

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
NOVEMBER 24, 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 10:02am 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  
William "Al" Jacobs  
Mayor Thaddeus Kirkland  
Portia West (**Absent**)

On motion of Councilor Jacobs, seconded by Councilor Morgan, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, 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. Constance Thomas, 1014 Butler Street, Chester, PA 19013
2. Carla Kirksey, 1121 Terrill 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 1000 Block of Butler Street; and in the 1100 Block of Terrill Street, in the City of Chester.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

That it does hereby ratify the appointment of John Parker to the position of Laborer, Department of Public Works, for 40 hours per week, with all benefits applicable, effective November 4, 2021, at the salary as provided in the Annual Appropriation Ordinance. Said individual has successfully completed the thirty (30) day probationary period.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

That it does hereby ratify the appointment of Anntrene Wilson to the position of Recycling, Trash & Streets Coordinator, Department of Public Works, for 37.5 hours per week, with all benefits applicable, effective November 12, 2021, at the salary range as provided in the Annual Appropriation Ordinance. Said individual has successfully completed the thirty (30) day probationary period.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

That it does hereby ratify the temporary appointment of Damon Wilson to the position of Laborer, Department of Public Works, effective November 1, 2021, to work no more than 40 hours per week, or until such time as the search process is exhausted, with no benefits, at the rate provided in the Annual Appropriation Ordinance, pursuant to the Agreement between the City of Chester and Teamsters.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

That it does hereby ratify the appointment of Titus Robinson, as a Violence Prevention Mentoring Case Manager, Mayor's Office, Department of Public Affairs, at the rate of \$20.52 per hour, for no more than 18.75 hours a week, with no benefits, effective November 8, 2021.

**FURTHER**, said position will end when the grant ends unless other funding is secured.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

That it does hereby ratify the appointment of Brittani Hales, as a Violence Prevention Mentoring Case Manager, Mayor's Office, Department of Public Affairs, at the rate of \$20.52 per hour, for no more than 18.75 hours a week, with no benefits, effective November 8, 2021.

**FURTHER**, said position will end when the grant ends unless other funding is secured.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

That it does hereby ratify the appointment of Ayanna King to the position of COVID-19 Support Specialist, Department of Public Safety, Department of Health, for 37.5 hours per week, with all benefits applicable, effective November 22, 2021, at the

salary as provided in the Annual Appropriation Ordinance. Said individual has successfully completed the sixty (60) day probationary period.

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

**Mayor Kirkland says welcome aboard Ms. King.**

**RESOLUTION**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

That it does hereby ratify the reappointment of Joy Taylor as a member of the Stormwater Authority of the City of Chester Board, term to expire October 28, 2026.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

That it does hereby ratify the reappointment of Fred Green as a member of the Stormwater Authority of the City of Chester Board, term to expire October 28, 2026.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

That it does hereby appoint Shy'Quan Davis, as a member of the City of Chester Zoning Hearing Board, to fill the unexpired term of Elroy Lewis term to expire December 31, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

That it does hereby appoint Tiffany Beauford, as a member of the City of Chester Zoning Hearing Board, to fill the expired term of Maxine Singletary, term to expire December 31, 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

That it does hereby appoint Britney Morgan, as an alternate member of the Chester City Planning Commission, term to expire December 31, 2024.

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

#### **RESOLUTION**

##### **THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

That it does hereby appoint Nasir Leach, as a member of the Chester Economic Development Authority, to fill the expired term of James Harper, Jr., term to expire December 31, 2023.

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

#### **RESOLUTION**

##### **THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

That it does hereby appoint Roland Anthony Taylor, as a member of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Chester Board, to fill the expired term of Eugene Alliston, Jr., term to expire December 31, 2024.

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

#### **RESOLUTION**

##### **THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

That it does hereby appoint Jeon Foley, as member of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Chester Board, to fill the expired term of Sam Williams, term to expire December 31, 2025.

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

#### **RESOLUTION**

##### **THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

That it does hereby engage the services of Aysia Pierce, as a Consultant to the Department of Accounts and Finance, effective November 22, 2021, to provide services as a grant coordinator, with no benefits, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 per month.

**FURTHER**, said Consultant is an independent contractor and is not an employee of the City of Chester and shall not be entitled to any of the benefits normally provided to a City employee. As an independent contractor, the City will not deduct federal income tax or earned income tax from any payment made to Consultant.

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

#### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution dated June 22, 1995, the City Council of the City of Chester authorized the dissolution of the Chester Redevelopment Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the dissolution of the Chester Redevelopment Authority, control of all real property titled to Chester Redevelopment Authority passed to the City of Chester; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chester desires to return 214 Yarnall Street property to productive use.

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

That it does hereby authorize the transfer of 214 Yarnall Street to the new Redevelopment Authority of the City of Chester for redevelopment purposes.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:**

That it does hereby award the contract for Barry Bridge Park Pavilion Upgrades for the City of Chester, for which bids were received on October 27, 2021, be and it is hereby awarded to Kane Communication, LLC, 572 Whitehead Road, Suite #201, Trenton, NJ 08619, as the lowest responsible bidder, at the bid price of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty-eight Dollars (\$113,758.00).

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

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

On motion of Councilor Jacobs, seconded by Councilor Morgan, the above Resolution was adopted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, 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 November 19, 2021 attached hereto and made a part hereof, subject to approval from the Department of Accounts and Finance.

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

**Ayanna King, COVID-19 Support Specialist gives an COVID-19 Update (see attachments #1 and #2)**

**Councilman Jacobs says Ms. King thank you for coming aboard and (inaudible) and asset to the Department and City Hall.**

**Mayor Kirkland says thank you Ms. King. You're doing an awesome job! We appreciate you. We would also encourage our Residents...PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE! This is serious business. So, we would ask that you do everything in your power to not only get yourselves vaccinated but also your children. The more folks we get vaccinated here in the City the safer our City becomes...the more we can open back up to some sense of normality.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**NONE**

Mayor Kirkland says we want to say a big THANK YOU to State Representative Brian Kirkland. If you've ridden by the Memorial Park area in the evening, there is new lighting down there and it is well lit and quite amazing. He worked hard in getting the City a Grant so that we might be able to light that area up and for our young people to enjoy sports in the evening as well. Also, there was a \$175,000 Grant for LED Lighting that allowed us to put lighting in the following areas: Highland Avenue, all of 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Route 291, all of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Kerlin Street and Flower Street. This is just Phase I. Phase II will start shortly. The goal is to make sure that the entire City is well lit and with this kind of financial help and support we plan on meeting our goal. On behalf of myself and Council we want to wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving. This has been a very difficult and challenging year. We hope that folks will spend valuable and precious time with their family members and enjoy one another and love on one another and just have a safe and prosperous Thanksgiving Holiday!

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21am.

Respectfully submitted,

**NOVEMBER 24, 2021**

Candice Newsome, City Clerk