



Borough Council Meeting Voting Session
February 18, 2026 @ 6:30 PM
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Nicole Scimone, President	Member, 4th Ward	Term Expires: 12/31/27
Bernie Flynn, Vice President	Member, 6th Ward	Term Expires: 12/31/27
Bryan Travis	Member, 2nd Ward	Term Expires: 12/31/27
Brian McGinnis	Member, 3rd Ward	Term Expires: 12/31/29
Stephen Marvin	Member, 5th Ward	Term Expires: 12/31/29
Lisa Kearns	Member, 7th Ward	Term Expires: 12/31/29
Jerome Szczepaniak	Member, 1st Ward	Term Expires: 12/31/29

Mayor: Lillian L. DeBaptiste

Borough Manager: Sean Metrick

Borough Council Meeting:

I. Public Hearings

- A. Public Hearing: February 18, 2026 at 6:30 PM - to consider the adoption of an addendum to the Borough Comprehensive Plan by adopting a Recreation and Parks Master Plan Update prepared by Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. in association with Toole Recreation Planning titled, "Parks for All: the West Chester Borough Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan". (attachment)

II. Call to Order

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Announcements

- A. Announce vacancies on the West Chester Community Campus Committee:
1) Business owner in the Borough
2) Property owner holding a student housing permit

V. Comments

Comments, suggestions, petitions by residents, taxpayers and visitors in attendance regarding items that are not on the agenda. Please be advised there is a 5-minute time limit which is at the discretion of the Council President and/or Chair.

VI. Comments by the Borough Council and the Mayor

VII. Reports/Presentations

- A. 2025 Year End Report for the Civil Service Commission: Rich Eagles, Chair of the Civil Service Commission

VIII. New Business

IX. Old Business - Discussion

- A. Motion to change West Chester Borough domain from .com to .gov (attachment)
Committee Recommendation: 1-2
- B. Motion to award bid for the Traffic Signal Maintenance to Kuharchik Construction, Inc.– bid opening February 6, 2026 (attachment)
- C. Motion to direct Solicitor to draft an Ordinance to require Borough Council approval on any 287(g) cooperation agreement prior to participation by the WC Police Department in Immigration Enforcement (attachment)
- D. Appointment to Boards/Commissions/Committees:
Human Relations (1):
Karl Kuffel
Michele MacPherson
Tree Commission (1):
Michele MacPerson
West Chester Library Board of Directors (2):
Karl Kuffel
Michele MacPherson
Genevieve Mak
Morgan Pater
Jennifer Salvo
Zoning Hearing Board - Alternate (1):
Sean Barry
- E. Special Event Applications (SEAs)
1. March 1st, 2026 March For Paws 5k
 2. March 28th, 2026 Bunny Run 5k
 3. May 4th, 2026 Running Home 5k
 4. May 7th, 2026 Bournelyf Special Camps 5k
 5. May 30th, 2026 Penn Fusion 5th Annual Charity 5k
 6. June 7th, 2026 43rd Annual Turks Head Music Festival (rain date June 14th) at Everhart Park
 7. August 2nd, 2026 West Chester Area Council of Governments America 250 Celebration/Festival/Viewing Party & Drone Show in downtown West Chester
 8. September 20th, 2026 45th Annual Chester County Restaurant and Food Truck Festival (rain date September 27th) in downtown West Chester
 9. October 28th, 2026 Annual Borough of West Chester Halloween Parade (raid date October 29th) in downtown West Chester
 10. December 5th, 2026 6th Annual Santa at the Square at Marshall Square Park (rain

date December 6th)

X. Old Business - Consent

- A. Motion to approve the December, 2025 and January, 2026 Borough Council Meeting minutes
- B. Motion to approve 2026 Borough Council Committee Goals:

Public Works:

- Replacement of Public Works Facilities.
- Contaminated Parcels in the Borough.

Public Safety:

- Update the truck traffic ordinance to clearly define violations and enable consistent enforcement.
- Eliminate the EMS funding gap that emerged in FY2025 to ensure sustainable emergency services.
- Improve (continue) neighborhood quality of life by reducing illegal parking, excessive noise, and property damage.

Parking:

- West Chester University
- Residential Street Parking Reform
- Garage & Lot Utilization

Smart Growth:

- Create a single source of information available on line for all constituents to access all development projects at each stage of the process.
- Working in collaboration with the Sustainability-Advisory-Committee , create tools to ease residents', businesses' and stakeholders' pursuit of renewable energy sources.

Finance:

- **Balanced Budgets & Strong Reserves**
Keep recurring revenues ahead of expenses and maintain healthy fund balances to protect taxpayers.
- **Protect the Borough's Credit Rating**
Preserve our AA bond rating to keep borrowing costs low and save residents money.
- **Responsible Long-Term Planning**
Fund a realistic capital plan that reduces deferred maintenance and avoids emergency spending.
- **Pension & Benefits Stability**
Ensure police and public works pensions remain solvent, affordable, and well-managed.

- Transparency & Accountability
Make borough finances clear, accessible, and tied to real outcomes — so residents know where their money goes.

ACT:

- Propose, develop, and begin to implement a strategy and associated policies and procedures to enhance civic/public engagement.
 - Create comprehensive procedures to record and track-to-completion public concerns.
- C. Motion to approve support of Chester Ridley Crum Watershed Association Goose Creek Clean up – Saturday March 21, 2026.
- D. Motion to award the 2026 Shade Tree maintenance services contract to Tremendous Tree Services (attachment)
- E. Motion to award the 2026 Landscaping contract to Andrews Lawn and Landscaping. (attachment)
- F. Motion to award the 2026 Rain Garden Maintenance contract to Archewild. (attachment)
- G. Motion to reject all bids for the 2026 Shade Tree Planting contract (attachment)
- H. Motion to award the 2026 Street Signs contract to National Highway Products. (attachment)
- I. Motion to reject all bids for the Traffic Signal Maintenance contract- bid opening January 2026 (attachment)
- J. Motion to award the 2026 Custodial Service contract - bid opening February 6, 2026 (attachment)
- K. Motion to approve the CCSWA fee schedule for disposal of waste at LanChester Sanitary landfill, Honey Brook PA (attachments)
- L. Motion to approve request from Crime Victims Center to recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Month by hanging teal ribbons on the lampposts on Market and Gay Streets from New to Walnut Streets for the month of April.
- M. Motion to approve Resolution for West Chester Borough Emergency Operations Plan

(attachment)

- N. Motion to approve Resolution and Memorandum of Understanding for West Chester Regional Emergency Response Team agreement. (attachment)
- O. Motion to approve WCBIDA request to install flags on streetlights downtown to celebrate America 250.
- P. Motion to approve Resolution to update handicapped parking spaces within the Borough.(attachment)
Issue: Ordinance 104-45 is updated bi-annually to add or remove handicapped spaces that have been posted, audited and verified
- Q. Motion to approve hourly rates with Code Elevator for month-to-month services (attachment)
Issue: Monthly contract with Code Elevator to service any issues at Parking Garage elevators until Elevator RFP has been released and approved
- R. Consider directing the Solicitor to attend Zoning Hearing Board (attachment)
1. 1038-515 Spring Grove Ln-Impervious coverage and dimensional relief for addition. - No Solicitor attendance
 2. 1039-138 Magnolia St-Special Exception for student home use —
Solicitor attendance
- S. Motion to approve HARB applications (attachment)
Issue: Consider a Motion to approve the January HARB Certificate of Appropriateness
1. 2026-01: 139 W. Gay St-Sign
 2. 2026-02: 21 S. Church St-Shutter replacement, paint and deck repair
 3. 2026-03: 27 W. Gay St-Sign and front façade
 4. 2026-04: 225 N. High St-Cannon cover and exhibit space
- T. Motion to approve resolution for Verizon cable franchise renewal agreement (attachment)
- U. Motion to approve Budget Modification #2026-1 for Police firearms capital expense
- V. Motion to certify qualifying volunteers (attachment)
- W. Motion to approve purchasing requests (attachment):

1. CDW-G for \$34,488.00
2. CivicPlus – Annual Website Renewal - \$12,804.85
3. Bergey’s Truck Centers for \$20,510.68
4. BFI Recycling for \$81,000.00 – blanket PO
5. Chemical Equipment Labs of DE for \$44,995.00- blanket PO
6. Eurofins for \$24,000.00-blanket PO
7. Fire Flow Services for \$13,830.85
8. Granicus LLC for \$20,300.35
9. OpenGov, Inc for \$29,406.70
10. Reiner Pump Systems -College Ave for \$48,513.00
11. Reiner Pump Systems- New St for \$29,378.00
12. Rockwell Associates for \$18,000.00- blanket PO
13. USALCO for \$15,280.00
14. Watchkeep- Disaster Recovery for \$34,186.00
15. Watchkeep- Network Engineering support contract for \$12,960.00

- X. Motion to approve Mayor’s nominations for promotions - West Chester Police Department
Cpl. Jerry Ferriola to Sergeant
Cpl. Brendon McGeehan to Sergeant
Off. John DiBattista to Corporal
Off. Robert M. Kuehn to Corporal

- Y. Motion to approve payment of snow emergency expenses; and, modify 2026 budget (attachment)

XI. Other Business

XII. Adjournment

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