City of Chester
Council Meeting Agenda

One 4th Street
Chester, PA 19013

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 **10:00 AM** **Council Chambers**

INVOCATION:

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: November 27, 2024

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

COURTESY AND PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR RULES

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Public Comment Rules:

If you would like to speak, we are asking that you fill out the Sign-in Sheet located on the podium.

Please address the Council President (The Mayor). You are given privilege of the floor to provide public comment. This is a time to present comments, it is not a question-and-answer session. If you are speaking on behalf of yourself, you have three minutes and if you are speaking on behalf of a group that has several members present, you will be given five minutes - the idea being the entire group does not come up and make the same type of statement. Please be sure to state your name and address for the record and fill out the sign-in sheet.

Courtesy of the Floor is meant to provide public comment on items that are not on the agenda; Council will take all comments under advisement and have the appropriate officials get back to you if necessary. If you have materials for Council, please distribute it to the City Clerk.

Public comment during consideration of ordinances, resolutions and motions is limited by topic – your comments must be relevant. Public comments are taken before the council votes on items.

Council will not entertain personal insults or attacks, name calling or other behavior that is inconsistent with the purpose of conducting official business. Please address the Council President (The Mayor). Refrain from using offensive language, cursing, and making noises while other people are speaking. Act with decorum. Remove your hat and turn cell phones off.
Please be aware that comments and/or behavior in violation of these rules will result in a forfeiture of all remaining time and you will be asked to return to your seat.

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OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ORDINANCE (To be voted on):

Final Reading of Bill No. 11, Ordinance No. 10, entitled "2025 Budget"

- Approving the appropriation of specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government, during the 2025 calendar year.

Final Reading of Bill No. 12, Ordinanace No. 11, entitled, "2025 Salary Ordinance"

- Approving the salaries and wages for personnel employed by the City of Chester for the 2025 calendar year.

Final Reading of Bill No. 13, Ordinance No. 12, entitled, "2025 Business Privilege Tax"

- Approving the tax for general revenue purposes upon persons, firms companies, and corporations engaging in certain business within the City of Chester for the 2025 calendar year.

Final Reading of Bill No. 14, Ordinance No. 13, entitled, "2025 Earned Income Tax"

- Approving the tax of general revenue purposes on salaries, wages, commissions, net profits and other compensation earned by residents and non-residents of the City of Chester for work done or services performed or rendered in the City of Chester for the 2025 calendar year, with one percent of the residents and non-residents earned income tax collections being designated to distressed pension payments.

Final Reading of Bill No. 15, Ordinance No. 14, entitled, "2025 Local Services Tax"

- Approving the tax for general revenue purposes upon the privilege of engaging in an occupation within the corporate limits of the City of Chester for the 2025 calendar year.

Final Reading of Bill No. 16, Ordinance No. 15, entitled, "2025 Real Estate Tax Levy"

- Approving the tax rate on all real property and fixing the library tax for the 2025 calendar year.

Final Reading of Bill No. 17, Ordinance No. 16, entitled, "Refuse Collection"

- Approving the fee for the collection and disposal of ashes, garbage, rubbish and refuse for the 2025 caledar year.

Final Reading of Bill No. 19, Ordinance No. 17, entitled, "2024 Budget"

- Approving a second amendment to the 2024 Budget.

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R – 134

Authorize the proper City officials to install a handicapped parking zone in the 1000 Block of West 8th Street, in the 900 Block of East 20th Street, in the 900 Block of Lincoln Street, in the 200 Block of West 23rd Street, and in the 2500 Block of West 4th Street, in the City of Chester.

Submitted By: Andrew Hayman, Public Works Director
Attachments: Resolution

R – 135

Authorize amendment to Resolution 133-2024 for Santander Bank to be the depositry for the U.S. Economic Development Administration, Recompete Grant.

Submitted By: Richard Troutman, Chief Financial Officer
Attachments: Resolution

R – 136

Authorize entering into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the City of Chester and the County of Delaware to utilize the PCCD VIP Grant program funds for the installation of lighting in or adjacent to Four Seasons Park, located at Pennell Street and Woodrow Street.

Submitted By: Aysia Pierce, Grants Manager
Attachments: Resolution

REPORTS: NONE

PRESENTATION: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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BILL NO. 11

1st READING: 11/27/2024

PASSED: 12/18/2024

NO. 10 , 2024

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, DURING THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. That for the expenditures and expenses of the 2025 calendar year, the following amounts are hereby appropriated from the fund equities, revenues, and other financing sources available for the 2025 calendar year for the specific purposes herein set forth.

SECTION 2. The General Fund Budget for the 2025 calendar year is hereby set at $ 62,749,420 and appropriated from the following revenues, as more fully detailed in the attached Exhibit A:

Real Estate & Library Taxes	$ 9,917,000
Taxes - Act 511	$ 25,849,000
Fee, Fines, Licenses & Permits	$ 3,438,620
Interest, Rents and Royalties	$ 400,000
Intergovernmental Revenues	$ 3,450,000
Reimbursements	$ 800,000
Other Revenue	$ 2,628,800
Host Fees	$ 16,266,000
TOTAL	**$ 62,749,420**

SECTION 3. The General Fund Budget for the 2025 calendar year is hereby set at $ 62,749,420 before unpaid pensions and appropriated to the following departments, as more fully detailed in the attached Exhibit A:

Department of Public Affairs	$ 5,373,248
Department of Public Safety	$ 15,062,359
Department of Community and Economic Development	$ 2,068,690
Department of Public Works	$ 2,115,216
Department of Parks, Public Property & Recreation	$ 1,813,052
Departments of Administrative Support	$ 5,688,214

Benefits	$ 28,428,641
Operating Transfers	$ 867,000
Loan Payments	$ 2,200,000
Total (Before Unpaid Pensions)	**$ 62,749,420**
Prior Years Unpaid Pensions	$ 43,200,000
TOTAL General Fund Expense	**$105,942,420**

SECTION 4. The State Liquid Fuels Tax Fund for the 2025 calendar year is hereby set at $1,142,722 with detailed appropriation described in greater detail in Exhibit A, "City of Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 2025 Budget".

SECTION 5. The Rubbish Fund for the 2025 calendar year is hereby set at $3,435,880 with detailed appropriation described in greater detail in Exhibit A, "City of Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 2025 Budget".

SECTION 6. The Debt Service Fund for the 2025 calendar year is hereby set at $0 with detailed appropriation described in greater detail in Exhibit A, "City of Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 2025 Budget".

SECTION 7. The ARPA Fund for the 2025 calendar year is hereby set at $9,113,497 with detailed appropriation described in greater detail in Exhibit A, "City of Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 2025 Budget".

SECTION 8. The Capital Improvement Fund for the 2025 calendar year is hereby set at $4,663,902 with detailed appropriation described in greater detail in Exhibit A, "City of Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 2025 Budget".

SECTION 9. The Rental Inspection Fund for the 2025 calendar year is hereby set at $625,000 with detailed appropriation described in greater detail in Exhibit A, "City of Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 2025 Budget".

SECTION 10. The Special Events Fund for the 2025 calendar year is hereby set at $65,000 with detailed appropriation described in greater detail in Exhibit A, "City of Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 2025 Budget".

SECTION 11. That any Ordinances conflicting with this Ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that this Ordinance passed Council this 18th day of December, A.D. 2024.

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MAYOR

Attest: _____
CITY CLERK

BILL NO. 12

1st READING: 11/27/2024

PASSED: 12/18/2024

NO. 11, 2024

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, PRESCRIBING THE NUMBER, DUTIES AND COMPENSATION OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CHESTER FOR THE YEAR 2025, DIRECTING PAYMENT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS; PRESCRIBING THE METHOD AND TIMES OF PAYMENT; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. That the number, duties and compensation of the officers and employees of the City of Chester for the Year 2025 shall be set forth in the attached compilation, marked Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made part hereof.

SECTION 2. That the officers and employees of the City of Chester shall be paid on a calendar-year basis consisting of 26 pay periods for the Year 2025 beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.

SECTION 3. That the officers and employees of the City of Chester shall be paid by warrants and checks on a bi-weekly basis.

SECTION 4. That the per-diem rate to be paid for temporary labor or clerical help and the per-diem rate to be paid for "regular summer employees" employed by the various department of the City shall be set forth in the attached compilation, marked Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made part hereof.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance shall be effective as of January 1, 2025.

SECTION 6. That this Ordinance shall repeal any and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that this Ordinance passed Council this 18th day of December, A.D. 2024.

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MAYOR

Attest: _____
CITY CLERK

Row	Department	Position	2025 Salary Total
1	City Council & Administration	Mayor	$65,000
2	City Council & Administration	Assistant to the Mayor	$77,861
3	City Council & Administration	Communication Manager	$70,555
4	City Council & Administration	Councilmember	$60,000
5	City Council & Administration	Councilmember	$50,000
6	City Council & Administration	Councilmember	$50,000
7	City Council & Administration	Councilmember	$50,000
8	City Council & Administration	Chief of Staff/Chief Operating Officer	$170,000
9	City Council & Administration	Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff	$28,138
10	City Council & Administration	City Clerk	$74,675
11	City Council & Administration	Controller	$50,000
12	City Council & Administration	City Solicitor	$93,131
13	City Council & Administration	Paralegal	$74,834
14	City Council & Administration	Asssistant City Clerk	$72,518
15	City Council & Administration	Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff	$28,138
16	Finance	Chief Financial Officer	$142,000
17	Finance	Senior Accountant	$95,760
18	Finance	Senior Accountant	$95,760
19	Finance	Senior Accountant	$95,760
20	Finance	Junior Accountant	$73,000
21	Finance	Grant Coordinator	$60,471
22	Finance	Payroll Administrator	$60,471
23	Finance	Special Projects Manager	$72,100
24	Finance	Intern	$19,760
25	Finance	Façade Coordinator	$72,102
26	Finance	Treasurer	$75,000
27	Finance	Assessment Coordinator	$60,071
28	Finance	Clerk	$40,976
29	Finance	Clerk	$19,240
30	Finance	Overtime	$7,725
31	Finance	Purchasing Agent	$54,075
32	Finance	Purchasing Clerk	$49,173
33	Human Resources	Human Resources Director	$110,000
34	Human Resources	Senior HR Generalist	$76,735
35	Human Resources	HR Generalist/Recruitment	$63,860
36	Human Resources	HR Generalist/Benefits	$54,637
37	City Council & Administration	Director of Information Technology	$88,055
38	City Council & Administration	GIS/IT Support	$59,954
39	City Council & Administration	Intern	$19,760
40	Public Works	Director of Public Works	$108,144
41	Public Works	Office Manager	$53,873
42	Public Works	Clerk	$42,138
43	Public Works	Field Inspector	$49,007
44	Public Works	Fleet/Supply Manager	$57,194
45	Public Works	Supervisor	$71,027
46	Public Works	Crew Leader - Transportation/Highways	$51,500
47	Public Works	Heavy Equipment Operator	$49,162
48	Public Works	Heavy Equipment Operator	$49,162
49	Public Works	Heavy Equipment Operator	$51,075
50	Public Works	Driver - Transportation/Highways	$46,426
51	Public Works	Driver - Transportation/Highways	$48,290
52	Public Works	Driver - Transportation/Highways	$40,963
53	Public Works	Driver - Transportation/Highways	$46,435

Row	Department	Position	2025 Salary Total
54	Public Works	Driver - Transportation/Highways	$46,435
55	Public Works	Laborer - Transportation/Highways	$40,957
56	Public Works	Laborer - Transportation/Highways	$40,957
57	Public Works	Laborer - Transportation/Highways	$40,957
58	Public Works	Laborer - Transportation/Highways	$40,957
59	Public Works	Laborer - Transportation/Highways	$40,957
60	Public Works	Laborer - Transportation/Highways	$40,957
61	Public Works	Laborer - Transportation/Highways	$40,957
62	Public Works	Laborer - Transportation/Highways	$40,957
63	Public Works	Laborer - Transportation/Highways	$40,957
64	Public Works	Seasonal workers	$54,600
65	Public Works	Overtime	$140,875
66	Public Works	Heavy Equipment Operator	$49,162
67	Public Works	Recycling, Trash & Streets Coord.	$46,987
68	Public Works	Driver - Rubbish	$46,426
69	Public Works	Laborer - Rubbish	$40,957
70	Public Works	Laborer - Rubbish	$41,866
71	Public Works	Overtime	$10,000
72	Parks and Recreation	Director	$95,069
73	Parks and Recreation	Office Manager	$52,299
74	Parks and Recreation	Recreation Manager	$26,899
75	Parks and Recreation	Laborer - Facilities	$40,957
76	Parks and Recreation	Laborer - Facilities	$40,957
77	Parks and Recreation	Service Representative	$38,403
78	Parks and Recreation	Overtime	$15,000
79	Parks and Recreation	Summer Food Coordinator	$6,414
80	Parks and Recreation	Service Workers	$64,800
81	Parks and Recreation	Parks Supervisor	$61,800
82	Parks and Recreation	Crew Leader - Park Maintenance	$51,500
83	Parks and Recreation	Driver - Park Maintenance	$48,847
84	Parks and Recreation	Driver - Park Maintenance	$47,819
85	Parks and Recreation	Laborer - Park Maintenance	$40,957
86	Parks and Recreation	Laborer - Park Maintenance	$40,957
87	Parks and Recreation	Laborer - Park Maintenance	$40,957
88	Parks and Recreation	Laborer - Park Maintenance	$40,957
89	Parks and Recreation	Seasonal workers	$46,800
90	Parks and Recreation	Overtime	$40,000
91	Police	Police Commissioner	$145,687
92	Police	Major	$118,205
93	Police	Administrative Assistant	$43,709
94	Police	Clerk	$43,490
95	Police	Captain	$102,040
96	Police	Captain	$105,890
97	Police	Captain	$102,040
98	Police	Sergeant	$95,348
99	Police	Sergeant	$97,181
100	Police	Sergeant	$97,181
101	Police	Sergeant	$97,181
102	Police	Sergeant	$68,760
103	Police	Sergeant	$68,760
104	Police	Detective/Corporal	$86,680
105	Police	Detective/Corporal	$88,346
106	Police	Detective/Corporal	$85,013
107	Police	Detective/Corporal	$88,346
108	Police	Detective/Corporal	$85,013

Row	Department	Position	2025 Salary Total
109	Police	Detective/Corporal	$85,013
110	Police	Detective/Corporal	$91,680
111	Police	Detective/Corporal	$86,680
112	Police	Detective/Corporal	$86,680
113	Police	Detective/Corporal	$85,013
114	Police	Detective/Corporal	$62,509
115	Police	Detective/Corporal	$62,509
116	Police	Detective/Corporal	$62,509
117	Police	Patrol Officer	$77,893
118	Police	Patrol Officer	$82,567
119	Police	Patrol Officer	$82,567
120	Police	Patrol Officer	$81,009
121	Police	Patrol Officer	$77,893
122	Police	Patrol Officer	$77,893
123	Police	Patrol Officer	$77,893
124	Police	Patrol Officer	$81,009
125	Police	Patrol Officer	$77,893
126	Police	Patrol Officer	$85,683
127	Police	Patrol Officer	$84,125
128	Police	Patrol Officer	$82,567
129	Police	Patrol Officer	$77,893
130	Police	Patrol Officer	$82,567
131	Police	Patrol Officer	$81,009
132	Police	Patrol Officer	$85,683
133	Police	Patrol Officer	$84,125
134	Police	Patrol Officer	$79,451
135	Police	Patrol Officer	$79,451
136	Police	Patrol Officer	$77,893
137	Police	Patrol Officer	$82,567
138	Police	Patrol Officer	$77,893
139	Police	Patrol Officer	$82,567
140	Police	Patrol Officer	$82,567
141	Police	Patrol Officer	$84,125
142	Police	Patrol Officer	$84,125
143	Police	Patrol Officer	$81,009
144	Police	Patrol Officer	$79,451
145	Police	Patrol Officer	$77,893
146	Police	Patrol Officer	$77,893
147	Police	Patrol Officer	$77,893
148	Police	Patrol Officer	$77,893
149	Police	Patrol Officer	$70,104
150	Police	Patrol Officer	$70,104
151	Police	Patrol Officer	$70,104
152	Police	Patrol Officer	$62,315
153	Police	Patrol Officer	$62,315
154	Police	Patrol Officer	$62,315
155	Police	Patrol Officer	$62,315
156	Police	Patrol Officer	$62,315
157	Police	Patrol Officer	$58,420
158	Police	Patrol Officer	$58,420
159	Police	Patrol Officer	$54,525
160	Police	Patrol Officer	$54,525
161	Police	Patrol Officer	$54,525
162	Police	Patrol Officer	$54,525
163	Police	Patrol Officer	$54,525

Row	Department	Position	2025 Salary Total
164	Police	Patrol Officer	$54,525
165	Police	Patrol Officer	$27,263
166	Police	Patrol Officer	$27,263
167	Police	Patrol Officer	$27,263
168	Police	Patrol Officer	$27,263
169	Police	Patrol Officer	-$262,890
170	Police	Cadets	$162,240
171	Police	Overtime	$1,588,183
172	Police	Uniform allowance	$75,000
173	Police	Shift differential	$37,000
174	Police	Other premium pay	$32,000
175	Fire	Fire Commissioner	$131,127
176	Fire	Deputy Chief of Operations	$115,360
177	Fire	Emergency Management Specialist	$61,800
178	Fire	Office Manager	$53,873
179	Fire	Battalion Chief	$96,420
180	Fire	Battalion Chief	$99,991
181	Fire	Battalion Chief	$98,205
182	Fire	Battalion Chief	$92,848
183	Fire	Captain	$90,021
184	Fire	Captain	$90,021
185	Fire	Captain	$86,748
186	Fire	Captain	$85,111
187	Fire	Captain	$85,111
188	Fire	Captain	$86,748
189	Fire	Captain	$86,748
190	Fire	Captain	$90,021
191	Fire	Captain	$86,748
192	Fire	Captain	$85,111
193	Fire	Firefighter	$77,374
194	Fire	Firefighter	$81,838
195	Fire	Firefighter	$81,838
196	Fire	Firefighter	$77,374
197	Fire	Firefighter	$77,374
198	Fire	Firefighter	$78,862
199	Fire	Firefighter	$80,350
200	Fire	Firefighter	$77,374
201	Fire	Firefighter	$77,374
202	Fire	Firefighter	$78,862
203	Fire	Firefighter	$77,374
204	Fire	Firefighter	$78,862
205	Fire	Firefighter	$81,838
206	Fire	Firefighter	$77,374
207	Fire	Firefighter	$77,374
208	Fire	Firefighter	$81,838
209	Fire	Firefighter	$81,838
210	Fire	Firefighter	$77,374
211	Fire	Firefighter	$77,374
212	Fire	Firefighter	$81,838
213	Fire	Firefighter	$77,374
214	Fire	Firefighter	$74,398
215	Fire	Firefighter	$74,398
216	Fire	Firefighter	$74,398
217	Fire	Firefighter	$74,398
218	Fire	Firefighter	$74,398

Row	Department	Position	2025 Salary Total
219	Fire	Firefighter	$70,678
220	Fire	Firefighter	$70,678
221	Fire	Firefighter	$70,678
222	Fire	Firefighter	$70,678
223	Fire	Firefighter	$70,678
224	Fire	Firefighter	$70,678
225	Fire	Firefighter	$70,678
226	Fire	Firefighter	$66,958
227	Fire	Firefighter	$55,798
228	Fire	Firefighter	$55,798
229	Fire	Firefighter	$55,798
230	Fire	Firefighter	$55,798
231	Fire	Firefighter	$55,798
232	Fire	Firefighter	$55,798
233	Fire	Firefighter	$55,798
234	Fire	Firefighter	$55,798
235	Fire	Firefighter	$55,798
236	Fire	Firefighter	$55,798
237	Fire	Firefighter	$55,798
238	Fire	Cadets	$96,000
239	Fire	Overtime	$926,135
240	Fire	Uniform allowance	$36,000
241	Comm. & Econ. Development	Community & Economic Development Director	$90,125
242	Comm. & Econ. Development	Building Code Official	$77,006
243	Comm. & Econ. Development	Building Inspector Trainee	$51,500
244	Comm. & Econ. Development	Building Inspector Trainee	$51,500
245	Comm. & Econ. Development	Office Manager - L&I	$53,873
246	Comm. & Econ. Development	Overtime	$7,725
247	Comm. & Econ. Development	CEDA Liason	$34,763
248	Comm. & Econ. Development	Deputy Director of Licensing	$90,177
249	Comm. & Econ. Development	Service Representative	$43,906
250	Comm. & Econ. Development	Service Representative	$38,397
251	Comm. & Econ. Development	Service Representative	$38,397
252	Comm. & Econ. Development	Service Representative	$38,397
253	Comm. & Econ. Development	Code Enforcement Officer	$51,707
254	Comm. & Econ. Development	Code Enforcement Officer	$49,007
255	Comm. & Econ. Development	Code Enforcement Officer	$49,007
256	Comm. & Econ. Development	Code Enforcement Officer	$50,594
257	Comm. & Econ. Development	Code Enforcement Officer	$49,007
258	Comm. & Econ. Development	Code Enforcement Officer	$34,567
259	Comm. & Econ. Development	Code Enforcement Officer	$49,013
260	Comm. & Econ. Development	Planning Director	$97,850
261	Comm. & Econ. Development	Assistant Planning Director	$72,100
262	Comm. & Econ. Development	Zoning Enforcement	$51,900
263	Comm. & Econ. Development	Intern	$9,880
264	Comm. & Econ. Development	Health Commissioner	$77,000
			$19,707,954
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BILL NO 13

1st READING 11/27/2024

PASSED 12/18/2024

NO. 12 , 2024

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE HOME RULE CHARTER, REENACTING WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE THE BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX FOR THE YEAR 2025, AS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 307 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, 1978, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED, IN ITS ENTIRETY, WHICH IMPOSES A TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES UPON PERSONS, FIRMS COMPANIES, AND CORPORATIONS ENGAGING IN CERTAIN BUSINESS WITHIN THE CITY OF CHESTER EXCEPT FOR THE AMENDMENT TO SUBSECTION 307.02(a) ENTITLED "RATE AND BASIS OF TAX" OF SECTION 307.02 ENTITLED TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES OF SAID BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX, TO SET THE SAID RATE OF TAX TO 2.0 MILLS FOR RETAIL AND 3.0 MILLS FOR WHOLESALE; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to the authority granted by the Home Rule Charter, it does hereby reenact for the year 2025 the Business Privilege Tax, as set forth in Article 307 of the Codified Ordinances of Chester, Pennsylvania, 1978, as supplemented and amended, in its entirety, which imposes a tax for general revenue purposes upon persons, firms, companies, and corporations engaging in certain business within the City of Chester, except for the following amendment to Subsection 307.02(a) entitled "Rate and Basis of Tax of Section 307.02 entitled "Tax for General Revenue Purposes":

> 307.02 (a) of Article 307 entitled "BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX" of the Codified Ordinance of the City of Chester, 1978, which reads as follows:

(a) Rate and Basis of Tax. The rate of the tax on each and every dollar of the whole or gross volume of business transacted within the territorial limits of the City shall be 2.0 mills (.002). Two mills means two dollars ($2.00) per one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) of the gross volume of business; except that the rate of tax on each and every dollar of the whole or gross volume of business transacted by wholesale dealers or wholesale vendors within the territorial limits of the City shall be 3.0 mills (.003). All non-wholesale business of such wholesale dealers or wholesale vendors shall be taxed at the general rate of three mills. There is a minimum fee of twenty dollars ($20.00) per year.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that this Ordinance passed Council this 18th day of December, A.D. 2024.

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MAYOR

Attest:_____
CITY CLERK

BILL NO. 14

1st READING 11/27/2024

PASSED 12/18/2024

NO. 13 , 2024

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE HOME RULE CHARTER, REENACTING THE EARNED INCOME TAX FOR THE YEAR 2025, AS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 303 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA, 1978, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED, IN ITS ENTIRETY, WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE EXCEPT FOR AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 303.02 ENTITLED "IMPOSITION OF TAX" TO IMPOSE A TAX OF 2.00% FOR 2025 FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES ON SALARIES, WAGES, COMMISSIONS, NET PROFITS AND OTHER COMPENSATION EARNED BY NON-RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF CHESTER FOR WORK DONE OR SERVICES PERFORMED OR RENDERED IN THE CITY OF CHESTER, AND TO ESTABLISH THE EARNED INCOME TAX RATE AT 3.75% FOR 2025 ON SALARIES, WAGES, COMMISSIONS, NET PROFITS AND OTHER COMPENSATION EARNED BY RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF CHESTER; WITH ONE PERCENT (1.00%) OF THE RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS EARNED INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS BEING DESIGNATED TO DISTRESSED PENSION PAYMENTS AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. That it does hereby reenact the Earned Income Tax for the year 2025, as set forth in Article 303 of the Codified Ordinances of Chester, Pennsylvania, 1978, as supplemented and amended in, its entirety, which imposes a tax for general revenue purposes on salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation

earned by residents of the City of Chester, Pennsylvania and on salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation earned by non-residents of the City of Chester for work done or services performed or rendered in the City of Chester, and on the net profits earned from businesses, professions or other activities conducted by residents of the City of Chester, and the net profits earned from businesses, professions, or other activities conducted in the City of Chester by nonresidents; requiring the filing by employers and by those subject to the tax; imposing on employers the duty collecting the tax at source; with one percent (1.00%) of the residents and nonresidents collection being designated to distressed pension payments; providing for the administration and enforcement of the ordinances; and imposing penalties for violation thereof, except for the following amendments to Section 303.02 entitled "IMPOSITION OF TAX":

303.02 IMPOSITION OF TAX

A tax for general revenue purposes of three and seventy-five hundredths percent (3.75%) is hereby imposed on the following:

(a) Salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation earned on and after January 1, 2025, by individual residents of the City of Chester.

(b) Net profits, earned on and after January 1, 2025, by residents of the City of Chester.

A tax for general revenue purposes of two percent (2.00%) is hereby imposed on the following:

(a) Salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation earned on and after January 1, 2025, by individual nonresidents of the City of Chester.

(b) Net profits, earned on and after January 1, 2025, in the City of Chester by nonresidents of the City of Chester.

The tax levied under subsection (a) hereof shall relate to and be imposed upon salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation paid by an employer or on his behalf to a person who is employed by him. The tax levied under subsection (b) hereof shall relate to and be imposed on the

net profits of any business, profession or other activity carried on by any person or persons.

Every corporation which is subject to the Pennsylvania Corporate Net Income Tax or exempt from the Pennsylvania Franchise Tax, shall be on exempt from the tax imposed by this article.

The tax levied by this article shall be applicable to salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation and to net profits earned after January 1, 2025, for non-residents and after January 1, 2025, for residents.

SECTION 2. All Ordinances, amendments or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance, be and they are hereby repealed.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that this Ordinance passed Council this 18th day of December, A.D. 2024.

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MAYOR

Attest: _____
CITY CLERK

BILL NO. 15

1st READING 11/27/2024

PASSED 12/18/2024

NO. 14 , 2024

A N ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE HOME RULE CHARTER, REENACTING WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE FOR THE YEAR 2025 THE "LOCAL SERVICES TAX", AS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 305 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA, 1978, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED, IN ITS ENTIRETY, WHICH IMPOSES A TAX, FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES, UPON THE PRIVILEGE OF ENGAGING IN AN OCCUPATION WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CHESTER AT THE RATE OF FIFTY TWO DOLLARS ($52.00) PER YEAR.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. That it does hereby reenact without substantial change for the year 2025 the "LOCAL SERVICES TAX", as set forth in Article 305 of the Codified Ordinances of Chester, Pennsylvania, 1978, as supplemented and amended, in its entirety, which imposes a tax, for general revenue purpose, upon the privilege of engaging in an occupation within the corporate limits of the City of Chester at the rate of Fifty-two Dollars ($52.00) per year which tax is to be paid by each individual exercising such privilege; providing for its collection; providing for exemptions from said tax; imposing on employers the duty of collecting said tax from every individual in their employ subject to said tax; providing for the remitting and paying over of same to the City Treasurer; conferring and imposing powers and duties of administration on the Treasurer; and imposing penalties for the violation thereof.

SECTION 2. All Ordinances, amendments, or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance, be and they are hereby repealed.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that this Ordinance passed Council this 18th day of December, A.D. 2024.

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MAYOR

Attest:_____
CITY CLERK

BILL NO. 16

1st READING 11/27/2024

PASSED 12/18/2024

NO. 15 , 2024

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ENACTING THE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2025, ON ALL REAL PROPERTY AT 9.4041 MILLS AND FIXING THE LIBRARY TAX AT .4017 MILLS.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted, that a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all real property within the City of Chester subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2025 as follows:

That tax rate for general purposes, the sum of 9.4041 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or sum of 94.041 cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

That tax rate for library tax, the sum of .4017 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or sum of 4.017 Cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

SECTION 2. That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, be and they are hereby repealed.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that this Ordinance passed Council this 18th day of December, A.D. 2024.

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MAYOR

Attest: _____
CITY CLERK

BILL NO. 17

1st READING 11/27/2024

PASSED 12/18/2024

NO. 16 , 2024

A N ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING SUBSECTION 925.021 ENTITLED "FEES", OF ARTICLE 925 ENTITLED "REFUSE COLLECTION" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, 1978, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED, BY INCREASING THE FEE FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF ASHES, GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE TO $350.00 FOR SUBPARTS (a)(1) and (a)(2); AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. That Subsection 925.021(a)(1) entitled "FEES" of Article 925, entitled "Refuse Collection" of the Codified Ordinance of the City of Chester, 1978, as supplemented and amended, to read as follows:

925.021 (a) **Fees.**
The fee for the collection and disposal of ashes, garbage, rubbish and refuse placed for collection, pursuant to the provisions of this article, shall be as follows, beginning January 1, 2025.

(1) For all single-family dwellings, either owner occupied or renter occupied, the sum of three hundred fifty dollars ($350.00) per year per single-family dwelling.

SECTION 2. That Subpart (a)(2) of Subsection 925.021 of Article 925, entitled "Refuse Collection" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Chester, as supplemented and amended to read as follows:

925.021 (a)(2) For a boarding house and an apartment house or complex being collected by the City

and not having its own private collection, the sum of three hundred fifty dollars ($350.00) per year per single living unit.

SECTION 3. That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. If any section, part or clause of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the reminder of this Ordinance shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinance inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, be and they are hereby repealed.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that this Ordinance passed Council this 18th day of December, A.D. 2024.

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MAYOR

Attest:_____
CITY CLERK

BILL NO. 19

1st READING: 11/27/2024

PASSED: 12/18/2024

NO. 17, 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 6 OF 2024, ENTITLED "2024 BUDGET" PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS, CORRECTIONS, MODIFICATIONS AND CHANGES IN ORGANIZATIONAL ALIGNMENTS FOR USE DURING THE 2024 CALENDAR YEAR AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. If any section, part or clause of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the reminder of this Ordinance shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

SECTION 2. That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinance inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, be and they are hereby repealed.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that this Ordinance passed Council this 18th day of December, A.D. 2024.

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MAYOR

Attest: _____
CITY CLERK

2024 Comprehensive Budget Amendment #2 (Revised 12/4/24)
And Resulting Projected Year End Status
Corrections, Modifications, Adjustments
This amendment reallocates expenses without affecting the Operating Surplus / Deficit.
The Unpaid Pension MMO's for prior years of $43.2M remains.
Two primary purposes are: Authorizing additional funds to be paid to unpaid prior year pension MMO's of $2.5M and to provide funds for Capital Equipment that has been purchased, obligated or is needed given the lack of recent year investments in Capital.

		2024		From	To
Revenue	**Total Revised Budget (after amendment #1)**	**70,030,700**			
	No Revenue amendment items				
Revenue	**Total Revised Budget (after amendment #2)**	**70,030,700**			
Expenses	**Total Revised Budget (after amendment #1)**	**(70,003,529)**			
	Professional Services - Legal	**2,200,000**	01-01-404-5315-00	4,200,000	2,000,000
	Salary Police - Regular	**37,000**	01-01-410-5130-00	5,522,846	5,485,846
	Salary Police - Overtime	**100,000**	01-01-410-5131-00	1,100,000	1,000,000
	Salary Police - Shift Differential	**113,000**	01-01-410-5132-00	113,000	-
	Police Health Insurance	**100,000**	01-01-410-5159-00	1,887,167	1,787,167
	Salary Fire - Regular	**50,500**	01-03-411-5130-00	4,949,710	4,899,210
	Salary Fire - Overtime	**100,000**	01-03-411-5131-00	500,000	400000
	Salary Fire - Holiday Pay	**49,500**	01-03-411-5134-00	49,500	0
	Retiree - Self Funded	**795,276**	01-06-487-5164-00	2,917,336	2,122,060
	Pension Expense - Police	**(2,500,000)**	01-01-410-5160-00	10,741,082	13,241,082
	Interfund Transfer - Capital	**(1,072,447)**	01-00-000-5001-04	850,000	1,922,447
Expenses	**Total Revised Budget (after amendment #2)**	**(70,030,700)**			
	Project General Fund Surplus (Deficit)	**-**			

RESOLUTION

NO. 134 2024

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

1. Soraya Gary, 1010 West 8th Street, Chester, PA 19013;
2. Muriel Muhammad, 928 East 20th Street, Chester, PA 19013;
3. Jean Strand, 909 Lincoln Street, Chester, PA 19013;
4. Robert Quayee Swen, 207 West 23rd Street, Chester, PA 19013; and
5. Marshelle Johnson, 2516 West 4th 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 1000 Block of West 8th Street, in the 900 Block of East 20th Street, in the 900 Block of Lincoln Street, in the 200 Block of West 23rd Street, and in the 2500 Block of West 4th Street, in the City of Chester.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that this Resolution passed Council this 18th day of December, A.D. 2024.

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MAYOR

Attest:_____
CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION

NO. 135 - 2024

WHEREAS, Chester City Council approved Resolution 133-2024 on December 11, 2024, designating Santander Bank, N.A. ("Bank") as a depository for the City of Chester; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the persons identified on that Resolution as designated authorized signors needs to be amended.

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

That it does hereby amend Resolution 133-2024, selecting Santander Bank, N.A. as a depository for the City of Chester, by designating the following persons as authorized signers to act on behalf of the City in accordance with the all other conditions of Resolution 133-2024 with no other amendments:

Name	**Title**
Richard Troutman	Chief Financial Officer
Elenora Golson	City Treasurer
Joy Taylor	City Controller

FURTHER, that it does hereby ratify the proper City official's notification to the Bank.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that this Resolution passed Council this 18th day of December, A.D. 2024.

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MAYOR

Attest:_____
CITY CLERK

R E S O L U I O N

NO. 136 – 2024

WHEREAS, the County of Delaware acting through the Delaware County District Attorney's Office, ("County") desires to assist the City of Chester with a lighting initiative; and

WHEREAS, the County has agreed to be the recipient of funding in the amount of $2,000,000.00 from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency ("PCCD") Violence Intervention and Prevention ("VIP") Grant program for the original grant term, February 1, 2022 – February 1, 2024, and subsequently extended to December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City believe it to be in their best interests to utilize a portion of the PCCD VIP grant funding to support the City of Chester.

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

That it does hereby ratify the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the City of Chester and the County of Delaware to utilize the PCCD VIP Grant program funds for the installation of lighting in or adjacent to Four Seasons Park in the City of Chester.

FURTHER, the County shall, at its sole discretion, reimburse the City for the installation of lighting in or adjacent to the Four Seasons Park, located at Pennell Street and Woodrow Street.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that this Resolution passed Council this 18th day of December, A.D. 2024.

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MAYOR

Attest: _____
CITY CLERK