

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DECEMBER 8, 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 7:01pm 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

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby ratify the appointment of Damon Wilson to the position of Laborer, Department of Public Works, for 40 hours per week, with no benefits, effective December 6, 2021, with a thirty day probationary period, at the salary as provided in the Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

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 ratify the appointment of Derrick Cooper to the position of Heavy Equipment Operator, Department of Public Works, for 40 hours per week, with no benefits, effective December 6, 2021, with a thirty (30) day probationary period, at the salary as provided in the Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

FURTHER, said appointment is contingent upon successful completion of all the pre-employment requirements, and those documents being provided to Human Resources within ninety (90) days of this appointment.

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 ratify the temporary appointment of Braheim McClary to the position of Laborer, Department of Public Works, for a ninety (90) day period, or until such time as the employee he is replacing on sick leave returns to work, effective November 22, 2021, not to exceed 40 hours per week, at the rate provided in the Annual Appropriation Ordinance, with

no benefits and no accumulation of seniority rights, pursuant to the agreement between the City of Chester and Teamsters Local 107.

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 ratify the temporary appointment of Madeline Clausell, to the position of Secretary, Bureau of Health, Department of Public Safety, effective November 22, 2021, to work no more than 37.5 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 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 ratify the temporary appointment of Thelma Evans, to the position of Nuisance Inspector, Bureau of Health, Department of Public Safety, effective December 6, 2021, to work no more than 37.5 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 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 ratify the appointment Ryan Graf to the position of Apprentice Firefighter, Bureau of Fire, Department of Public Safety, effective November 22, 2021, with all benefits applicable thereto, at the salary range as provided for a first year Apprentice, in accordance with the contract between the City of Chester and International Association of Firefighters, Local 1400.

FURTHER, said individual is required to reside in the City of Chester for the first five (5) years of their employment. Any Firefighter not residing in the City of Chester must do so within three (3) months of their date of hire as a permanent employee, and must submit proof of residency to the Human Resources Department.

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 amend the Resolution passed by Chester City Council on November 10, 2021 to read as follows:

That it does hereby appoint Nasir Leach to the Chester Economic Development Authority Board, to fill the expired term Christina Delva, term to expire December 31, 2025.

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 Susie Kirkland, to the Chester Housing Authority Board, 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. Nays: 0. Abstain: Mayor Kirkland

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

The following is the list of the Legal Holidays for the City of Chester for the year 2022:

New Year's Day	Friday, December 31, 2021 (observed)
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	Monday, January 17
President's Day	Monday, February 21
Good Friday	Friday, April 15
Primary Election Day	Tuesday, May 17
Memorial Day	Monday, May 30
Flag Day	Tuesday, June 14
Juneteenth	Monday, June 20 (observed)
Independence Day	Monday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 5
Indigenous People's Day	Monday, October 10
General Election Day	Tuesday, November 8
Veteran's Day	Friday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 24 Friday, November 25
Christmas Day	Monday, December 26 (observed)

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 organization of the Chester City Council will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 10:00 A.M., City Council Chambers, One Fourth Street, Chester, Pennsylvania 19013, for the purposes of reorganization and appointments to various positions.

FURTHER, that it does hereby authorize the City Clerk to advertise said organization meeting.

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 City Council of the City of Chester will be holding Deliberative Only Meetings in City Council Chambers, One Fourth Street, 2nd Floor, Chester, Pennsylvania 19013 at 2:00pm, prevailing local time, on the following dates for the year 2022, said dates and times are subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions and/or state mandates.

January	10 24	July	11 25
February	07 22	August	08 22
March	07 21	September	12 26
April	11 25	October	11 24
May	09 23	November	07 21
June	06 21	December	12 19 27

FURTHER, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to advertise the foregoing as required by law.

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 regular meetings of the Chester City Council will be held in City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, One Fourth Street, 2nd Floor, Chester, PA, 19013, at 10:00a.m., prevailing time, on the following dates for the year 2022, except where designated by an asterisk (*) which meetings will be held at 7:00p.m., prevailing time, said dates and times are subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions and/or state mandates.

January	12 26	July	13 27
February	09 23	August	10 24

March	09* 23	September	14* 28
April	13 27	October	12 26
May	11 25	November	09 23
June	08* 22	December	14* 21 28

FURTHER, the City Clerk is hereby directed to advertise the foregoing as required by law.

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 regular meetings of the Chester Aggregated Pension Board will be held in City Council Chambers, One Fourth Street, Chester, PA 19013, 2:30p.m., prevailing local time, on the following dates for the year 2022, said dates and times are subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions and/or state mandates.

January 24

April 25

July 25

October 24

FURTHER, the City Clerk is hereby directed to advertise the foregoing as required by law.

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 Public Hearing for the 2022 Budget shall be held on December 29, 2021, at 10:00 A.M., in City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 1 Fourth Street, Chester, Pennsylvania 19013.

FURTHER, that the Final Action on the 2022 Budget Ordinance will be taken at a special meeting of Council to be held on December 29, 2021, at 10:30 A.M. in Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 1 Fourth Street, Chester, PA 19013.

FURTHER, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise the notice of a special meeting and publish a notice of the date, time, and place of the aforesaid hearing.

FURTHER, that a copy of said proposed budget may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office at a fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

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 engage the services of UHY Advisors Tax & Business Consultants, to provide assistance with compliance and reporting guidelines for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

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

FURTHER, all service cost shall be funded by ARPA funds.

EVEN FURTHER, said engagement 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

WHEREAS, the City of Chester received fire escrow money in the amount of \$34,595.65, for Robert and Joanne Blythe, 36 E. 23rd Street, Chester, PA 19013; and

WHEREAS, Article 1509.02(d) provides for the return of funds after all necessary repairs, removal or securing of the property has been completed and approved by the proper City official.

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

That it does hereby authorize the Department of Accounts and Finance to issue payment of the fire escrow funds in the amount of \$34,595.65 to Robert and Joanne Blythe for the repairs made to 36 E. 23rd 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 December 3, 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. __, 2021

AN ORDINANCE
FIRST 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 TO INCREASE
THE FEE LISTED IN SUBPARTS (a)(1) AND (a)(2)
TO \$225; 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 First Reading.

Councilman Morgan says these are our Annual Ordinances that we have to approve before the end of the Calendar year. There will and or maybe some changes to some of these Ordinances prior to its Final Reading at our next Council Meeting.

The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0

**BILL NO. 8
ORD. __, 2021**

**AN ORDINANCE
FIRST 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 First Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

BILL NO. 9
ORD. __, 2021

AN ORDINANCE
FIRST 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 First Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0

BILL NO. 10
ORD. __, 2021

AN ORDINANCE
FIRST 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 First Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0

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

**AN ORDINANCE
FIRST 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 First Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0

**BILL NO. 12
ORD. __, 2021**

**AN ORDINANCE
FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER,
DELAWARE COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA, APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS
ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC
PURPOSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT,
HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, DURING THE 2022
CALENDER YEAR.**

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. That for the expenditures and expenses of the 2022 calendar year, the following amounts are hereby appropriated from the fund equities, revenues, and other financing sources available for the 2022 calendar year for the specific purposes herein set forth.

SECTION 2. The General Fund Budget for the 2022 calendar year is hereby set at **\$62,990,221** and appropriated from the following revenues, as more fully detailed in the attached Exhibit A:

Real Estate Taxes	\$ 10,780,500
Taxes - Act 511	\$ 19,061,000
Fines	\$ 122,000
Licenses and Permits	\$ 1,526,500
Interest, Rents and Royalties	\$ 4,119,603
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 18,588,807
Charges For Services	\$ 7,408,811
Reimbursements	\$ 1,383,000
Other Revenue	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ 62,990,221

SECTION 3. The General Fund Budget for the 2022 calendar year is hereby set at **\$63,956,500** and appropriated to the following departments, as more fully detailed in the attached Exhibit A:

Department of Public Affairs	\$18,992,421
Department of Accounts and Finance	\$21,623,117
Department of Public Safety	\$ 7,254,650
Department of Public Streets & Highway	\$ 4,329,160
Department of Public Works	\$ 1,118,395
Operating Transfers	<u>\$10,638,757</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$63,956,500</u>

SECTION 4. The State Liquid Fuels Tax Fund for the 2022 calendar year is hereby set at **\$839,048** with detailed appropriation described in greater detail in Exhibit A, "City of Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 2022 Budget".

SECTION 5. The Special Revenue Fund for the 2022 calendar year is hereby set at **\$50,000** with detailed appropriation described in greater detail in Exhibit A, "City of Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 2022 Budget".

SECTION 6. The Debt Service Fund for the 2022 calendar year is hereby set at **\$8,997,865** with detailed appropriation described in greater detail in Exhibit A, "City of Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 2022 Budget".

SECTION 7. The DCCC Fund for the 2022 calendar year is hereby set at **\$480,000** with detailed appropriation described in greater detail in Exhibit A, "City of Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 2022 Budget".

SECTION 8. The Capital Improvement Fund for the 2022 calendar year is hereby set at **550,000** with detailed appropriation described in greater detail in Exhibit A, "City of Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 2022 Budget".

SECTION 9. That any Ordinances conflicting with this Ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Morgan, Bill No. 12, 2021 was passed on its First Reading.

Mayor Kirkland says for clarity Mr. Solicitor...can we make it Department of Public Works/Parks & Recreation?

Ken Schuster, City Solicitor says can we change...

Councilwoman Williams says Parks & Recreation/Public Works.

Mayor Kirkland says Department of Public Works/Parks & Recreation.

Ken Schuster, City Solicitor says yes.

Councilwoman West says that's confusing.

Mayor Kirkland says can that remain Parks & Recreation.

Ken Schuster, City Solicitor says as opposed to both.

Mayor Kirkland says as opposed to Public Works.

Councilwoman Williams says by the Executive Order it has it on there. All of these Departments are under the Executive Order. So, they keep trying to take out the Department of Parks, Public Property and Recreation and they can't do that. By law all of these Departments are on the Executive List.

Mayor Kirkland says this is the First Reading Councilwoman. So therefore, by this being the First Reading we will be able to correct it as we take a deeper dive into it.

Ken Schuster, City Solicitor says we should sit in an Executive Session and discuss this.

The following vote was taken: Yeas: Morgan, West, Jacobs, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0. Abstain: Williams

The City Clerk proceeded with the opening of bids.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL CONTRACT 2021/2022

MOR Construction
139 Schoolhouse Lane
Glen Mills PA 19342

Bid Bond 10%
Bid Amount \$49,900.00

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.

Public Comment

Diana McDaniel, 3015 W. 9th Street says the street light at James Street hasn't been replaced. Pulaski...why wasn't the Community notified about the ground breaking. When they tear it down will they treat it for the rodents.

Mayor Kirkland says we're replacing all lights in the City of Chester. A number of streets have been done.

Ms. McDaniel says security... will it be lit up around there when they do the Community Center.

Councilwoman West says there will be a meeting with the Community for that. The date is still being worked on.

Ms. McDaniel says she has no problem with putting out flyers.

Mayor Kirkland says we apologize for not getting the word out sooner to the Residents. I think that both the Developer and the City were so excited about the coming of the new recreational facility and housing developments here in the City in that area.

Ms. McDaniel says 9th & Booth Street is a terrible intersection (accidents/people flying). I'm hoping to see a traffic light put there.

Mayor Kirkland says we will work with our Engineer to do a traffic study to make sure that everyone is safe in that area.

Councilman Morgan says they're actually in there doing that now. I believe Mike Galante said they'll be inside the facility for about a few weeks before they even do the demolition process doing the abatement, the asbestos, etc.

Dorris Evans, Office of Disaster says (**see attachments**).

Councilwoman Williams says the Rent Assistance Program is on its Second Phase. The date you can make your first call is December 15. They're saying call in and leave your information or call in and get an appointment. You have to do the same thing that you did when you first applied for the First Rental Assistance. **IT'S OPEN TO ALL AGES THAT ARE RENTING!**

Councilwoman West says there has been some questions about leaves. J.P. Mascaro will pick up yard waste (weeds/grass clippings) but as far as the leaves are concerned you will call in just like you do for your bulk trash.

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

DECEMBER 8, 2021

Candice Newsome, City Clerk

