

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JUNE 15, 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 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  
Stefan Roots  
Mayor Thaddeus Kirkland  
Portia West (**Absent**)

On motion of Councilor Morgan, seconded by Councilor Williams, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved with correction and submitted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, Roots, 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. Mahasin Rahim, 320 Kerlin Street, Chester, PA 19013
2. Darryl Cottman, 716 Wilson Street, 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 Kerlin Street, and in the 700 Block of Wilson Street, in the City of Chester.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Chester City Council approved Resolution No. 85-2023 on May 31, 2023, which shall be amended as follows:

**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 ninety (90) day probationary period; and

**WHEREAS**, said employment is contingent upon said individual successfully completing a ninety (90) 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 ninety (90) 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 Morgan, seconded by Councilor Williams, the above Resolution was adopted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, Roots, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0

**RESOLUTION**

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

That is does hereby appoint Beverly Harris to the position of Director of the Summer Food Service Program, effective June 20, 2023, at the hourly rate of \$21.50 per hour, not to exceed 37.5 hours per week for the duration of the program ending August 25, 2023.

**FURTHER**, said individual is currently an employee of the City of Chester with the title of Crossing Guard Clerk and will have a temporary title change to Director of Summer Food for the duration of the Program.

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

That is does hereby appoint Wakerra D. Johnson to the position of Assistant Director of the Summer Food Service Program, effective June 20, 2023, at the hourly rate of \$18.50 per hour, no benefits, not to exceed 37.5 hours per week for the duration of the program ending August 25, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

That is does hereby ratify the employment of Sergio Ramos Garcia as an Intern to the License and Inspection Department, beginning May 29, 2023, and ending June 30, 2023, not to exceed 25 hours per week.

**FURTHER**, compensation for said Intern will be made through Blueprint for Success Program through the Chester Education Foundation.

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

That is does hereby authorize the appointment of the following individuals, at the stated positions, on the attached sheet, to work at the Memorial Park Municipal Pool, Department of Parks and Recreation, beginning June 17, 2023, and ending September 4, 2023, not to exceed 40 hours per week, at the stated rates, with no benefits, for the 2023 summer pool season.

**FURTHER**, said individuals are independent contractors and are not employees of the City of Chester and shall not be entitled to any of the benefits normally provided to a City Employee. As independent contractors, the City will not deduct federal income tax or earned income tax from any payments made to a contractor.

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

## **RESOLUTION**

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

That is does hereby authorize the employment of the following named individuals listed on the attached sheets as Monitors and Site Supervisors, for the City's 2023 Summer Food Program, Department of Public Property and Recreation, for the stated hourly rates beginning July 17, 2023, and ending August 25, 2023, with no benefits, not to exceed 20 hours per week.

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

## **RESOLUTION**

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

That is does hereby reappoint the following individuals as members of the Stormwater Authority of the City of Chester Board, terms to expire as stated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
William Riley	October 28, 2027
John Shelton	October 28, 2028

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

## **RESOLUTION**

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

That is does hereby adopt the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Chester and Teamsters Local 107, which calls for the reclassification of bargaining unit job classifications changing the position of Nuisance Inspector to Code Enforcement Officer; implementing a new salary range for the Code Enforcement Officer position and providing clarification in the matter of "Call-in" pay for the City's Bargaining Unit Inspectors.

**FURTHER**, all other language and conditions of employment as further outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement and not specifically detailed in the MOU shall remain the same.

**FURTHER**, it does authorize the Mayor to execute said Memorandum of Understanding for and on behalf of the City of Chester.

On motion of Councilor Morgan, seconded by Councilor Williams, the above Resolution was adopted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, 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, dated December 14, 2022, and reviewed by the Delaware County Planning Commission, on December 15, 2022, , it does hereby grant final approval to A & Y Properties, LLC, to reverse subdivide three (3) lots into one (1) and construct a parking lot at 816 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Chester, PA, 19013, to be used for car sales as shown on a plan prepared by H. Gilroy Damon Assoc, Inc., 1343 Chester Pike, Sharon Hill, PA, 19079, dated November 4, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION**

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

That it does hereby authorize the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), for the COVID-SFR Local Law Enforcement Support #2022-CL-01 38970 Subgrant, for the sum of One Million, Eight Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Seven Dollars (\$1,829,907.00), which will be used to fund the purchase of various law enforcement equipment, supplies, and the purchase of hardware and software, to ensure that personnel has the means to protect themselves and properly investigate criminal acts, for the benefit of the City and its residents.

**FURTHER**, that it does hereby ratify the execution of all documents necessary for the submission of said grant application for and on behalf of the City of Chester.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, on November 23, 2022, Chester City Council accepted 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; and

**WHEREAS**, as a stipulation of the award the City agreed to transfer the grant management responsibilities to the Chester Economic Development Authority;

**WHEREAS**, the project consists of plans to construct a Multi-Use Recreational Trail within Crozer Park, part of the regional Circuit Trail Network; which includes the replacement of the existing asphalt surface to provide an ADA compliant trail; the installation of interpretive signs to demonstrate the City's unique heritage, the installation of a lookout area to facilitate a connection between residents and nature; other improvements that include installing concrete curbs & sidewalks, stone step rehabilitation, and outdoor picnic areas; ADA compliant parking stalls and park amenities; plans also include enhancing stormwater management by de-paving an existing abandoned pool facility and parking area to construct a rain garden and forested area and proposed additional streambank stabilization along eroded sections of the trail; and

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

That it does hereby authorize entering into the Delaware County Green Ways Municipal Grant Program Agreement, by and between the City of Chester, the County of Delaware and Chester Economic Development Authority for the Crozer Park – Chester Creek Trail #DGW-R2-21-06-05, for the purpose of the following:

1. CEDA shall be responsible for all grant management responsibilities of the City which shall include:
  - a. Applying for disbursements of Grant funds hereunder;
  - b. Receiving, holding and applying Grant funds in accordance with this Agreement;
  - c. Contracting for and constructing the Project as described herein; and
  - d. Keeping all records required hereby.

2. This transfer shall not relieve the City of its obligations hereunder to indemnify the County, to record the Declaration of Public Trust, Covenants, Conditions, and Restriction to restrict the use of the Project as set forth herein, to construct and maintain the project, to fund costs of the Project which exceed the Grant, to properly apply the Grant funds and to reimburse County for overpayments.

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

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Federal Regulations require a written agreement between the City of Chester and the Chester Economic Development Authority regarding the rights and responsibilities of the parties in the execution of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, and other related programs; and

**WHEREAS**, a Cooperation Agreement by and between the City of Chester and the Chester Economic Development Authority for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, has been prepared and is attached hereto, which sets forth the responsibilities and obligations of the parties in accordance with Federal Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, this matter has been reviewed and considered.

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

1. That the Cooperation Agreement by and between the City of Chester and the Chester Economic Development Authority is hereby approved.
2. That Appendix I to the Cooperation Agreement, attached and made a part of such Agreement, reflects the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the CDBG-Coronavirus (CV) Program, HOME Program, and the HOME-American Rescue Plan (ARP) Projects previously approved by City Council.
3. That the Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement and to take such steps as may be necessary to implement the intent of this Resolution.
4. That this Cooperation Agreement supersedes any and all Cooperation Agreements previously approved.

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

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Faith Tabernacle Church has made a petition to the City requesting an honorary sign be installed at the intersection of Fulton Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Route 291, renaming that portion of roadway to Rev. Dr. M. L. Wortham; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Dr. M. L. Wortham, affectionately known as "Mother Wortham" is the founder of Faith Tabernacle Church and the Mission of Care; and

**WHEREAS**, Mother Wortham dedicated many years of her life to teaching Bible classes, feeding the hungry, providing financial assistance to families in need and, countless other acts of kindness throughout the City of Chester; and

**WHEREAS**, the City appreciates citizens who make significant contributions to our community and would like to honor this request.

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

That it does hereby authorize the installation of an honorary sign renaming the intersection of Fulton Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Route 291 to Rev. Dr. M. L. Wortham, subject to the implementation of a detailed comprehensive plan.

**FURTHER**, it does authorize the Department of Public Works to order and install the aforementioned sign.

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

## **RESOLUTION**

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

That it does hereby award the contract for Street Signs Improvements (Project 55) to Garden State Highway Products, Inc., for which responses were received through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Cooperative Purchasing Program (COSTARS), in the amount of \$89,272.00 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 Morgan, seconded by Councilor Williams, the above Resolution was adopted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, Roots, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0.

## **RESOLUTION**

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

That it does hereby award the contract for professional services for the Public Works Garage Demolition – Phase I (Project 27) to S.J. Thomas Company, Inc., for which responses were received through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Cooperative Purchasing Program (COSTARS), in the amount of \$70,559.97 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 Morgan, seconded by Councilor Williams, the above Resolution was adopted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Roots, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0. Abstain: Morgan

## **RESOLUTION**

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

That it does hereby award the contract to provide professional services for the following projects to S.J. Thomas Company, Inc., 140 Bartram Avenue, Lansdowne, PA 19050, for which responses were received through Keystone Purchasing Network, (KPN), for the listed amounts, which shall be paid from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Project #36	Police Evidence Room	\$30,999.50
2. Project #36	Fire Station 81 Addition and Renovations	\$86,217.90
3. Project #22	City Hall Security Upgrades	\$12,765.00

**FURTHER**, the City has complied with all KPN 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 Morgan, seconded by Councilor Williams, the above Resolution was adopted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Roots, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0. Abstain: Morgan

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** the Chester City Council approved on May 10, 2023, to award the contract for the Program for Trash Waste Bins (Project 39) to Toter, LLC for which responses were received through Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Cooperative Purchasing Program (COSTARS), in the amount of \$432,341.48, to be paid from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has complied with all COSTARS bidding requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined there is a need for the purchase of additional trash waste bins.

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

That it does hereby approve Change Order #1, increasing the contract purchase price by \$139,260.00, for the purchase of 2400 additional trash waste bins from Toter, LLC, ARPA Project 39, for a total contract price of \$571,601.48.

**FURTHER**, Change Order #1 shall include the assembly, distribution, and literature for the trash waste bins.

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

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution dated July 14, 2010, the City Council of the City of Chester authorized the dissolution of the inactive Chester Resource Recovery Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the dissolution of the Chester Resource Recovery Authority, control of the all real property passed to the City of Chester; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chester desires to return such real property to productive use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Chester has requested that the City transfer 74 Central Avenue and 84 Central Avenue to the Redevelopment Authority for redevelopment purposes in connection with the stadium parking redevelopment agreement as amended with Yarnall Land LLC.

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

That it does hereby authorize the transfer of 74 Central Avenue and 84 Central Avenue to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Chester for redevelopment purposes.

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

## **RESOLUTION**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chester desires to return 1112 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street to productive use.

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

That it does hereby authorize the transfer of 1112 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street to the current Redevelopment Authority of the City of Chester for sale to the adjacent property owner at 1114 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, for the sole use of a side yard.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chester has commenced a public improvement project for the Reconstruction of the Lloyd Street Bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the project requires the condemnation of a certain real property, identified as Parcels # 13, 17, and 18 along the Lloyd Street Right-of-Way ("Land"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chester and the property owners of the aforementioned parcels have not been able to reach an amicable agreement to allow for access to the required right-of-way for the transportation improvement project; and

**WHEREAS**, PennDOT has determined to move the project forward the City of Chester will have to file a Declaration of Taking in Court to acquire the right-of-way necessary for the improvements, in accordance with the provisions of the Eminent Domain Code.

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

That it does hereby authorize the proper City official to submit the filing of eminent domain of the Land described above pursuant to the provisions of Section 302 of Eminent Domain Code, 26 Pa. C.S. Section 302, is approved for the improvements for the Lloyd Street Bridge Project for temporary construction easement.

**FURTHER**, it does hereby authorize the Mayor and City Solicitor to prepare and file the required Declaration of Taking, have it served on the Condemnee, and take all necessary action to acquire the Land by eminent domain.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Santander Bank (the "Bank"), desires to accept deposits of public funds (the "Public Deposits") from Pennsylvania public bodies (the "City of Chester"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Bank desires, in accordance with applicable federal and Pennsylvania law, including Pennsylvania Act 72 of 1971, as amended, to pledge collateral (the "Collateral") for such Public Deposits in excess of FDIC insurance limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bank and a custodian appointed by the Bank (the "Custodian") will enter into an agreement under which Collateral is pledged for the Public Deposits (the "Pledge Agreement"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Bank will enter into deposit agreements with its Public Body depositors (the "Deposit Agreements") in which the Bank agrees to pledge Collateral to secure the Public Deposits in excess of FDIC insurance limits.

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

1. The Bank is authorized to pledge Collateral to secure the Public Deposits received by the Bank from the City of Chester.



2. The Bank approves the Pledge Agreement and the Deposit Agreements.
3. The proper designated officers of the Bank are authorized to execute the Pledge Agreement, the Deposit Agreements and such other documents as are necessary or desirable to effectuate the pledge of Collateral for the Public Deposits.
4. This Resolution shall be reflected in the Minutes of the Council City of Chester and the Board of Directors of the Bank.
5. The Pledge Agreement, the Deposit Agreements and any related documents or any amendments or supplements thereto shall be kept continuously as official records of the Bank.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Station 82 Roof Upgrade (“Project”) was awarded to R. Titter Roofing, LLC, in the amount of \$170,979.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chester Economic Development Authority (“CEDA”) agreed to use Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program Funds administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to pay for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, CEDA agreed to fund the Project, contingent upon the City reimbursing CEDA for a portion of the total amount.

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

That it does hereby authorize the Department of Accounts and Finance to reimburse CEDA for Invoice # 230511, in the amount of Seventy Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$70,979.00), as payment for a portion of the cost for the Roof Upgrade to Fire Station 82.

**FURTHER**, said reimbursement shall be paid from the City’s American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds under ARPA Project 36 – Fire Station Roof Upgrade.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chester received fire escrow monies for the properties listed below; 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 stated amounts, for the listed individuals and entities for the following properties:

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Amount of Payment</u>	<u>Payment to</u>
Stephen Clinton 1556 Middletown Road Gradyville PA 19039	218 East 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street	\$7,839.55	Stephen Clinton
		\$747.40	City of Chester
		\$156.79	Delaware County

Maria Alvarez-Reza  
3359 Carter Lane  
Chester PA 19013

3359 Carter Lane

\$14,417.44

Maria Alvarez-Reza

On motion of Councilor Morgan, seconded by Councilor Williams, the above Resolution was adopted. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, 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 19, 2023, attached hereto and made a part hereof, subject to approval from the Department of Accounts and Finance.

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

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Ordinances.

**BILL NO. 12**  
**ORD. 9, 2023**

### **AN ORDINANCE LAST AND FINAL READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHESTER.**

On motion of Councilor Morgan, seconded by Councilor Williams, Bill No. 12, 2023 was passed on its Last and Final Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, Roots, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0

**BILL NO. 13**  
**ORD. 10, 2023**

### **AN ORDINANCE LAST AND FINAL READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7, 2022, PRESCRIBING THE NUMBERS, DUTIES AND COMPENSATION OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, AS SAME PERTAINS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, BY CHANGING THE NAME OF THE POSITION OF NUISANCE INSPECTOR TO THE POSITION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.**

On motion of Councilor Morgan, seconded by Councilor Williams, Bill No. 13, 2023 was passed on its Last and Final Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, Roots, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0

**BILL NO. 14**  
**ORD. \_\_, 2023**

### **AN ORDINANCE FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ARTICLE 507, ENTITLED "VEHICLE OPERATION", OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA, 1978, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED; BY AMENDING SECTION 507.04 ENTITLED "TRUCKS PROHIBITED; EXCEPTIONS; LICENSING WASTE TRUCKS OVER 18 TONS" SUBSECTION (a) INCREASING THE GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT TO 16,000 POUNDS AND ADDING NEW SUBSECTION (8) TO ADOPT A NEW TRAFFIC CIRCULATION PROHIBITING VEHICLES OVER 16,000 POUNDS FROM TRAVELING ON CROSBY STREET FROM EAST 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO EAST 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.**

On motion of Councilor Morgan, seconded by Councilor Williams, Bill No. 14, 2023 was passed on its First Reading. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Morgan, Roots, Mayor Kirkland. Nays: 0

### Public Comment

**Geraldine Thomas says** the paving of 9<sup>th</sup> Street started in Delaware and stopped at Morton Avenue. Why didn't the other side of 9<sup>th</sup> & Morton Avenue get paved? The light pole is out at 8<sup>th</sup> & Elsinore. The pole # is 3046. The house at 805 Elsinore is a hang out spot and no one lives there. They make noise late at night.

Mayor Kirkland says I will speak to my Commissioner to send a someone/patrol by there to remove those gentlemen. Mr. Robertson will take care of that (light pole). I don't know why it's never been paved that far down but we'll find out.

Councilman Roots says that paving was done by PENNDOT. So, they paved Route 13 which stops at Morton Avenue.

Mayor Kirkland says we're starting our paving road program this year. We'll see if we can get you on the list.

**Mary Thomas says** there are two abandoned homes on 9<sup>th</sup> Street directly across from the High School that are covered by trees and people can't walk down 9<sup>th</sup> Street as of this concern. You have to walk across the street. Kids are hanging at this location. Thanks for paving 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Who do we hold accountable for people buying property and do nothing with them? In the back of 209 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street there is a field that is not being maintained and usually you have someone to maintain the field that sits back between 9<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Street. It belongs to the City and I shouldn't be paying someone to do it. The lights are flashing at 9<sup>th</sup> & Penn and they have been flashing for the past two weeks. It's an accident waiting to happen.

Councilman Roots says Mr. Lightner can you come up and explain our new Ordinances in reference to identify the Owners of properties.

Mayor Kirkland says we will let our Engineer know or Mr. Robertson will contact (inaudible).

Leonard Lightner, Chief of Staff says **(he references Ordinance #4, 2023 in regards to the Property Rental Registration Program and the Ordinance about Vacant Property)**. They will have to register their properties and if they don't live in Chester, they have to have a certified property maintenance company to manage their property. The Process does take a while and we do have to follow the Property Laws.

**Ms. Waites says** they were digging on the corner of 291 & Wilson Street on an empty lot. Who and why were they digging?

Mike Galante, City Engineer says I know about them doing asphalt work down in that area. I have to check about an empty lot.

**Harry Crawford says** on the website it says there will be street cleaning on the Eastside of town. Are they going to do the Westside this year?

Mayor Kirkland says yes.

Mr. Crawford says can the Police ride through my neighborhood.

Mayor Kirkland says it's unfortunate that you don't see them but they do patrol your neighborhood.

Mr. Crawford says are they going to get the holes repaired on Carter Lane and Township Line Road and 15<sup>th</sup> Street while they are still small holes.

Mayor Kirkland says can you get some photos of them so that we can see them.

Mr. Crawford says are they going to repaint the lines on Township Line Road.

Mike Galante, City Engineer says the holes on Township Line Road that is the same project that PENNDOT is going to come thru and will resurface the road, upgrade the traffic signal and restripe when they are done.

**Margaret Brown says** the company on the corner (2431 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> & Ward) is called JMC Contracting and they are dumping their rocks and stones and I was told by the EPA that they were not to be higher than the fence and they are up way higher than the fence. There is a vacant house at 2418 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and there is a tree growing up out of the house. There is a vacant car at 215 Ward Street and it's been there for two years. Then they were digging on

Mayor Kirkland says do you know the color and the make of the car.

Ms. Brown says it's a black van.

**Mahasin Rahim says** I know Chester was given money to demo these houses around the City. Is anything going to be done about abandoned houses that are falling apart in the City. If you walk/drive around Chester it's horrible. I hope we get better with it. I put my application in for a handicap sign in front of my house a month ago.

Mayor Kirkland says you are on the list for the handicap parking. It was read today.

**Ms. Tanisha says (see attachment #1).**

Mayor Kirkland says we grieve with you for the loss of your Son. That should have never happened. There are a number of areas in our Community, Residents are asking for speed bumps to be placed in various areas of the City. There is a financial problem here in the City. But we will do everything we can to keep our streets safe!

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

**Rodney Robertson, Public Works Director says (see attachment #2)**

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS**

**Councilwoman Williams says** thank you to Covanta, NAACP, and Monroe Energy for allowing me to take over a thousand Students to Washington D.C.. Every year I take the Senior Class from Chester High School and Stem Program down to Washington D.C. to the African American Museum.

**Councilman Roots says** I just want to make one slight correction. When Mr. Lightner was up here, he had mentioned that as we roll out the programs for Rental Registrations and one of the things that we are requiring that the Landlords actually do business or reside in Delaware County. He had said the City of Chester. If they aren't in Delaware County, they are going to be required to have a Property Manager from Delaware County. So that is how we are going to be able to get in touch with the Property Owners/Landlords.

**Councilman Morgan says** continue to check our website for job opportunities. Please pay your property taxes here at the City of Chester and **(see attachment #3)**.

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**JUNE 15, 2023**

Candice Newsome, City Clerk