

MINUTES

MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL RECOVERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF CHESTER

June 22, 2021

1:00 p.m.

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

Present: Michael T. Doweary, Receiver
Kelly Diaz, County of Delaware, Office of the Controller, Sr. Accountant
Mayor Thaddeus Kirkland
William Jacobs, City Councilman
Vijay Kapoor, Chief of Staff to the Receiver
Cody Deal, Executive Assistant
Rodney Robertson, Director, Public Works
Mark Alexander, Supervisor, Public Works
JP Mascaro
Chester Stormwater Authority

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

The Municipal Financial Recovery Advisory Committee meeting began at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was streamed on the Chester City's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/cityofchester/>.

Minutes of June 8 MFRAC Meeting

The Receiver asked if there were any changes or addendums to the June 8, 2021 Municipal Financial Recovery Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

Hearing none, the Receiver asked for a motion to accept the minutes of June 8th.

It was moved by Mayor Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Diaz that:

"The June 8, 2021 minutes of the Municipal Financial Recovery Advisory Committee be accepted as written."

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Reports

The Receiver opened the floor to Mr. Kapoor to provide a progress update for the Receiver's team.

Mr. Kapoor began with a summary of current activities by the Receiver's Team and the City. He mentioned again the approval of the Amended Recovery Plan and the goal to implement the items found within in the City, specifically trash and grass cutting which will be covered in his Presentation today.

Receiver Update

The Receiver gave a brief update on the Act 47 hearing that occurred last month stating that it has been approved for funding of the development of the Comprehensive Plan, the Recast study to be performed in the business district, and funds for the COO position for the full year.

He then mentioned a save the date for July 17th for "Breakfast with the Receiver" which will allow more public discussion and engagement directly with those who would like to register and attend.

Lastly, he requested for those in the community to share their calendars of upcoming events that can be promoted by the Receiver's team. He opened the floor for any questions which there were none.

Public Works Presentation

The Receiver passed the floor to Mr. Kapoor, Rodney Robertson, Mark Alexander, representatives from JP Mascaro who handles the current trash collection, and Reverend Strand representing the Stormwater Authority for their Public Works Presentation, which can be found on the receivership website – www.chesterreceivership.com.

The presentation centered around Trash Collection and Grass Cutting issues and the various options for moving forward to get better results for the citizens of Chester. He also asked for public input as well.

Public Comments

The Receiver noted the comments received through info@chesterreceivership.com. He stated his teams position on the CWA has not changed as it is still in commonwealth court. He thanked Ms. Deneen Mosley for her continued comments and encouraged more public engagement and participation in various committees involved in the City. He ended by noting the last public comments were most likely covered in todays presentation, but that he also had the contact info of those who submitted them and is open to further discussion.

He opened the floor for any comments from the Committee, to which Mayor Kirkland responded by stating trash collection info can be found on the city's website, and there are staff members who work phones for residents who would like to reach out directly to the city's offices. He asked again for any further comments to which Ms. Diaz thanked the Receiver's team for another informative presentation.

Member Comments

The receiver mentioned his recent involvement in a volunteer cleanup held by Chester City Sweeps, thanking Carol Kazeem and Kristie Barnes for their direct involvement in these

activities, again asking for the public to please share any other events that may be beneficial to be promoted publicly by his team. The Receiver opened the floor for any other closing comments, which there were none.

There being no further business to discuss, the Receiver adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

The next Municipal Financial Recovery Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 1th 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 25th Day of June 2021.

Michael T. Doweary
Receiver for the City of Chester

Secretary – Cody Deal