

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
APRIL 26, 2023**

**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 Deputy Mayor Morgan presiding. A prayer was said followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called and the following were present:

Elizabeth Williams
Portia West
Stefan Roots
Deputy Mayor William Morgan
Mayor Thaddeus Kirkland (**Absent**)

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Williams, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved with correction and submitted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, West, Roots, Deputy Mayor Morgan. Nays: 0.

Deputy Mayor Morgan asked if anyone in the audience had any comments on Agenda items only.

Rosemarie Halt with Children's First representing the Delaware County Lead Poisoning Prevention Coalition says we are in favor of the Lead Prevention Ordinance on the Agenda today. Lead paint was not banned in Residential use until 1978. Eighty-nine percent of the Residential Properties in Chester were built before 1980. Lead poisoning can cause permanent brain damage to children especially children under six years of age. It can cause learning behaviors, hearing and speech problems as lead paint has in homes primarily renovated are the main sources of lead poisoning. So, we urge you to vote on the Lead Poisoning Prevention Ordinance today.

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Resolutions.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the following individuals have requested a handicapped parking zone:

1. Angel Jimenez, 714 East 7th Street, Chester, PA 19013; and
2. Edward Logan, 1021 Parker Street, Chester, PA 19013
3. April-Snow Moscherosch, 316 East 20th Street, Chester, PA 19013
4. Ana Escalera, 923 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 700 Block of East 7th Street, in the 1000 Block of Parker Street, in the 300 Block of E. 20th Street, and in the 900 Block of McDowell Avenue, in the City of Chester.

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

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby ratify the promotion of Kyle Battinieri from the position of Corporal/Detective to the position of Acting Sergeant, Chester Police Department, Department of Public Affairs, effective April 24, 2023, with a ninety (90) day probationary period, at the salary range as provided in the Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chester hired Daniqwa Plummer for the full-time Purchasing Manager, Department of Accounts and Finance, effective April 24, 2023, for 37.5 hours per week, with no benefits and a sixty (60) day probationary period; and

WHEREAS, said employment is contingent upon said individual successfully completed a sixty (60) day probation from the date of hire; and

WHEREAS, the City is required by law to offer said employee medical benefits after sixty (60) consecutive days of employment, which is completed on June 23, 2023; and

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

FURTHER, if said employee fails to meet the job expectations within the sixty (60) day probation, said employee will no longer be eligible for the position and will be subject to termination from said position.

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

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby ratify the transfer of Janell Johnson from the position of Permit Service Manager, License and Inspection Department, to the position of Human Resource Generalist, Human Resource Department, effective April 24, 2023, with a sixty (60) day probationary period, with all benefits applicable thereto, at the salary range as provided in the Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated September 10, 1972, the Housing Development Corporation of Chester authorized the Chester Redevelopment Authority to manage its properties located in the City of Chester; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the City of Chester desires to return such real property titled to the Housing Development Corporation of Chester to productive use.

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

That it does hereby authorize the transfer of the following parcels to the new Redevelopment Authority of the City of Chester for redevelopment purposes.

| <u>Address</u> | <u>Folio Number</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 421 E. 8 th Street | 49-05-00200-00 |
| 604 Potter Street | 49-05-01156-00 |
| 723 Potter Street | 49-05-01117-00 |
| 218-230 Church Street | 49-08-00739-00 |

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

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby authorize the proper City official to prepare the specifications for the advertisement of bids, for the sale of the following miscellaneous Public Works and Fire Equipment items through Municibid:

1. Aluminum Stormwater Management Pipe
2. Dock and Gangway
3. Miscellaneous Fire Equipment

FURTHER, it does hereby authorize the City Engineer to advertise for the aforementioned bids.

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

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby award the contract for Ventilation Improvements (Project 21) to DWD Mechanical Contractor, Inc., 1005 Kedron Avenue, Morton, PA 19070, for the cleaning of HVAC systems for Chester City Hall, for which responses were received through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Cooperative Purchasing Program (COSTARS), in the amount of \$97,266.00, to be paid from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

FURTHER, the City has complied with all COSTARS bidding requirements.

FURTHER, the Solicitor's Office shall review and approve the purchase order/contract and the successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond in the full amount of the respective contract, to the satisfaction of City Council.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chester has commenced a public improvement project for the Reconstruction of the Lloyd Street Bridge, ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, it has been determined in order for the project to move forward, the City will have to enter a Temporary Easement For Construction agreement for the real property located at 530 Lloyd Street, owned by Wendell Nicholas Butler, Jr. and Tanya G. Butler; and

WHEREAS, this will allow for entry and re-entry of City employees, agents, and contractors to do any all work necessary for the completion of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City agrees to restore the area covered by the easement to a condition consistent with the balance of the property.

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

That it does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute the Temporary Easement For Construction Agreement to permit access to Four Hundred and Fifty (450) square feet of the real property located at 530 Lloyd Street, owned by Wendell Nicholas Butler, Jr. and Tanya G. Butler, for the Reconstruction of the Lloyd Street Bridge Project.

FURTHER, it does authorize payment of the Final Settlement for this Project by the Department of Accounts and Finance, in an amount not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

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

RESOLUTION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby approve entering into Demolition Fund Agreement, DF-23-60A with Delaware County Council, Office of Housing and Community Development for the demolition of the following blighted structures located within the City of Chester:

Property Address
725 Caldwell Street
727 Caldwell Street
729 Caldwell Street
731 Caldwell Street
427 Rose Street
429 Rose Street
2703 Lehman Street
2705 Lehman Street
2709 Lehman Street
2601 West 3rd Street

FURTHER, it does hereby authorize the proper City official to execute all documents necessary for the completion of this project for and on behalf of the City.

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

Deputy Mayor Morgan says we have a Resolution that was posted on the Public Website and at our Deliberative with Mayor and Council and we do not see it on there today. We will proceed forward with the Resolution.

Ken Shuster, City Solicitor says can you indicate for todays Agenda what that Resolution is and reopen comments on Agenda items only. The Resolution is what?

Candice Newsome, City Clerk says an Honorary Sign Name Change.

Ken Schuster, City Solicitor says I ask that Council make a motion to amend today's Agenda to include that Resolution on today's Agenda.

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Roots, to include Resolution 74-2023. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, West, Roots, Deputy Mayor Morgan. Nays: 0.

Ken Schuster, City Solicitor says I request that a motion be made to reopen Public Comments on Agenda items only based upon that amendment.

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Williams, to open Public Comments on this particular Resolution (74-2023) only. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, West, Roots, Deputy Mayor Morgan. Nays: 0.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR RESOLUTION 74-2023

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Fredrick Douglass Christian School ("FDCS") has petitioned the City requesting the street in front of the school be renamed; and

WHEREAS, FDCS has dedicated years to the positive development of young minds and is committed to continuous improvement of our community through faith, love and education; and

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed their request and would like to assist FDCS in continuous commitment to our children.

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

That it does hereby authorize the portion of West 8th Street between Edwards Street and Central Avenue be given the honorary designation of Fredrick Douglass Way.

FURTHER, it does authorize Public Works to install the honorary sign.

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Williams, the above Resolution was adopted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, West, Roots, Deputy Mayor Morgan. 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 March 24, 2023 and April 14, 2023, 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 Williams, the above Resolution was adopted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, West, Deputy Mayor Morgan. Nays: Roots.

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Ordinances.

**BILL NO. 3
ORD. 3, 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE
LAST AND FINAL READING**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, 1978, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR THE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 925 ENTITLED "REFUSE COLLECTION"; BY AMENDING THE INDEX TO CORRECT SECTION 925.04 TO READ AS "COMMINGLING ASHES, GARBAGE AND RUBBISH"; BY AMENDING SECTION 925.021, ENTITLED "FEES" UPDATING THE CUBIC FEET OF REFUSE COLLECTION; AND UPDATING SUBSECTION (b) AND (c) OF SECTION 925.023, ENTITLED "DELINQUENCIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 925.04, ENTITLED "COMMINGLING ASHES, GARBAGE AND RUBBISH" PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTABLE DISPOSAL METHOD; BY AMENDING SECTION 925.05, ENTITLED "ACCEPTABLE RECEPTACLES" PROVIDING FOR THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PROVIDING RECEPTACLES AND DESCRIPTION OF ACCEPTABLE RECEPTACLES; BY AMENDING SUBSECTION (c) AND (e) AND ADDING NEW SUBSECTIONS (f) AND (g) OF SECTION 925.07, ENTITLED "REFUSE PREPARATION FOR DEPOSIT OR COLLECTION" PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTABLE RECYCLING CONTAINERS, AND MATTRESS PLACEMENT, BY ADDING ACCEPTABLE PLASTIC BAG PLACEMENT AND FOR MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTY OWNER RECEPTACLE PLACEMENT; BY AMENDING SUBSECTION (c) OF SECTION 925.08, ENTITLED "RECEPTACLE LID, SANITATION AND CONDITION" PROVIDING FOR MINIMUM RECEPTACLE REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SUBSECTION (a) AND ADDING SUBSECTIONS (c) AND (d) OF SECTION 925.10, ENTITLED "RECEPTACLE PLACEMENT FOR COLLECTION" PROVIDING FOR THE PROPER PLACE FOR RECEPTACLE PLACEMENT, IDENTIFYING RESPONSIBLE FOR WASTE PRIOR TO COLLECTION AND PROHIBITING PRIVATELY CONTRACTED COLLECTORS FROM DEPOSITING MUNICIPAL WASTE AT THE POINT OF COLLECTION OR IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY; AMENDING SUBSECTIONS (a) AND (b) OF SECTION 925.12, ENTITLED "MAXIMUM RECEPTACLES PER RESIDENTIAL UNIT, PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THREE (3) 65 GALLON REFUSE RECEPTACLES; AMENDING SECTION 925.13, ENTITLED "NO HOLIDAY COLLECTION", PROVIDING FOR WHERE TO LOCATE THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE; AMENDING SUBSECTION (d) OF SECTION 925.15, ENTITLED "SEPARATE COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLE ITEMS FOR RECYCLING PURPOSES", PROVIDING FOR THE PLACEMENT OF RECYCLABLE ITEMS; AMENDING SUBSECTION (b) OF SECTION 925.99, ENTITLED "NONCOMPLIANCE; REMEDY BY CITY; PENALTY" PROVIDING IDENTIFICATION OF THE PROPER PARTY TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ABATEMENT OF A VIOLATION; AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS 925.100 THROUGH 925.106, PROVIDING FOR PRIVATE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL RESPONSIBILITY AND COLLECTION; TRANSPORTATION; THE IDENTIFICATION OF APPROVED DISPOSAL FACILITIES; THE DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL WASTE AND HAZARDOUS WASTE AS DEFINED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT; ENFORCEMENT; TICKET APPEAL REQUIREMENTS; SEVERABILITY; FINES, VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Williams, Bill No. 3, 2023 was passed on its Last and Final Reading.

Deputy Mayor Morgan says thank you Council for the consideration of this Ordinance. You will see that there are many more Ordinances that we will discuss today that are centered around the code enforcements in cleanliness of our City of our community. This specific Ordinance is updating acceptable receptables to help beautify the City and unify the City with trash cans throughout the City.

The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, West, Roots, Deputy Mayor Morgan. Nays: 0

**BILL NO. 4
ORD. 4, 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE
LAST AND FINAL READING**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, 1978, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED, TO ENACT ARTICLE 1714, ENTITLED "LICENSING RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNITS", TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNITS, TO PROVIDE FOR REGISTRATION, LICENSES, AN APPEALS PROCESS, ENFORCEMENT AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Williams, Bill No. 4, 2023 was passed on its Last and Final Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, West, Roots, Deputy Mayor Morgan. Nays: 0

**BILL NO. 5
ORD. 5, 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE
LAST AND FINAL READING**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO ENACT NEW ARTICLE 1715, ENTITLED "PRE-SALE INSPECTION OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AND UNITS" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, 1978, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF REQUIRING AN INSPECTION OF ALL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AND UNITS PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER OF TITLE AND PROVIDING FOR THE COMPLIANCE AND ABATEMENT OF VIOLATIONS; GUARANTEE, SEVERABILITY, FEES AND PENALTIES FOR REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF CHESTER; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Williams, Bill No. 5, 2023 was passed on its Last and Final Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, West, Roots, Deputy Mayor Morgan. Nays: 0

**BILL NO. 6
ORD.6, 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE
LAST AND FINAL READING**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REPEALING ARTICLE 1131, ENTITLED "LEAD POISONING CONTROL", IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND ENACTING NEW ARTICLE 1716 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHESTER PENNSYLVANIA, 1978, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED, ENTITLED "LEAD POISONING PREVENTION AND LEAD HAZARD CONTROL" TO IDENTIFY AND ELIMINATE LEAD SOURCE HAZARDS; TO PROVIDE FOR INSPECTIONS, REMEDIES AND ENACT AN APPEALS PROCESS FOR REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF CHESTER; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Williams, Bill No. 6, 2023 was passed on its Last and Final Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, West, Roots, Deputy Mayor Morgan. Nays: 0

**BILL NO. 7
ORD. 7, 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE
LAST AND FINAL READING**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REPEALING ARTICLE 1746, ENTITLED "DEFAULTED VACANT AND MORTGAGE PROPERTY", IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND ENACTING NEW ARTICLE 1746 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHESTER PENNSYLVANIA, 1978, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED, ENTITLED "DEFAULTED VACANT AND ABANDONED REAL PROPERTY" TO PROVIDE FOR PURPOSE, INTENT AND APPLICABILITY REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION, INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BY OWNERS OR MORTGAGEES, PROVIDING FOR FEES, PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT, AS WELL AS THE REGULATION AND RE-OCCUPANCY OF REHABILITATED STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CITY OF CHESTER; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Williams, Bill No. 7, 2023 was passed on its Last and Final Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, West, Roots, Deputy Mayor Morgan. Nays: 0

**BILL NO. 9
ORD. 8, 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE
LAST AND FINAL READING**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA, 1978, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED, ADOPTING THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, INCLUDING APPENDIX CHAPTERS A, ENTITLED "BOARD OF APPEALS; CHAPTER B, ENTITLED "FIRE-FLOW REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDINGS; CHAPTER C, ENTITLED "FIRE HYDRANT LOCATIONS AND DISTRIBUTION; CHAPTER D, ENTITLED "FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROADS; CHAPTER E, ENTITLED "HAZARD CATEGORIES"; AND CHAPTER F, ENTITLED "HAZARD RANKING", REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE SAFEGUARDING OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE EXPLOSION HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE STORAGE, HANDLING, AND USE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, MATERIALS AND DEVICES, AND FROM CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE OR PROPERTY IN THE OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS AND PREMISES AS HEREIN PROVIDED; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFORE; AND EACH AND ALL OF THE REGULATIONS, PROVISIONS, PENALTIES, CONDITIONS AND TERMS OF SAID FIRE CODE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL, CITY OF CHESTER, BUREAU OF FIRE, ARE HEREBY REFERRED TO, ADOPTED AND MADE PART HEREOF, AS FULLY SET OUT IN FULL IN THIS ORDINANCE, WITH ADDITIONS, INSERTIONS, DELETIONS AND CHANGES; AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Williams, Bill No. 8, 2023 was passed on its Last and Final Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, West, Roots, Deputy Mayor Morgan. Nays: 0

Presentations

Swearing – In

Kyle Battinieri from Corporal/Detective to Sergeant

Commissioner Gretskey and the Boys & Girls Club gave Marcus (CHS Student) a check for Baseball Uniforms

A \$9,500.00 check was given to Camp Encouragement (Ms. Patricia Trippley-Demiranda)

Ayanna King, COVID-19 Support Specialist, gives a COVID-19 Update (see attachment #1)

Public Comment

Hailey Gerena says thank you Councilman Roots for standing with the Residents and our State Rep Carol Kazeem denouncing Mayoral Candidate Jeff Brown's comments about sending Philadelphia's trash to Chester. On behalf of the kids, we have to advocate for cleaner air. I'm sorry to see that the Mayor isn't here today because I wanted to address a quote that he quoted from my public comment last meeting in his ending remarks. I started my public comment saying that I was going to refer to "we" in my comments as "us" as Residents and Council as representatives of us as Residents because I truly believe we cannot dig ourselves out of bankruptcy or any of these issues without (inaudible) without really coming together. I'm really disappointed because the Mayor heard me and not, we. I wanted to thank the League of Women Voters for hosting our current Councilmembers and incumbents debate yesterday. There is another debate tonight for our Mayoral candidates at 7p.m. on the League of Women Voters YouTube and I encourage everyone to come out and Vote on May 16.

Jamie Cottman says (see attachments #2 and #3). There also will be a 5 mile walk to help sponsor the track team.

Brown Williams says what you'll going to do about those raggedy cars parked on Hayes Street. (Inaudible) clean them drains out they stink. Down by me some mornings it smells like anti-freeze or different things. We need minorities in the Police and Fire. We need a skating rink...movies. I see them breaking ground down there by the Soccer Stadium. What is that for?

Deputy Mayor Morgan says the Philadelphia Union broke ground for a development project that they are doing for the youth. It's going to be a Sports Complex. Are the cars legal? Have you contacted the Police Department? Were the cars ever moved? We'll see what we can do.

Rosetta Carter says thank you to Deputy Mayor and Council for passing the Lead Ordinance. A many thanks to Ms. Pat. She is doing a tremendous job for many years. Since the Council gave you a check for \$9,500.00 and I'm going to ask my friends to make a \$10,000.00 by (inaudible due to responses of the audience).

Delores Shelton says we do have a very important election coming up and the League of Women is doing the Mayoral Candidates tonight and on Thursday, NAACP and the Delta Phi Sorority along with Greek Council, we are doing an in-person forum at the Leake Center at 6p for Council Candidates at the first half and the second half will be for the Mayor Candidates. Please come out!

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilwoman Roots says it was opening day for baseball at Crozer Park for the Jackie Robinson League. Drive by and see the progress for the basketball court at the Pulaski Playground on 8th & McDowell. I sat this morning with 1st graders at Edgemont Scholars Academy and we talked about what happens with water when it goes down the drain because they wanted to know my jobs and we talked about City Council. I was happy to see that Mayor and Council approved the Street name right there in front of Fredrick Douglass School.

Councilman West says it's good to be back. I've been out for about six weeks recovering from shoulder surgery. Thank you to everyone who checked on me and the love that you showed me. Pat, you are the girl and I admire you for all you have done for this Community! Mr. Brown, Mark and I will be down in your area today and see what needs to be done in terms of the clean-up. Yesterday there was a situation with illegal dumping on Parker Street between 5th & 6th Street. Mark Alexander and I went down there. We called the Police and they came out and the person was fined. If you see someone in the act of just dumping somewhere we need you to call right away so we can catch the perpetrator.

Councilman Williams says go and see what Mr. Billops is doing at the Boys & Girls Club for our Children! Let's stop coitizing each other and we work together to raise and help our Children here in the City of Chester!

Deputy Mayor Morgan says (see attachment #4). I also would like to acknowledge the Boys & Girls Club for their great work in the Community. Continue to check our chester city website for jobs. We do have some vacancies. There are some summer jobs posted. Tax payers...it's tax season. Please pay your taxes by April 30th for the 2% discount and because the 30th is on a Sunday, you will have up until May 1st to pay and get the 2% percent discount. After that you have to pay the base rate. The American Rescue Plan...we always have weekly meetings about the American Rescue Plan funds and we have an American Rescue Plan Oversight Committee with three members of the community on that committee. We had a meeting last week and yesterday as well as we are preparing for not only the reporting for the 1st Quarter of 2023 but also for our first engagement meeting with the Community in 2023 as well. We are looking to do one in June but if June doesn't work as far as timing, we will definitely do it in July. We will get that information out to everyone. (Inaudible) just for all us...The Mayor, Council and the Public as well, just fact check. Often times there are individuals that put information out to our public and to our Community and it's misleading, it's not factual and we need to make sure that us as a Mayor and Council be able to tell our story consistently. Also, tell the truth to those Residents and have those Residents tell the truth to their neighbors and families as well. So, it starts with us but we just need to get the Community to follow suit up on that. There are too many people critiquing with no credentials and often times it's unfortunate but those people with no credentials or resident choose to find the resources or facts of the resources, they just go out there and say whatever they want to say and it's unfortunate that sometimes these individuals are our friends and may take that and run with it without actually opening the book and read what's inside of it. The Autism Walk (**see attachment #5**).

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

APRIL 26, 2023

Candice Newsome, City Clerk