

MINUTES

**MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL RECOVERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FOR THE CITY OF CHESTER
March 9th, 2021
1:00 p.m.**

**Chester City Hall
Council Chambers
1 Fourth Street, 2nd Floor
Chester, PA 19013**

Present: Michael T. Doweary, Receiver
Kelly Diaz, County of Delaware, Office of the Controller, Sr. Accountant
Vijay Kapoor, Chief of Staff to the Receiver
Cody Deal, Executive Assistant
William Jacobs, City Councilman

Absent: Kim Bracey, DCED, Executive Director for the Governor's Center for Local Government Services
Mayor Thaddeus Kirkland

The Municipal Financial Recovery Advisory Committee meeting began at 1:02 p.m. The meeting was streamed on the Chester City's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/cityofchester/>.

Minutes of February 23 MFRAC Meeting

The Receiver asked if there were any changes or addendums to the February 23, 2021 Municipal Financial Recovery Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

Hearing none, the Receiver asked for a motion to accept the minutes of February 23rd.

It was moved by Ms. Diaz and seconded by Councilman Jacobs that:

"The February 23, 2021 minutes of the Municipal Financial Recovery Advisory Committee be accepted as written."

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Secretary Appointment

The Receiver asked for a motion to appoint Cody Deal as the Secretary for the Municipal Financial Recovery Advisory Committee.

It was moved by Ms. Diaz and seconded by Councilman Jacobs to:

"Appoint Cody Deal as Secretary for the Municipal Financial Recovery Advisory Committee."

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Reports

Vijay Kapoor provided an update on the Receivers Recovery Plan. We are beginning to pool together info for the amended plan due to the court on April 7th. PFM, our financial consultant, has been developing a multi-year baseline projection to establish a sense of the City's financial condition on a year over year basis. This should be completed within the next week or two.

Union conversations have still been ongoing as to the City's labor contracts and Teamsters contracts as previously discussed by the committee. We also have a deadline of early next week for the Receiver's filing of an intervention in the ongoing parking contract dispute.

Councilman Jacobs asked Mr. Kapoor about the nature of the filing. Mr. Kapoor explained that there is ongoing litigation between Widener University and the City's Parking Manager. The court of common pleas asked the Receiver if he would be willing to intervene on behalf of the City, giving us a 30-day timeline to file this intervention.

Receiver Update

The Receiver provided a brief update referring everyone to our website, chesterreceivership.com, where all our progress, resources, and documentation have been logged. He also encouraged the public to sign up for our monthly newsletter with the first distribution going out this week. This can all be accessed through our website as well.

Public Comments

The Receiver noted 93 public comments received, all pertaining to the Chester Water Authority. He reiterated our position that this is not a matter in the hands of the Receivers office as it was already in litigation and continues to be handled in the commonwealth court system. We are awaiting the outcome as well.

Member Comments

The receiver asked the committee if there were any comments they wanted to make. No members had any comments at this time.

There being no further business to discuss, the Receiver adjourned the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

The next Municipal Financial Recovery Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23rd at 1:00 p.m. at Chester City Hall, City Council Chambers, 1 Fourth Street, 2nd Floor, Chester, PA 19013, and streamed VIA ZOOM through the City's Facebook page.

Approved this 9th day of March 2021.

Michael T. Doweary
Receiver for the City of Chester

Secretary – Cody Deal