

**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 10:04am 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
Stefan Roots (**Absent**)
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, 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. Leolia Jackson, 314 E. 21st Street, Chester, PA 19013
2. David McNear, 4 W. 8th Street, Chester, PA 19013
3. Josette Richardson, 1038 Butler Street, Chester, PA 19013
4. Frederick Rugar, 830 McDowell Avenue, 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 300 Block of East 21st Street; in the Unit Block of West 8th Street; in the 1000 Block of Butler Street; and in the 800 Block of McDowell Avenue 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, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby rescind the Resolution No. 176-2022, which was passed by Chester City Council on October 26, 2022, for the advertisement of the Associate Project Manager position.

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

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby ratify the appointment of Janell Johnson, to the position of Permit Service Manager, License and Inspection Department, effective November 16, 2022, for 37.5 hours per week, with all benefits applicable. Said individual has successfully completed the sixty (60) day benefit eligibility period.

FURTHER, said employee was appointed with a 90-day probationary period and will remain on such until the period is completed.

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

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby ratify the appointment of Cyrise Dixon to the part-time position of Associate Project Manager, Mayor's Office, Department of Public Affairs, not to exceed 20 hours per week, with no benefits, effective November 1, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby reappoint Livia Smith, as a member of the Chester Water Authority Board, for a five-year term commencing at the expiration of her current term.

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

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby reappoint Patricia Lewis-West, as a member of the Chester Water Authority Board, for a five-year term commencing at the expiration of her current term.

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

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby reappoint John Shelton, as a member of the Chester Water Authority Board, for a five-year term, commencing at the expiration of his current term. **(Corrected Resolution)**

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

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby accept the award of the Delco Green Ways Round 2 Connect (Trail) Projects, in the amount of \$500,000, for improvements related to the Crozer Park-Chester Creek Trail.

FURTHER, that it does hereby transfer the grant management responsibilities to the Chester Economic Development Authority.

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

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby supersede Resolution numbers 148-2022 and 149-2022, approved by Chester City Council on 8/24/22.

That it does hereby authorize the Vehicle Fleet Purchase of 20 new vehicles including upfitting and outfitting expenses from Whitmoyer Auto Group, Inc., 1001 East Main Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552, for the Chester Police Department, the Chester Fire Department, and the Department of Public works, purchased through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Cooperative Purchasing Program (COSTARS), for the following vehicles, in the stated amounts, which are to go to the listed departments:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Paid By</u>
Police	9 (nine) new 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe	\$500,000.00	Asset Forfeiture
Police	7 (seven) new 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe Plus outfitting charge for existing K-9 vehicle in the current fleet	\$497,272.92	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Fire	2 (Two) new 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe	\$117,380.51	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Public Works	2 (Two) new 2022 Ford F-150	\$200,350.00	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

FURTHER, that the Solicitor's Office shall review and approve the purchase order/contract.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Yarnall Land, LLC, wishes to purchase and redevelop certain real property located between Flower Street and Tilghman Street and between Route 291 and Delaware Avenue, as shown on the attached Exhibit A, to accommodate stadium parking needed due to the development of a new Sportsplex; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Chester has approved the Redevelopment Authority entering into a Redevelopment Agreement conditioned upon approval of the Agreement by the City Council of the City of Chester; and

WHEREAS, the subject properties listed in Exhibit A are located in a redevelopment area in the City of Chester and as such, the sale, lease, or transfer of such property is subject to approval by Chester City Council under the Urban Redevelopment Law, at 35 P.S. Section 1709(k).

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

That it approves the Redevelopment Agreement between the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Chester and Yarnall Land, LLC, for the redevelopment of the properties listed on the attachment marked as Exhibit "A".

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Morgan, the above Resolution was adopted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, 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 for the period of November 7, 2022 through November 21, 2022 attached hereto and made a part hereof, subject to approval from the Department of Accounts and Finance.

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

Rosetta Carter, Director of Community Health Education Services/COVID-19 gives a COVID-19 Update (see attachment #1) and December 1 is World Wide HIV Day and the CDC is very concerned about HIV because the rates are going extremely high, especially in women. So, if you need to have or get more information about how you can test for HIV, please contact my office.

Tribute to Coach LaDontay Bell – Key to the City and a Citation (see attachment #2)

Fire Commissioner Rigby says (see attachment #3)

Public Comment

Livia Smith says I would like clarification on something that you did on a Resolution. Number two (2) you said you rescinded the Resolution that dealt with Associate Project Manager. Then in Number four (4) you appointed an Associate Project Manager. Can you clarify that?

Ken Schuster, City Solicitor says currently it had something to do with the advertisement of the position. But we already had someone for that position.

Ms. Smith says so that was the Resolution to advertise. But you did not advertise that position because you already filled that position.

Ken Schuster, City Solicitor says correct. We already had someone for that position.

Ms. Smith says was that in house or did it go out to the Public.

Ken Schuster says we had someone in house.

Ms. Smith says so you had a person that was full-time and now they are going to be a part-time employee.

Ken Schuster, City Solicitor says correct.

Ms. Smith says so just let me be clear. So that person retired from the City to come back to do a part-time position.

Ken Schuster, City Solicitor says that's my understanding.

Amin Abdul Salim says the victory (inaudible) eye to open up to see what's in front of us. Artificial concepts that hold us back. Stay with it to pass the test to be the best. A liar when things fall out of line God says (inaudible) bring back the alignment. It is working mentally and is working (inaudible). We are moving now. This is what we must do...total submission to your Lord. Let's keep them (children). Give them to the Lord and then turn strength and energy (inaudible) straight path.

****Public Comment addresses are in the City Clerk's Office**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilwoman West says (see attachment #4)

Councilwoman Williams says Happy Holiday!

Councilman Morgan says (none).

Mayor Kirkland says on November 29 at 8a at Widener University, Lathem Hall, we'll be doing a State of the City Address to be presented by myself and we will take questions from Residents and Business Persons. Have a Safe and Blessed Thanksgiving. **LOVE ON ONE ANOTHER!!**

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47am.

Respectfully submitted,

NOVEMBER 23, 2022

Candice Newsome, City Clerk