **(see attachment #3)** it's vitally important in terms of our Citizens particularly now...our school age children to get the vaccine. The link will be provided on our City's Website. **(See attachment #4) (See attachment #5).** The Bureau of Health and City of Chester Health Board are working in partnership with PA Health Department to increase vaccine numbers here in the City of Chester. Again, I just want to let everybody know just how important that is for our City and our Community for everybody to get vaccinated and particularly with this new Delta Virus that has come on the scene right now. **PLEASE GET VACCINATED!**

Councilwoman West says I just want to talk about my worse subject TRASH! First of all I'm very upset that our trash collection has not been handled the way that it should have been in Chester. But, I do want to say that I'm communicating with the trash vendor on a daily basis...I talk to the owners, the supervisors and I've now been assigned a Corporate Customer Service Manager, Mr. Mark Caesar, someone that I've been dealing with on a weekly basis. I'm out two/three times a week following the trash route. I am working diligently with the trash vendor to try and resolve these issues suggesting that maybe we need more trucks. There major concern is the lack of personnel. I know for a fact that especially during these extremely warm days or hot days they've had personnel who have gotten sick on the job and had to go home, some have been taken away in an ambulance to the hospital. So that is a dilemma for the trash vendor which causes one for us as a City. I want to also say that I know that there was confusion after the 4th of July Holiday...4th of July was on a Sunday but regular trash week started on July 5 and if you are ever in doubt and I know that and I compliment you Chester for putting your trash out when you're supposed to but I know sometimes it's confusing especially when your trash is being picked up two/three days late. I understand that but please follow the notice that I have on the City's website. All you have to do is go to my page under the Streets Department and you'll get the information on the holiday pick-ups. That's what you follow. If there is going to be any change like to Recycle because I've not made any changes to our recycle pick-up because of the delays and being

backed up sometimes the Recycle does not get picked up. I'm acknowledging that everything does not get picked up and I know a lot of you have been MIXING YOUR REGULAR TRASH WITH THE RECYCLE TRASH WHICH I'M ASKING YOU IS PLEASE DO NOT!! Because there is information when we collect Recycle separately there is information and sometimes reimbursement to the City for other trash efforts that we get when we report our tonnage at the end of the year by the Recycle Coordinator, Mr. Richard Knox. My staff, the Streets Staff, Mr. Mark Alexander and Mr. Rodney Robertson, Public Works Director and all of the men in the public works area...that includes streets and parks personnel I want to thank them for working so hard in trying to keep up with all the trash (bulk trash and illegal dumping). I have seen for myself and reported persons who are illegally dumping. I don't advise you to do that but if you can get a license plate/make and model of the car would be helpful but we don't want you to approach people. But, we are being inundated with illegal dumping and that's why I'm so happy about the lighting project because that is going to be very helpful with exposing those people or making it uncomfortable for people to go and illegally dump in these out of the way places. I want to just ask the Community too, IT'S NOT FAIR WHEN YOU SAY THAT MAYOR AND COUNCIL IS NOT DOING ANYTHING!! BECAUSE THAT'S NOT TRUE! THAT IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE! If it were not for the Mayor and the Bureau of Health under Councilman Al Jacobs we would of not have had as many people tested or given the shots. It looked to me and I'm not accusing anybody of anything they were skipping all around Chester. The Mayor made sure that they came to Chester and gave us what we needed so that we could be protected. Councilwoman Williams is doing a lot of things in terms of Recreation and education. WE are not sitting here doing nothing! That is not true and you cannot say that. Those of you that know what we're doing I'm asking you to speak out to the nay sayers because it's not fair. It's not fair and it's very painful to me personally when you say things like that. We are open to any questions that you want to ask us. Talk to us before you go out and make accusations. That's all we're asking! We want to be treated fairly.

*ANOTHER PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON

Debra Plummer, from Nova Vista says (paperwork given to Mayor and Council) (see attachments #6, #7 and #8). I'm concerned with the grass that's on the side of Dollar General that the City owns where we get all the rodents and animals over Nova Vista. I'm really concerned for the nastiness of Chester. It wasn't like that. Over Ether Waters where the Pond is it's just filthy. I understand people are not coming out or they don't have a job due to this COVID...this stuff is over with. If you have an event this stuff should be clean. You see all that trash so it's going to make that a dumping.

Mayor Kirkland says first let me correct you because COVID is not over and I don't want folks to believe that.

Ms. Plummer says it's lifted.

Mayor Kirkland says okay it's lifted but it's not over. We clean that area that you're talking about the Ethel Waters Park on a daily basis. There are persons who are homeless that sometimes go over to the park and sleep in the park. So our guys clean that park on a daily basis. We have many persons that have gone over there to have different events and affairs. So it's not like that all the time.

Ms. Plummer says it's been like that for two weeks...last Tuesday and this Tuesday. Go down there and see like in the grate and the... go and check it out.

Mayor Kirkland says okay. I will. This program is CCIP. This is Chester Community Improvement Project. This is not the City's program. This is a program that was put together by CCIP. So this is not basically under the City's direction.

Ms. Plummer says so where do I go at for the (inaudible) that they didn't do.

Mayor Kirkland says Ms. Annette Pyatt. Now, just for your understanding we are hoping that after we get our Federal Money that we're hoping to put something in place that will be able to help our Homeowner's here in the City. After we receive our Federal Money we find out how we can spend it because we have to spend it and we have to spend it properly. One of the programs that we would like to create is something that would help our Homeowner's with the upkeep of their homes.

Councilwoman West says do you have a Homeowner's Association that would take care of some of

Councilwoman West and Ms. Plummer are talking at the same time which makes the conversation inaudible.

Ms. Plummer says some of those people than died. They're gone. Now there is a younger generation and their families and I guess they took their mother's house. They made it a speed way coming into Nova Vista where there should be speed bumps and a sign that says to 10mph when you enter in here. There have been five accidents. So I was just wondering if they could give us some speed bumps.

Mayor Kirkland says what we'll do is have a conversation with our Engineer, Mr. Galante, and we will get back to you. We'll have a conversation with the Engineer and see what we can do.

Ms. Plummer says are you going to cut back there?

Councilwoman West says yes we can do that. We will put it on our list.

Mayor Kirkland says for those who are home probably wondering why we had a public comment in person because the young lady came to Council because she may have heard me make the announcement on our Last Council Meeting. We look forward to you being here at our Next Council Meeting!

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted,

JULY 14, 2021

Candice Newsome, City Clerk