

**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 10:05 AM with Mayor Kirkland presiding. A prayer was said followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called and the following were present:

Mayor Kirkland  
William Morgan  
Elizabeth Williams  
Portia West  
Stefan Roots

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, Mayor Kirkland Nays: 0.

**Mayor Kirkland asked for public comment on agenda items only.**

**Peter Rykard, Planning Director asked about the planning department's agenda item that was no longer on the agenda.**

**Mayor Kirkland said, they cut the agenda in half. It will be on the next agenda at the next council meeting.**

The Acting City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Resolutions.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chester hired Eric Sadler as a Laborer, public Works Department, effective June 5, 2023, for 40 hours per week, with no benefits and a sixty (60) day probationary period; and

**WHEREAS**, said employment is contingent upon said individual successfully completing 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 August 4, 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.

**Mayor Kirkland noted the presence of Councilman William Morgan.**

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

That it does hereby appoint the following individuals to position of Temporary Laborer/Per Diem, for the stated Departments, beginning June 5, 2023 and ending August 31, 2023, at the rate of Thirteen Dollars and Sixty-two Cents (\$13.62) per hour, with no benefits, not to exceed 29.5 hours per week.

<b>INDIVIDUAL</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>
Jeron Evans	Public Works (Streets)
Brion Maultsby	Public Works (Streets)
Jamar Thompson	Public Works (Streets)
Shawn Robertson, Jr.	Public Works (Streets)
Troy Jones	Public Works (Parks & Recreation)
Joseph Holmes	Public Works (Parks & Recreation)

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

**Councilwoman West said, these hires for the temporary seasonal help are being hired to help with all the grass cutting throughout the city that the city is responsible for as well as the parks.**

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

## **RESOLUTION**

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

That in accordance with recommendations of the Chester City Planning Commission, dating April 12, 2023, and reviewed by the Delaware County Planning Commission, on April 20, 2023, it does hereby grant final approval to Brian Miller/Union Sportsplex to construct seven (7) multi-sports fields for commercial use at 2506 Seaport Drive, Chester, PA 19013, as shown on a plan prepared by Brian Miller, 1628 JFK Blvd. Ste. 1202, Philadelphia, PA 19103, dated March 27, 2023.

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

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chester is a recipient of grant funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

**WHEREAS**, the Chester City Council previously approved a budget and Annual Action Plan for the Fiscal Year 2019 CDBG Program; and

**WHEREAS**, HUD permits grant recipients to revise and amend previous budgets and Annual Action Plans; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Federal Regulations governing the CDBG Program certain changes and revisions to the Annual Action Plans may be considered a substantial amendment as outlined in the City's Citizen Participation Plan, "a. To make a change in an approved program that increases or decreases the cost of the approved

activity by more than 50% or changes (increases or decreases) in the service area and/or class of beneficiaries of an activity by more than 50%; b. To undertake an activity using funds from any entitlement program (including program income) which was not previously described in an approved Annual Action Plan”; and

**WHEREAS**, the City was allocated a total of One Million, Thirty-seven Thousand, One Hundred Twenty-three Dollars (\$1,037,123) in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds to assist the City with its response to the effects of the coronavirus-related public health crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the City previously amended its Fiscal year 2019 Annual Action Plan to add eligible projects to be carried out with DCBG-CV funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to amend the Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Action Plan to adjust the budgets of existing CDBG-CV projects set forth in the attached Exhibit A and add the following new projects:

1. Upgrades to Fire Station 82 that will improve ventilation, reduce contact among the firefighters, and improve health-related living conditions at the Station. Budget – Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00)
2. Purchase of personal protective equipment and supplies to assist the Fire Department in their efforts to keep the community and themselves safe and reduce the spread of contamination and infection, including the Coronavirus, among the firefighters. Budget One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that the proposed changes and revisions to the Fiscal Year 2019 CDBG Program required a Substantial Amendment and the City’s Citizen Participation Plan has been followed; and

**WHEREAS**, a draft of the Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2019 Annual action Plan was on public display from April 24, 2023, through May 23, 2023; the City held a public hearing on the Substantial Amendment on May 10, 2023; and all comments received from agencies, groups, and residents were taken into consideration in the preparation of the final document.

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

1. That the Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Action Plan CDBG Program is hereby in all respects approved, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a copy of said Substantial Amendment with the Official Minutes of this Meeting of this Council.
2. That the City Council of the City of Chester is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of the Community Development Block Grant Program with federal financial assistance under Title I, including those relating to (1) the relocation of site occupants, (2) the prohibition of discrimination because of race, color, age, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin, and (3) other assurances as set forth under the certifications.
3. That the Mayor of the City of Chester, on behalf of the City Council, is authorized to file the above-referenced Substantial Amendment.
4. That the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Chester, Pennsylvania, is authorized to provide assurances and/or certifications as required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and any other supplemental or revised data which HUD may request in the review of the above-referenced Substantial Amendment.

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Williams, the above Resolution was adopted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, West, Roots, 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 May 4, 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, Morgan, West, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 1. Roots

### Public Comment

Livia Smith 931 E. 18<sup>th</sup> St. said, she noticed the sign on the door about cleaning of the air ducts in City Hall. She said she was happy to see that. She asked, what is the cost of the project?

**Councilman Morgan said, there is a cost, but he doesn't have the total cost. He would get it to her.**

**Mayor Kirkland said, the project will take 4-6 weeks.**

**Mayor Kirkland let Mr. Rykard know that the planning department's agenda item will be back on the agenda for the June 15<sup>th</sup> regular Council meeting.**

**Councilman Morgan announced that there will be a Daddy and Me dance on June 17<sup>th</sup> after the Juneteenth Festival.**

**Councilwoman West let the community know that on June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> the Streets department will be having a program where you will be able to bring in your old paperwork at city hall between 9-2pm you will be able to discard your old electronics. She will let the community know more about what type of electronics can be brought in.**

Duane Lee, Parks and Recreation said, the parks are being vandalized. He asked the big kids to please stay off of the little kids play equipment. He said, the pool will be open Juneteenth weekend, June 17<sup>th</sup> and Father's Day weekend. The pool will be free for that weekend; Monday will start the membership drive.

**Councilwoman West let the community know that the yard waste is separate from your trash. She said you can call 447-7700; follow the prompts for public works and you can put in a request to have your yard waste picked up. The trash vendor will not pick up yard waste.**

**Mayor Kirkland shouted out to Derrick Billups and the fine staff at the boys and girls club for providing our young people with a safe haven for the after-prom party held last week. He said he appreciated all the volunteers and all the hard work that they put in helping our kids have a great time and a safe place to do it.**

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joan Neal, Acting City Clerk**