

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCTOBER 27, 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 10:08am 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 in the audience had 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. Andrea Campbell-Mobley, 716 Barclay Street, Chester, PA 19013
2. Gloria Daniels, 1111 Butler Street, Chester, PA 19013
3. Sherri Shank, 610 Norris Street, Chester, PA 19013
4. Willie York, 829 Elsinore Place, Chester, PA 19013
5. Jessie Mae Lawler, 1031 Kerlin Street, Chester, PA 19013
6. John Perrigan, 2420 Upland Street, Chester, PA 19013

WHEREAS, after a thorough investigation by the Department of Public Works, it has been determined 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 700 Block of Barclay Street; in the 1100 Block of Butler Street; in the 600 Block of Norris Street; in the 800 Block of Elsinore Place; in the 1000 Block of Kerlin Street and in the 2400 Block of Upland Street, 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 in accordance with Section 503.06(c)(d) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Chester, the Mayor of the City of Chester does hereby authorize, the proper City official(s) to erect stop sign(s) at the following intersection in the City of Chester.

1. W. 4th and Reaney Streets
2. W. 4th and Yarnall Streets

FURTHER, that it does hereby authorize the proper City officials to install 4-way stop sign and to notify the public of said stop signs.

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

Councilwoman West says that the stop signs and 4th and Reaney and 4th and Yarnall is as a result of a number of incidents that we have had at those intersections and at the request of the Residents who did not feel safe.

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 commemorative roadway naming of Lincoln Street from W. 11th Street North to End to Islamic Way.

FURTHER, that it does hereby authorize the proper City officials to install the appropriate signage and notify the public of said sign.

On motion of Councilor West, Seconded by Councilor Morgan, the above Resolution was adopted.

Mayor Kirkland says this is an effort that was put forth by Iman Rasul and his Membership. This is basically the property that their Mosque lies up on and we're glad to be a part of that experience.

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 testing to be given by the Civil Service Board to all eligible candidates for the position of Fire Cadet, Bureau of Fire, Department of Public Safety.

FURTHER, that it does hereby authorize the City Clerk to advertise for testing to establish a civil service list for the position.

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 Department of Accounts and Finance to refund the stated amounts to Wahid Rahim, which represents a refund for the overpayment of 2021 Real Estate Taxes, for the following properties:

<u>Refund Amount</u>	<u>Property Address</u>
\$660.00	1925 W. 3 rd Street, Chester PA 19013
\$220.00	200 W. 7 th Street, Chester PA 19013

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 October 25, 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 opening of bids.

BARRY BRIDGE PARK PAVILION AND PARK UPGRADES

Donato Spaventa & Sons, Inc 4258-88 Macalester Street Philadelphia PA 19124	Bid Bond Bid Amount	10% \$147,364.00
Kane Communications, LLC 572 Whitehead Rd, Ste. # 201 Trenton NJ 08619	Bid Bond Bid Amount	10% \$113,758.00
L.J. Paoella Construction, Inc. 278 Bridgewater Road Brookhaven PA 19015	Bid Bond Bid Amount	10% \$158,086.00
Midwest Construction 2408 Township Line Road Havertown PA 19083	Bid Bond Bid Amount	10% \$174,000.00
MOR Construction 139 Schoolhouse Lane Glen Mills PA 19342	Bid Bond Bid Amount	10% \$126,425.00
Premier Concrete, Inc. 2327 West Chester Pike Broomall PA 19008	Bid Bond Bid Amount	10% \$188,100.00

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Morgan, the above Bid will be referred to the proper department for review. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

Citation for Councilwoman Elizabeth Williams (see attachment #1)

Fire Commissioner William Rigby gives COVID19 report (see attachment #2 and attachment #3)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harry Crawford, 3315 Carter Lane says (inaudible) have they decided to come into our area to start policing the area.

Mayor Kirkland says yes, they have. I was there the next day after you came to the last meeting. I do know that the Commissioner has put together a detail for that area.

Mr. Crawford says but the public does not see the detail. We need the Police to be seen not hidden.

Mayor Kirkland says I don't think they're hidden. Maybe just sometimes they are missed.

Mr. Crawford says the abandoned car telephone number; it's says leave a message and they will call you back and over five years I've never received back a phone call. I just called again yesterday and it says the line is full and you can't leave a message.

Mayor Kirkland says if there is an abandoned car issue, please feel free to call my office. You can reach out to Ms. Denise Stanback and she will forward that information to me and I will make sure that the abandoned car is identified to our proper department.

Mr. Crawford says Ms. West have you had a chance to come up to the area in regards to the items that I gave you at the last Council Meeting.

Councilwoman West says Mr. Robertson can you talk with Mr. Crawford after the meeting and find out exactly and we will go up there.

Mike Galante, City Engineer says PennDOT did a project there to address some of the safety concerns with people coming off the bridge and that's part of a project we started the roadway and then the striping was moved a little closer and eliminated on about four or five houses. I've been coordinating with PennDOT to try and get the striping shifted over and (inaudible) are in progress.

Councilwoman West says it's still a work in progress and it's not our call but PennDOT's call.

Mayor Kirkland says let me give you Ms. Denise Stanback's direct line...610-447-7723.

Nadine Williams-Dill, on behalf of the families that live on the 25-2600 Block of Sandeland Street, they are concerned about a recovery house being put at the end of 2500 Block of Sandeland Street.

Mayor Kirkland says they've already started the process.

Ms. Williams-Dill says they are fixing the house up.

Mayor Kirkland says what's the address.

Ms. Williams-Dill says 2543.

Mayor Kirkland says we will contact our Planning Department and our Inspectors.

Councilman Jacobs says also Public Safety. This is the first I've heard about it and I will check into it and see if they got everything they're supposed to have and approved by Zoning.

Wesley Spence, Wilmington, DE says I have an issue. My son died four years ago in Chester. He got ran over on the bridge on Edgemont. They are saying it was an accident. The camera at the Post Office shows that it wasn't.

Mayor Kirkland says my condolences for your loss. There is a new DA and I will be having conversations with the new DA in this case.

Mayor Kirkland says this Thursday, will mark our second half of our City Wide Clean Up. We're asking the Residents to join us and be supportive. There will be dumpsters on the West End of town starting this Thursday to Monday to discard bulk trash and other materials. **PLEASE NO OILS OR PAINTS!** I want to thank Councilwoman West and her guys from the Streets Department for getting out there and getting ahead of the bulk trash and making our City look good again.

Councilwoman West says I'm still very happy with J.P. Mascaro's efforts towards getting our regular trash as well as recyclable items. The problem that our vendor is running into in some areas of the City is that persons who block the alleyways or streets were refuse is collected. **For those of you that your trash is collected in the rear I would appreciate that you PLEASE DON'T PARK YOUR CARS THERE ON YOUR TRASH DAY! AND RECYCLABLE DAY WHICH IS ON WEDNESDAY!! THANK YOU!!!**

Councilman Morgan says tomorrow on October 28 @ 2p we will be doing a Facebook Live Meeting with members of Council and members of the Community to discuss the City's plans of the usage of the American Rescue Plan funding that we received. This money is intended for the purposes of the Community to try to uplift them and make them whole again from some of the struggles or obstacles that may have come to their front door step due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will provide some education on the Do's and Don'ts of the Act that have been put forth through the Federal Government.

Mayor Kirkland says we're excited about this opportunity to present to the Community our ideas along with their ideas of how we utilize this money in a positive way to help our City and our Community move forward financially. I'd like to applaud Councilman Morgan for all his work in the financial department in helping us put this together along with Mr. Galante and Lisa Gaffney.

Councilwoman West says when we say that the money is restricted and we can only spend it according to how the Government allows us to spend it. So, the money will not be dealt with in a feverishly manner but we will be in accordance with the Federal Government.

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:54am.

Respectfully submitted,

OCTOBER 27, 2021

Candice Newsome, City Clerk