

MINUTES

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

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

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

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

The Municipal Financial Recovery Advisory Committee meeting began at 1:04 p.m. The meeting was streamed on the Chester City's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/cityofchester/>.

Minutes of January 26 MFRAC Meeting

The Receiver asked if there were any changes or addendums to the January 26, 2021 Municipal Financial Recovery Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

Hearing none, the Receiver asked for a motion to accept the minutes of January 26th.

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

"The January 26, 2021 minutes of the Municipal Financial Recovery Advisory Committee be accepted as written."

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Reports

Vijay Kapoor, Chief of Staff to the Receiver, provided an update on the Receiver's Recovery Plan.

Mr. Kapoor detailed upcoming milestones over the coming weeks including an update due to the Commonwealth Court on February 22nd, and an amended recovery plan due by April 7th.

Discussions with both the labor and teamsters' unions will be beginning to determine items that we need to see in the amended recovery plan.

Mr. Kapoor has also been working on an analysis of the City's parking contract. There is a current case involving Widener University regarding parking meters on their campus that we are having internal discussions about whether the Receiver will become involved in this dispute.

Our financial team is continuing work on the multiyear financial projection for the city as well.

Lastly, our operations team is currently still working on the continued retiree healthcare conversion for those retirees who have remained fully on the City's coverage. They will be moving to a Medicare Supplemental plan. There is also going to be an eligibility audit for active City employees to ensure they are receiving proper and adequate healthcare for their lines of work.

Receiver Update

The Receiver provided a brief comment on our community engagement efforts and our upcoming event with the Rondae Jefferson Foundation.

Public Comments

The Receiver noted 14 public comments, 13 of which pertained to the ongoing Chester Water Authority sale with the final comment being regarding the Stormwater Authority.

Member Comments

Mayor Kirkland provided a response to the public comment regarding a request to disband the Stormwater Authority. He explained how the Stormwater Authority operates separately from the Water Authority, and that if there are public grievances that are substantiated with evidence of any wrongdoing regarding compensation or decision-making processes by the authorities that they can be presented to the City.

The Receiver opened the floor for any further comments to which Mayor Kirkland encouraged everyone to have a productive and celebratory Black History Month.

There being no further business to discuss, the Receiver adjourned the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

The next Municipal Financial Recovery Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 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 23rd day of February 2021.

Michael T. Doweary
Receiver for the City of Chester

Secretary - Anne Weaver Morrow