

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DECEMBER 22, 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 10:01am with Mayor 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. Wanda L. Pitts, 3150 W. 13th Street, Chester, PA 19013
2. Barbara Miller, 1124 Central Avenue, Chester, PA 19013
3. Shirley Odom, 745 E. 25th Street, Chester, PA 19013
4. Kabertha McCready, 1035 Elsinore Place, Chester, PA 19013
5. Junious Davis, 304 E. 23rd 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 3100 Block of W. 13th Street; in the 1100 Block of Central Avenue; in the 700 Block of E. 25th Street; in the 1000 Block of Elsinore Place; and in the 300 Block of E. 23rd 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 it does hereby authorize testing to be given by the Civil Service Board to all eligible candidates for the position of Patrol Officer in the Police Department, Department of Public Affairs.

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 reappoint Harry Cottman, as a member of the Chester City Planning Commission, term to expire December 31, 2026.

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 award the contract for the 2021 Equipment Rental Contract for the City of Chester, for which a bid was received on December 8, 2021, be and it is hereby awarded to Mor Construction Services, 139 Schoolhouse Lane, Glen Mills, PA 19342, as the sole bidder, for a bid price of Forty-nine Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$49,900.00).

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 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 accept the award of a Coastal Zone Grant funded by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), in the amount of \$60,000, to be used for engineering services for the design of a multiuse trail on Highland Avenue as part of the East Coast Greenway.

FURTHER, that it does hereby authorize Mayor Thaddeus Kirkland to execute any necessary documents for said grant.

FURTHER, said grant is contingent upon final approval of the City Solicitor.

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 the following individuals are appointed as Tax Collection Committee (TCC) delegates for the City of Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

William Morgan	Director of Finance	Delegate
Michael Hurst	Deputy Director	First Alternate Voting Delegate
Arleen Geathers	Deputy CFO	Second Alternate Voting Delegate

FURTHER, if the primary voting delegate cannot be present for a TCC meeting, the first alternate voting delegate shall be the representative at the TCC meeting. If both the primary voting delegate and the first alternate voting delegate cannot be present for a TCC meeting, the second alternate voting delegate shall be the representative at the TCC meeting.

FURTHER, these appointments are effective immediately and shall continue until successors are appointed. Delegates shall be appointed each year in November or December or as soon thereafter as possible. All delegates shall serve at the pleasure of the City of Chester and may be removed at any time.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chester, by Ordinance has levied, assessed and provided for the collection of certain local taxes under and pursuant to the authority of the Act 511 of 1965 as amended by Act 7 of 2007 and Act 32 of 2008 of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chester, desires to hire e-Collect PA, LLC to collect Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and Municipal Claims and as more particularly set forth in the Agreement ("the Agreement") levied by the City of Chester, including taxes that are or may become delinquent; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 192 of 2003 of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania as restated in Act 32 of 2008, the City of Chester, has the right to impose a cost of collection on taxes that become delinquent and/or that remain due and unpaid.

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

1. The City of Chester does hereby engage the services of e-Collect PA, LLC and approves and adopts the Cost of Collection Schedule attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution, to be imposed by e-CollectPlus, LLC upon those taxpayers whose taxes are or become delinquent and/or remain due and unpaid and from whom e-CollectPlus, LLC has been authorized to collect pursuant to the Agreement; and
2. E-CollectPlus, LLC is authorized to retain said costs of collection set forth in the attached schedule incurred in recovering delinquent taxes and assessed to the aforesaid delinquent taxpayer by law.
3. Any existing resolution or part of any existing resolution conflicting with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

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 December 17, 2021, attached hereto and made a part hereof, subject to approval from the Department of Accounts and Finance.

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

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Ordinances.

**BILL NO. 7
ORD. 7, 2021**

**AN ORDINANCE
LAST AND FINAL READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER,
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
AMENDING SUBSECTION 925.021 ENTITLED
“FEES”, OF ARTICLE 925 ENTITLED “REFUSE
COLLECTION” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES
OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, 1978, AS
SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED BY INCREASING
THE FEE TO \$225 OF SUBPARTS (a)(1) AND (a)(2);
AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS
OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.**

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Morgan, Bill No. 7, 2021 was passed on its Last Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0

**BILL NO. 8
ORD. 8, 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 2022, 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 2022 FOR
GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES ON SALARIES,
WAGES, COMMISSIONS, NET PROFITS AND
OTHER COMPENSATION EARNED BY
NONRESIDENTS, 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 2022 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 Morgan, Bill No. 8, 2021 was passed on its Last Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

**BILL NO. 9
ORD. 9, 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
WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE THE
BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX FOR THE YEAR 2022,
AS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 307 OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF
CHESTER, 1978, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND
AMENDED, IN ITS ENTIRETY, WHICH IMPOSES
A TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES
UPON PERSONS, FIRMS, COMPANIES, AND
CORPORATIONS ENGAGING IN CERTAIN
BUSINESS WITHIN THE CITY OF CHESTER
EXCEPT FOR THE AMENDMENT TO
SUBSECTION 307.02(a) ENTITLED "RATE AND
BASIS OF TAX" OF SECTION 307.02 ENTITLED
TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES OF
SAID BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX, TO SET THE
SAID RATE OF TAX TO 2.0 MILLS FOR RETAIL
AND 3.0 MILLS FOR WHOLESALE; AND
REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF
ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.**

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Morgan, Bill No. 9, 2021 was passed on its Last Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0

**BILL NO. 10
ORD. 10, 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
WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE FOR THE
YEAR 2022 THE "LOCAL SERVICES TAX", AS SET
FORTH IN ARTICLE 305 OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHESTER,
PENNSYLVANIA, 1978, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND
AMENDED, IN ITS ENTIRETY, WHICH IMPOSES
A TAX, FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES,
UPON THE PRIVILEGE OF ENGAGING IN AN
OCCUPATION WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS
OF THE CITY OF CHESTER AT THE RATE OF**

FIFTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$52.00) PER YEAR.

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Morgan, Bill No. 10, 2021 was passed on its Last Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0

**BILL NO. 11
ORD. 11, 2021**

**AN ORDINANCE
LAST AND FINAL READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER,
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
ENACTING THE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2022,
ON ALL REAL PROPERTY AT 9.4041 MILLS AND
FIXING THE LIBRARY TAX AT .4017 MILLS.**

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Morgan, Bill No. 11, 2021 was passed on its Last Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0

Ayanna King, COVID-19 Specialist gives a COVID-19 Update (see attachments)

Mayor Kirkland says just this weekend we had COVID vaccinations here at City Hall and I brought three of my grandkids and others brought their children. This thing is serious. PLEASE!! PLEASE!!! PLEASE!! Folks find every excuse not or make up so many excuses not to get the vaccination. WE CAN GET BACK TO A SENSE OF NORMALCY WHEN EVERYONE MAKES A CONSCIENCE DECISION TO GET VACCINATED!! SO, WE'RE PLEADING WITH ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS TO DO JUST THAT!

Presentation

Unveiling of Portraits of (Fmr.) Mayor John Linder and (Fmr.) Mayor Barbara Bohannon-Sheppard

**** (Both were present today)**

**** (John Wooten, Artist)**

Public Comment

Jackie Linder-Goldsborough, 2222 Upland Street says "What Chester Makes Makes Chester" and people talk negative about Chester. I thank John and Barbara Bohannon-Sheppard for doing a good job and Mayor Kirkland. I'm proud of everybody. Everybody needs to stay together and stick together.

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42am.

Respectfully submitted,

DECEMBER 22, 2021

Candice Newsome, City Clerk