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>> Can you hear me okay?

>> Welcome, everyone to the Williamsport city council meeting Thursday, November 19th, 2020.

It is 6:42 p.m.

Meeting remotely again.

We had an executive session that we just came out of and we discussed legal matters potentially involving personnel.

We will move into the agenda now.

Item one approval of city council meeting dated 11-0-20.

Is there a motion and a second.

>> So moved.

>> I second.

>> Questions or corrections from council members?

>> Hearing or seeing none.

>> Mr. Yoder.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. Macky.

>> Yes.

>> Mr.

>> Yes.

>> Mrs. Katz.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. Banks.

>> Yes.

>> Ms. Meale.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. Alison.

>> Yes.

>> Motion passes.

7-0.

Thank you, Mrs. Frank.

Limited courtesy of the floor.

No requests tonight.

Item number, appointments to accessibility committee.

They were interviewed in finance, is that correct?

>> Yes, Mr. Alison, they were.

>> And how --

>> And I think -- I believe we interviewed both of these candidates in the finance committee as well as we have done a number of interviews in the finance committee.

Both of these candidates seemed exceptionally competent.

I think we're familiar with max Moore.

Went to high school with his mother.

And Tyler as well seemed -- seemed as though they would both be assets to the a accessibility committee.

I'm not sure if Mr. Macky wants to address the candidates further.

>> Yes.

Mr. MACKEY, would you offer your assessment.

>> Yeah.

I was able to sit in on both interviews for both Tyler and max.

It is Tyler mogovarar.

His name is spelled wrong on the agenda.

Both gentlemen expressed a lot of interest early on in the process.

I think after speaking with both of them I think they will both be real assets to this commission.

And I look forward to working with them.

>> Thank you, Mr. Mackey.

And thank you for all of your diligence and hard work on putting this together.

Any other comments or questions from council members?

Okay.

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>> Actually, Mr. Alison, can I ask one quick question?

Is Mr. Mackey, these two potentially appointments to council where do they leave us in terms of members that we need -- that we still need on the accessibility commission?

>> Yeah.

So, again, city council three.

This would leave us with one more appointment to make.

And then the mayor will also appoint two members.

I still am actively working on getting some more names.

So -- and I don't know if the mayor can speak to where he is at.

If -- if he has been able to [Indiscernible]

>> I've reached out to a few.

I don't have any confirmations as of yet.

I'm hoping in the very near future to hear something one way or the other.

>> One -- one seems a little promising, but we will have to see.

>> And I -- mayor, I will e-mail you tomorrow just to make sure that we're not talking to the same people.

But I hope to have at least two more candidates on committee agendas next -- I guess it would be the -- the 1st would be the next committee meeting.

>> Yeah.

The 1st of December is our next.

>> Right.

>> Committee meeting.

Finance committee public safety and public works.

Okay.

Thanks.

Thank you, Mr. Mackey.

Wanted to check to see where we were at there.

Mr. Alison, we spoke to both of these individuals in the finance committee.

Both seemed exceptionally competent.

Capable of advising us in particular on this matter.

But frankly they're people who would be an asset to city government in general.

I would recommend both serve on the commission.

Thank you.

>> Thank you.

So no other questions.

Let's have a motion and a second on Mr. Mogovaro for appointment to the accessibility committee.

>> So moved.

>> Second.

>> There's a motion and a second.

Any more discussion on Mr. Mogovara?

Hearing or seeing none, Mrs. Frank a motion, please.

>> Mr. Yoder.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. Mackey.

>> Yes.

>> Mr.

>> Yes.

>> Mrs. Katz.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. Banks.

>> Yes.

>> Ms. Miele?

>> Yes.

>> Mr. Allison.

>> Yes.

Motion passes 7-0.

Thank you, Mrs. Frank.

Can I have a motion and second for Mr. Mr. Max Moore for appointment to the accessibility committee.

>> Move.

>> Second.

>> There's a movement and a second.

Is there a -- any more discussion on that?

Hearing or seeing none, Mrs. Frank on that motion, please.

>> Mr. Yoder.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. MACKEY.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. Pelosi.

>> Yes.

>> Mrs. Katz.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. Banks.

>> Yes.

>> Ms. Miele.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. Allison.

>> Yes.

Motion passes 7-0.

Thank you to Mr. Mogovaro and Mr. Moore for stepping up and offering their services on the newly formed accessibility committee.

We'll move to item 4.

Would you read that in short form Mrs. Frank.

>> Ordinance and first reading forty seven year 2021 community development budget.

>> Thank you, Mrs. Frank.

Is there a motion and second from council?

>> So move.

>> Second.

>> Motion and second.

Welcome Mr. Memmi.

You're up.

You're up to discuss this item.

>> Good evening, Mr. Chairman and members of council.

We presented this to the finance committee on Tuesday.

And I'll try to give a brief synopsis of the information that you have in front of you.

And then I'm willing to entertain any questions that you might have.

This is the 2021 budget for CDBG and home.

Anticipated revenue is 1,039,000 home gram.

208,506.

And home program income of \$115,000.

The anticipated expenditures are as followed: Under public facilities and improvements, we're looking at \$716,864.

And that gets broken down into street construction and reconstruction of \$400,000.

The removal of architectural barriers at \$80,000.

The willow street design is and program delivery is \$52,950.

Under public services we're looking at a total of \$21,530.

And that breakdown is as follows.

The county SPCA for their spay and neuter program and their live catch and spay neuter program \$10,000.

Fire tree for after school program for the youth much Williamsport \$8,000.

Program delivery of \$3,530.

The next major item is the housing rehab and preservation program.

And that total will be \$330,753 broken down as to owner occupied single-family grants and loan program for code and safety repair of \$141,016.

Handicapped accessibility is \$15,000.

The program delivery is \$174,737.

Then we have the home buyer assistance through our coto which we are required to set aside 15%.

And that would be the greater habitat for humanity of \$30,000 and then the city's home buyer assistance program of \$15,000.

So the home buyer assistance program's total is \$45,000.

Under blight and elimination, we're looking at a total expenditure of \$19,709.

Codes related demolition, 15,000.

Program delivery, \$4,709.

And a question that finance committee had asked, we did complete a demolition through the codes office in the first quarter of 2020.

Looking to do another one yet.

Hopefully before the end of the year.

Then we have the home and CDBG administration of \$228,650.

20% of that is the allocation under CDBG and 10% comes from the home program.

Those are the maximums as allowed by housing and urban development.

That's as brief as I can be, Mr. Chairman.

I'm here to answer any questions.

>> Thank you, Mr. Memmi.

>> Was it reviewed in finance.

>> Yes.

And finance forwarded it to council with the full body of recommendations.

The majority of discussions centered around some questions related to the willow street design.

The cdbg budget is perhaps simpler this year than it usually is.

For the last several years we've had a small portion of the budget going to the rescue workers and sometimes we have a handful of projects in that -- in that sort of first category where we handle streets.

But this year it is pretty cut and dry.

So the main discussion item was the amount of funding that we had incorporated for the willow street design and exactly what was intended moving forward with the willow street project.

We had received several years ago and you will excuse me me, I did not remember to look this up.

But a couple of years ago we had received a million dollar grant for -- to create a green alley on willow street.

But the grant funds are for infrastructure for the actual buildout of the design -- the design cannot be taken out of those grant funds.

Consequently we will be funding the design portion.

But I believe from the discussion at finance committee that in terms of the money that we have in the willow street project which of course is part of the larger 3rd street project, we have \$67,000 from the -- the foundation.

The first community foundation.

And the \$11,000 from the city from a line of borrowing, I believe, but you may need to correct me there.

As well as this designated funding from community development.

And the concept is we have -- we have about -- we have seven bids for the design work.

And we will be looking at those and choosing one in December according to the city engineer.

The idea would be that between the amount of the bid and the administrative costs within community development, that \$183,000 -- \$183,914 would cover the total of the design cost.

The major issue of course will be exactly what we wind up including in that design and to what extent the design -- the cost of the design is in line with what we had originalled estimates several years ago now when we asked for and received the grant funding.

But that's it.

Everything was in line with the budget.

And Mr. Memmi did an admirable job presenting it under the circumstances.

City hall had been briefly shut down and Mr. Memmi was working at home without all of the documentation.

He handled himself very well.

So thank you.

Thank you for that.

And we'll look forward to further discussion.

>> Thank you.

>> Thanks, Randy.

>> You're welcome.

Thank you.

>> Other comments from finance committee members?

Or anybody on -- okay.

Hearing and seeing none, Mrs. Frank on the motion, please.

>> Mr. Yoder.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. Mackey.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. Pilluzi.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. Katz.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. Banks.

>> Yes.

>> Ms. Miele?

>> Sorry, Janice.

Yes.

>> That's okay.

Mr. Allison.

>> Yes.

Motion passes 7-0.

Thank you, Mrs. Frank.

And there is the CDBG and community development money for next year Mr. Memmi.

So congratulations and thank you for your initial presentation to us.

let's move to item 5.

Accept for filing.

Public works meeting minutes of 7/7/20.

Public safety meeting minutes of 7/7/20.

Finance meeting minutes of November 3rd, 20.

And ERC meeting minutes of 10/23/2020.

Is there a motion and a second from council.

>> So moved.

>> So moved.

>> Are there any questions or corrections?

Anything on any of these minutes from council to discuss?

I hear and see none.

So Mrs. Frank on the motion, please.

>> Mr. Yoder.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. Mackey.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. Pilluzi.

>> Yes.

>> Mrs. Katz.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. Banks.

>> Yes.

>> Ms. Miele.

>> Yes.

>> Mr. Alison.

>> Yes.

Motion passes 7-0.

Thank you, Mrs. Frank.

I have announcements.

Budget session number 1 is Monday, November 30th, 2020.

At 7:00 p.m.

Budget session number 2 is Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3rd, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. remotely.

So we have a busy -- a busy week there.

Up coming meeting Friday November 19th at 11:00 a.m. is ERC.

That is tomorrow.

And they do have an agenda and items to discuss or more maybe.

Thursday, November 26th city hall is closed for Thanksgiving day.

Friday, November 27th, city hall is also closed.

Monday, November 30th is our budget session.

And Tuesday, December 1st, 11:30 a.m. public safety.

1:00 p.m. finance meeting.

2:30 p.m. public works meeting.

And then we have our other city council meetings that week.

Are there any comments from council members tonight?

Okay.

I will announce that we're going to have an executive session after we adjourn tonight.

Any comments from the administration tonight?

Mayor slaughter.

>> Just briefly.

Just as, you know, COVID is starting to rear its head again here an uptick in our area, remind everybody to stay vigilant.

Try to adhere to the guidance and continue to work together.

You know, stay healthy, stay safe as we all try to get through this together.

Just ask people to, you know, continue to hang in there and, you know, let's work together to get through this.

>> Okay.

Thank you, mayor.

Good thoughts there.

And anything else from the administration?

I don't see anything.

Are there comments from the public tonight?

>> Yeah.

Yes, president Alison.

There is one comment through the electronic commenting system.

President and council Alison my name is jay harner.

I interviewed on November 3 to be part of the accessibility commission for the city.

After my interview, council man mackey questioning me my address and where I lived within the city.

After a little research it appears that I do not live within the city limits and do not qualify to be part of the commission.

I want to state to the council how disappointed I am to not be able to provide my insight, experience, thoughts and ideas to the proposed commission.

Being a quadriplegic for the past 23 years I've dealt with many presentingises, lack of access and many misunderstandings that come along with having a disability.

It was my hope that being part of the commission would bring some of these experiences to the forefront moving accessibility throughout the city.

While I may not live directly inside city limits I'm a full-time employee within the city of Williamsport and I pay Williamsport city taxes and my children go to Williamsport school district. I believe by limiting the pool of applicants to directly live in the city limits you're handcuffing yourself to potential candidates for the commission.

I understand the statement may be too little too late for the commission and its structure but I believe the commission should have a voice -- should have a voice be heard for those who live directly outside of the city.

If it is possible, I urge you to reconsider adding a position into the commission for someone who fits this description.

And president Alison, that is the conclusion of the public comments.

>> Okay.

Thank you, Mr. White.

And that brings us to the conclusion of our regular agenda.

And we'll be going into executive session to discuss the contract negotiations.

I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

>> So moved.

>> So moved.

>> Second.

>> All in favor.

>> Aye.

>> Aye.

>> Aye.

>> Aye.

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