COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

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 10:10am with Mayor Roots presiding. A prayer was said by **Reverend Gregory Stinson, Calvary Baptist Church, Chester PA** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called and the following were present:

Tameka Williams
Fred Green
Portia West
Shy'Quan Davis
Mayor Stefan Roots

On motion of Councilor West, seconded by Councilor Green, the minutes of the previous meeting **(September 9, 2026)** was approved. The following vote was taken: Yeas: Williams, Green, West, Davis, Mayor Roots. Nays: 0.

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

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Green says a special thank you to Crystal Burrell, Recreation Coordinator, Mark Alexander & Parks & Recreation Department, and Andrew Hayman, Public Works Dept. for all the hard work with the 2nd Annual Peace, Love, and Unity Festival. Thank you to all the Sponsors, to my Colleagues on City Council and the Community.

Councilwoman West says I'd like to congratulate you on yet another successful event and thank you for all of your hard work.

Mayor Roots says the Governor came to town and that's the $100,000,000.00 investment in the City of Chester and not a penny came into Chester City Hall. The Delco 10-Mile Run 2026 **(see Attachment #1).** A Newspaper Reporter called me this week and he says I'm getting calls from the Chester Community about these guys carrying long guns in the City of Chester. They wear Black and they are pretty silent. We are concerned. My comments were as the Mayor of the City…it's not a good look a bunch of People walking around with long guns. It presents a really bad image of the City and we don't know who they are, where they come from and what their purpose is. I would invite that same group to come into City Hall and present themselves. I'd love to meet them.

The City Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Resolutions.

RESOLUTION - 120

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby promote Richard Fraim from the position of Patrol Officer to the position of Sergeant, Chester Police Department, effective September 21, 2026, with a ninety (90) day probationary period, at the salary as provided in the Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

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

Mayor Roots says we've had two Executive Sessions. One on Monday and Today to talk about Legal Matters.

RESOLUTION - 121

WHEREAS, the City of Chester was awarded a grant from Delaware County Interactive Gaming Revenue Authority (DCIGRA), in the amount of $22,000, for a Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) Program conducted by the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, the DCIGRA receives Local Share funds pursuant to 4 Pa C.S.A. Section 13B53, to utilize the funds to provide grants for economic development, municipal police and emergency services and other purposes for public interest.

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

That it does hereby approve acceptance of a grant in the amount of $22,000 from the Delaware County Interactive Gaming Revenue Authority, for a Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) Program conducted by Urban Land Institute (ULI) Philadelphia to provide a market-based redevelopment and implementation strategy for the City of Chester Central Business District (CBD).

FURTHER, it does authorize the proper City official to execute the necessary grant documents for and on behalf of the City of Chester.

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

RESOLUTION - 122

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DOES RESOLVE:

That it does hereby approve the Partial Release of Collateral Agreement with PFS VII, LLC, to release its security interest and lien in and to two (2) vehicles currently in the City's possession, and agree said vehicles no longer constitute collateral securing, in an amount not to exceed $24,000.

FURTHER, it does authorize the proper City official to execute all documents necessary to facilitate the release and exchange of property.

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

RESOLUTION – 123

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL TO ROSANNA S. CARTER FOR THE FINAL SUBDIVISION/LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT PLAN FOR 810 McILVAIN STREET AND 623 GREEN STREET, CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA.

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

Swearing – In Richard Fraim from Patrol Officer to Sergeant

REPORTS

Joy Taylor, City Controller/Richard Troutman, Chief Financial Officer - 2027 Financial Requirement and Municipal Minimum Obligations (MMO) for the City's Pension Plans (see Attachment #2)

PRESENTATIONS

Michael Lewis, Block Captain Program - Citywide Chester Pride Community Cleanup (see Attachment #3)

Andrew Hayman, Public Works Director – Residential Trash & Recycling (see Attachment #4)

Dr. Kristin Motley/Fatimah Bolden, Chester Bureau of Health – Chester Lead Safe and Healthy Homes Program (see Attachments #5A & 5B)

Pastor Lisa Dennis, Chester Police Chaplains Corps – Day of Remembrance (26 Individuals/Entities received Attachement #6)

Public Comment

Carla Beaver says trash…you'll need to give People more than one orange trash can because you cannot fit garbage from one week inside that trash can. I have a neighbor across the alley from me that doesn't use our trash can. He has about 6-8 trash cans out there (inaudible) and when the wind blows they fall over and the trash ends up in my yard. Something needs to be done about that. All Residents don't be on Social Media. You'll need to send out literature telling what needs to be inside of those recycle bins. Those Guys…You have Senior Citizens out here are scared to death of these Guys walking the streets with guns and I think they are sending the wrong message to our young kids thinking they can walk around here with guns like they are.

Mayor Roots says mailers were mailed out. I will give credit to Former Councilman Will Morgan who decided that a portion of ARPA funds should go to putting one trash can (one solid 65 gallon, black and orange). That was a phenomenal use of ARPA funds. Now Everybody expects that the City is just going to continue giving out free trash cans.

Former Councilwoman Liz Williams says on 10/23 Chester will be 344 years old. The Historical Society here in the City of Chester will be celebrating it. We want the City of Chester to join us 1p @ 2nd & Penn.

Brown Williams says I appreciate the trash cleaned up down by my house. The house across the street from me the windows need to be nailed up because a lot of cats, coons and possums goes in there. Some of these houses need to be torn down. The Inspectors stop People from painting their door. I didn't know they needed permission to paint their door. Anytime you're fixing up your house you should be proud. We got a lot of work to do around Chester to bring Chester back. What position does Andrew hold because I never see him out in the City. Like he's sitting in here now. He should be out on the job. (Inaudible) consider that stealing.

Mayor Roots says **MY DIRECTOR'S ARE NOT STEALING TIME!** I want all of you that come to City Council to be able to engage with our Directors and that's why they have been asked to come and sit with us. Boarding up a house is the L&I Department. We just need an address.

Councilman Green says we are working on getting some of those houses in the City demolished.

Kathryn Flagg says the Governor allocated some money to come in and revitalize Chester. Has any of that money been earmarked for Homeowners?

Justin Tibbels, Deputy Chief of Staff says yes. Some of that money is allocated for home repairs managed by CCIP, Annette Pyatt. There are other funds going towards demolition of blighted properties, clearing vacant lands and other things.

Councilman Green says we are getting the breakdown of where the money is going so that our Residents can see where the money will be going.

Amin Abdul Salim says new world…old world. Old People used to say an old one two punch. Having difficulty speaking for themselves. New world. God said, "New Heaven, New Earth, New World". We want to do that. Come from behind. Come within. Get away from the old world and do the new. The old saying…Child don't have the sense they were born with.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Mayor Roots says if anybody is following us up here that's what we're doing. We're transitioning from ways we've done business in the past. People that we've done business with in the past. How we are delivering services in the past. How we Police. How we do Fire. There is a lot of change going on in this City. I talk about our Waterfront and I want to see a change from an old polluting industrial riverfront into one that is something that could provide us with some great economic development as waterfronts have done all across the country. So that's just an example of old to new.

Councilman Davis says October 16 @ Harrah's D.J. Mania **(see Attachment #7).**

Councilwoman West says there is going to be a Senior Day here at City Hall in the Community Room on 9/25 @ 11a.

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 12:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

Candice Newsome, City Clerk