

**MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER**

A special meeting of the Council of the City of Chester was held on the above date at 2:03 PM with Mayor Thaddeus Kirkland presiding. A prayer was said followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called and the following were present:

William Morgan  
Portia West  
Stefan Roots  
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: Morgan, West, Roots, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

Mayor Kirkland asked for public comment on agenda items only.

Anita Littleton 330 W. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Chester, PA said although she is pleased with the great and strategic plan laid out on the Receivers page; there are still issues that she is concerned about. She said, her recyclables are still being picked up with regular trash and trash cans are being tossed around, broken and not restored. She is concerned about the performance of the current vendor that is providing these services. She asked, how are you going to ensure that this current vendor is going to be able to provide these additional services?

Mayor Kirkland said, we have been working with our current vendor; and will continue to do so. These issues that you have raised have been taken into consideration. We will share those concerns and issues with them. Our goal is to make sure that those things are corrected.

Al DeGennaro, Deputy General Counsel for J.P. Mascaro, said, he is confident that they will be able to take care of any issues that the residents may have. He said, he will make sure to get the residents' addresses to be able to address their concerns. He prepared a map that he shared, that breaks down areas into zones and quadrants. He explained that they will be doing a 2-phase program. He talked about a map of the city showing the collection zones and four quadrants that they will be working from a week from today. He introduced Tim Lau, Director of Operations and Jason Basoni, Tim's assistant.

**See Attachment #1**

Mayor Kirkland asked if the bulk pick-up also included pick-up of illegal dumping sites.

Tim Lau, Director of Operations said, yes, it does.

Councilman Roots asked, on April 1<sup>st</sup>, is there going to be a normal garbage truck followed by another truck for the bulk?

Tim Lau, Directors of Operations said, the bulk items will go in with the regular trash. He said, we will add an additional truck in the city to accommodate for the extra waste. There will be another supervisor along with Mr. Sadler in the city during the bulk collection. There will be a supervisor on the street overseeing that quadrant.

Councilwoman West asked, if one bulk item will be picked up per week.

Tim Lau said, yes, the first collection will begin on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>; the regular collection with the bulk

Shema Lacey, 2407 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. asked, were you guys able to hire more people to handle the load that you are currently doing and the additional services? To the city, are there additional cost to the city or is it included in the current contract?

Tim Lau said, yes, we have hired additional people.

Solicitor Ken Shuster said, yes, there is an additional cost to the city.

Mayor Kirkland acknowledged the presence of Councilwoman Elizabeth Williams.

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, at a special meeting of Chester City Council on December 30, 2020, the City of Chester, (“City”) awarded the bid for the Collection, Removal & Proper Disposal of Rubbish, Trash, Garbage & Recyclables in the City of Chester to Solid Waste Services, Inc., d/b/a J.P. Mascaro & Sons, (“Mascaro”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Mascaro entered into a five (5) year contract on August 12, 2021, for the above reference service; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined there is a need to improve the current bulk trash collection services throughout the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Mascaro has expressed a desire to assist the City with the collection of bulk trash.

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

That it does hereby amend the current agreement between the City of Chester and Solid Waste Services, Inc., d/b/a J.P Mascaro & Sons for the collection, removal & proper disposal of rubbish, trash, garbage & recyclables to include the collection of bulk trash, for an additional Four Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$468,000.00) per year, prorated for calendar year 2022 based on the start date of bulk collection services.

**FURTHER**, it does hereby authorize the proper City official to execute the amendment for and on behalf of 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, Roots, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

Mayor Kirkland said, this Mayor and Council have been working on this, along with our partners JP Mascaro and in particularly Councilwoman West since early November of last year. This is something that we thought was very crucial and critical to the cleanliness of the city and worked along with them as well as the teamsters here in the City of Chester. We are pleased that we are at this point now We look forward to moving forward to do what we can do for our residents and the teamsters. It’s been a great partnership.

## **RESOLUTION**

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

That is does hereby approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Chester and Teamsters Local 107, which sets forth the terms and conditions of employment of the City of Chester for the period beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

**FURTHER**, that it does hereby authorize the proper City official to execute said Collective Bargaining Agreement for and on behalf of 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, Roots, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0

Councilman Roots Comments. He said, he loved the contract. He said, he loved the fact that it reduces the load for the public works people; by having volunteers help out and it would not

affect any job. He said he was bothered by the education reimbursement piece being removed. He said, we have to value education in this town.

### **Public Comment**

Anita Littleton, 330 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Mascara needs to know that there had been people in the city who was not happy with trash pick-up. She is hoping that council holds them accountable for the service that they are suppose to provide. She said they are getting a very generous extension of their contract.

Mayor Kirkland said, there is no extension of a contract. The contract was already done for a five- year period of time. We just added on to the contract with the bulk trash. This is the first time, in all the years that we worked with J.P Mascaro, because of the pandemic, that did serious damage to every community, that we have experience this situation as it relates to our trash removal. He said, he now has a greater respect for the men and women who do that work. He said he talked to men who wanted employment and J.P. Mascaro employed them. He said, prayerfully we're over that hump, we are moving forward. He said, we look forward to the services that we received from you and your company and the partnership that continues prior to the pandemic. We are confident that this will happen.

Solicitor Ken Shuster said, this is an amendment to the existing 5-year trash contract. He said, the city should be proud of themselves and happy that they entered into a 5- year contract; due to the significant increase in services for trash removal. The resolution that was read; there were two components to the contract. The first was the \$400,000 component, and the second was \$189,000 component; a one- time quadrant clean up. The resolution may not have been clear; I wanted to state that for the record.

Councilman Morgan said, the funds to pay for the amendment does not remove the services that we offer for any type of government services. We were able to receive money from the American Rescue Plan. The Department of Treasury allows the money to help with loss of revenue or money to help with cleanliness or quality of life in the City of Chester to pay for these services. Money will not come from the general fund.

Councilwoman West said, our refuse collection has gotten much better due to the efforts of the supervisor, Mr. Sadler of J.P. Mascaro. She gave kudos to Mr. Sadler. She will speak to Mr. Sadler about Ms. Littleton's area to make sure that her pick ups are being handled the way they should be handled.

Mayor Kirkland said, if the community would like to see documentation, showing that this Mayor and Council have been working on the amended contract diligently since early November of last year, they can contact him.

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joan Neal, Acting City Clerk**