

**Thursday, February 20, 2020
Williamsport, PA**

Council President Randy Allison brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday February 20, 2020 at 7:30 PM at the Trade & Transit II Centre. Chris Cooley did livestream the meeting. The invocation was given by Councilwoman Bonnie Katz and was immediately followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Council members present:

*Randy Allison, President
Elizabeth Miele, Vice President
Bonnie Katz, Councilwoman
Adam Yoder, Councilman
Vince Pulizzi, Councilman
Jon Mackey, Councilman
David Banks, Councilman*

Absent:

Also, Present:

*Derek Slaughter, Mayor Absent
Mr. Joe Gerardi
Mr. Joe Pawlak
Mr. Gary Knarr
Damon Hagan, Police Chief
Sol. Norm Lubin, Solicitor
Janice Frank, City Clerk
Adam Winder, S&P
Mark Maroney – Press
Members of the Center for Independent Living*

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for the 02/06/20 were approved upon a motion **Mrs. Katz** and a second from **Mr. Yoder**. **All were in favor. The vote was 7 to 0.**

Limited Courtesy of the Floor

Presentation by Representatives of Community Arts Center

Mr. Patrick Marty thanked everyone for the opportunity, stating that he has served as co-chair for the Community Arts Center. In early January, the board of directors announced that Chuck Still is the new director of the Community Arts Center. He is an accomplished theater professional with 35 years of experience. He continued with a brief bio of Mr. Still.

Mr. Still introduced himself stated he is glad to be in Williamsport and he appreciates the Community Arts Theater with this great offer. He hopes to bring good things to Williamsport with his past experiences.

Mr. Allison stated we are deeply appreciative of what the Community Arts Center has meant to our community and welcomed the new director and wished much success.

Mr. Allison explained how things will be addressed at the podium. He also explained about the new place that we will be having meetings here at Trade & Transit II.

Public Hearing – Conditional Use 945-947 West Third St

Mr. Knarr stated we received a request from Fish, LLC to construct a mixed use building, it is in the institutional zone and part of the mix building requirement does require a conditional use and a public hearing to allow members to speak for it or against it.

Mr. Fish stated this is a small mixed-use building to house our management company in the first floor and has efficiencies on the second floor.

Mr. Allison declared the public hearing open. He asked if there was any one who would like to speak in favor of the conditional use. There was none. He then asked if there was anyone who would like to speak against it.

Mr. Frank Bauer, Trout Run, had a question when about some efficiencies, how many efficiencies are we talking about, and asked how parking is going to lay out?

Mr. Knarr stated they are looking at putting one ADA apartment on first floor and seven efficiencies on second floor. If the use is permitted they still have all the requirements that they are required to meet such as parking. That will be coming before the zoning hearing board. If it is approved at that point they still would be required to address land development, parking, and address that to the zoning hearing board if need be.

Mr. Allison asked if there was anyone else who would like to address the issue.

Mr. Allison closed the public hearing.

Appointments/Re-Appointments

Brandon Park Commission & Shade Tree Commission

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Katrina Sinclair, Williamsport is appointed to a 5-year term commencing 01/01/20 & ending 1/1/25.

Ronald Diemer, of Hollywood Circle., Williamsport is appointed to a 5 year term commencing 11/20/19 & ending 11/20/24

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

Ms. Miele made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Yoder.

Mrs. Katz gave a brief bio of both of these people and stated everyone was impressed with them and what they have to offer.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the motion.

The appointments were carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes.

Redevelopment Authority

Tom McDermott is reappointed to a 5-year term commencing 6/6/16 & ending 06/06/21

Patrick Marty, is appointed to a 5-year term commencing 6/6/18 & ending 06/06/23.

Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Yoder.

Mr. Marty was sworn in by the City Clerk for both appointments.

The appointments were carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes.

Planning Commission

Nayo Brown is appointed to a 4 year term commencing, 10/11/18 & ending 10/11/22

Tony Nardi, Rural Ave is reappointed to a 4 year term commencing 06/11/19 & ending 06/11/23.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

Mr. Yoder made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz.

Mrs. Katz reviewed both candidates, giving a brief bio. Mrs. Brown was sworn in by the City Clerk as Ms. Miele was announcing positions for other boards that are in the City.

The appointments were carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes.

Blighted Property

Patrick Marty is appointed to a 3 year term commencing 2/20/20 and ending 7/3/22 (**per ordinance**)

(read into record as ending 07/3/20, but term should be 07/03/22, so It is changed and initialed as per the Authority Listings and Boards

Mrs. Katz gave a brief bio of Mr. Marty.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion on the appointments/reappointments.

Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.

The appointments were carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes.

Ms. Miele stated there are various boards in the City that can be filled.

Mr. Allison changed the order of the agenda.

Conditional Use – 945-947 West Third St.

Mr. Knarr stated this is a request from Fish Consulting in order to construct a multi-purpose building. This is a permitted use in the institutional zoning district, the office space is a permitted use, but multifamily does require conditional use. The eight units will be one handicap unit on the first floor and will have seven efficiencies on the second floor. It requires a minimum of 24 parking spaces, based off of the plans you have they do show only 16. If the use is permitted by Council tonight it is still required to go back before a development plan. The use is what you are here to affect tonight, the parking will be addressed by the zoning hearing board next month. You do have a set the drawings and a rendering of what's going to look like. They have addressed the seven criteria as part of the conditional use.

Mr. Yoder asked what are 1 and ½ parking spaces.

Mr. Knarr stated it is to calculate so when you add that up it's less of a parking space realistically. When you get into the multifamily instead of having to per unit, it is less of a requirement.

Ms. Miele asked if this parcel has been reviewed by the historic district?

Mr. Knarr stated well we have to see if the conditional use is permitted and this is just the first step in a series of process.

Ms. Miele also asked about the spaces for parking?

Mr. Knarr stated that would be required to meet all the zoning ordinances as well as the building code as well. This was already discussed in the preliminary talks with the developer. He stated that more and more he believes the college wants the efficiency apartments rather than the dorms. College students are coming in and asking for them and currently we don't have much.

Ms. Miele had a concern if there is too many apartments.

There was additional discussion about the parking conditions, based off at the plan they have tentatively only show 16 and they will need 24 and this they get an exception from the zoning hearing board.

Mr. Knarr stated everything meets all the applicable codes, and tonight if the use is permitted by Council then they would have to move forward to meet the storm water and land development plan to the Planning Commission, from the city and planning and then Council will meet again.

Ms. Miele stated what we are voting on is the office space, the only thing that is up for debate is the eighth efficiency apartment units. And the parking will be for the zoning hearing board to decide.

Mr. Yoder stated all the information was given, he's good to go, there's many other things in the process, frankly we should make this process easier if it comes back before us again, I don't really have any questions. Thank you for investing in the city, and I appreciate it.

Mr. Allison asked if there were any other questions or comments. He stated he will abstain has he owns a rental property in that area.

The conditional use was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted abstained.

Ordinance #6383

Ordinance Amending Article 117 General Fee Schedule(final reading) Bill #1749-20

The City Clerk read the ordinance in final reading.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second on the ordinance.

Mr. Yoder made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz.

Mr. Gerardi stated this was previously brought before Council for the first reading and there is really nothing to add. There have been no changes.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the ordinance in final reading.

The ordinance was carried in final reading with yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes.

Resolution #8985

Resolution Authorizing Excavation of Certain St for Water Main Replacement Project by City for WMWA

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion on the resolution.

Ms. Miele made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Yoder.

Mr. Gerardi stated this is our standard resolution concerning street cuts, we have an ordinance that requires any time they do a street project during the winter months, before the asphalt plant opens and closes we have a process that we have to do. The UGI was already in this area and Doug so they would like to do this and get it in on their side of the street to put in a new water Main line. And that will be done prior to the Fall of 2020 in conjunction with the City of Williamsport's paving projects.

Mrs. Katz stated we did review this in Public Works and it was sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. The water authority is going in this and are doing it early, we did not see a problem with them doing this at this point. They will fulfill the rest of it prior to the Fall before the plan closes and we are working in conjunction with streets and parks on this. Everybody's working together on these projects and she hopes everybody in the community understands and can appreciate how we also try to work with the utilities.

Mr. Banks stated he noticed little bit of change to these ordinances, it's really just a matter of not paving the streets twice, we made some changes, small changes that it is really a matter of cost savings for the water authority.

There was a discussion on them using high-performance patch, and the change was just made for the Fall.

Mr. Mike Miller, WMWA, stated he knows is very frustrating for the residents, so our goal is to get the work done, and now we are looking to do some significant work in the collection and distribution system. We would like to give the city a paving schedule, focusing on the three criteria for ranking the projects.

Mr. Gerardi spoke about if someone comes in through emergency repairs, it has to be approved by himself and Mr. Columbine.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes.

Resolution #8986

Resolution Authorizing Excavation of Certain St for Water Main Replacement Project by City for WMWA

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion on the resolution.

Mr. Yoder made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Miele.

Mr. Gerardi stated on this one we changed it from 45 days to the end of the Fall, this one is the water authority working with streets and parks in conjunction in doing the road. They will do that ahead of time patch it and it will be done.

Mrs. Katz stated we did review this at public works and passed it on to the full-bodied Council with a positive recommendation. Our relationship with the utilities have gotten better and we want to keep that up.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes.

Mr. Allison changed the order of the agenda again.

Resolution #8991

Resolution Agreement Between City of Williamsport & Penn College of Technology

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion on the resolution.

Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Yoder.

Mr. Pawlak stated the resolution before you is an agreement between the City of Williamsport Pennsylvania College of Technology for utilization of their students on and off campus project. The project will occur up at the Memorial Park where students will assist the Veterans Memorial Commission in creating walks in the new entrance sign for the Veterans Park. The students will receive supervised educational work experience, and the commission will pay through their donated funds. It is a win-win situation for both the city and the college. This was reviewed by public works.

Mrs. Katz stated this was reviewed by Public Works and sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. This is an incredible project that has been going on for several years and John Markley

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has done a remarkable job and everyone should go up to see what has been accomplished up there. This is something that we all should be proud of and please take the time to go up and see it.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor. Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes.

Resolution #8992

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance & Placement of an A-6 Intruder for Veteran's Memorial Park

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion on the resolution.

Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was second by Mr. Pulizzi.

Mr. Pawlak stated this resolution is another one by Pennsylvania College of Technology. The Veterans Memorial commission has learned that the aviation Department of the college has an A-6 and the Veterans Memorial Park has resulted the college to get that donated to the commission. We are asking Council to approve the donation from the college. With this donation, John is working on getting donations from various groups to sandblast and refinish this for the viewing pleasure. This was reviewed by Public Works.

Mrs. Katz stated this was brought to public works and sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. She did show the picture and stated it will be traveling down from the Beltway, and there are plans that have to be done for this to be traveled to the memorial. We do want to thank Davie Jane Gilmore for allowing this to happen. This is another memorial that is going to add to the park. We also thank John Markley for being so diligent and what he does.

Mr. Pulizzi stated he thought this was amazing and he can't wait to see it and encouraged others to do the same.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor. Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes.

Resolution #8987

Resolution Authorizing the WBP to enter into a Purchase Agreement for Three Vehicles

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion on the resolution.

Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was second by Mr. Yoder.

Chief Hagan stated this is a resolution is authorizing the Williamsport Bureau of Police to enter into a purchase agreement for three vehicles. The plan is to purchase three 2020 Chevy Tahoe vehicles in the amount of \$141,896. This was brought before finance and received a positive recommendation with one condition is that we identify approximately \$1300 that we were going to need for the amount that is needed to come from the hundred \$40,000 that was budgeted.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed by finance and forwarded to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. We happened to be \$1396 short for these new Chevy Tahoe's, so the budgetary source was suggested that we look at fuel, and the reduction of the fleet will help free up money to buy the cars. She stated this was the best vehicles for the officers for carrying the officers, we are going from 21 vehicles down to 18 vehicles.

Chief Hagan stated one of the initial policies that he changed as soon as he was promoted, was the prior administrators took their vehicles home, and we eliminated that policy as soon as I was promoted. So those vehicles are used by whoever needs them, and we drive our personal vehicles back and forth to work. That has made more vehicles available to other officers in the fleet as well.

Mr. Allison thanked him and asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor. Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes.

Resolution #8988

Resolution MOU between the WBP and the Williamsport Area School District for School Resource Officer

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion on the resolution.

Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was second by Mr. Mackey.

Chief Hagan stated we have reduced this to one full-time officer, and we had a need to assign other people to other things. It is our intent to apply for the cops grant and on March 3, 2020, I intend to bring grant documents. So our goal would be to get funding for a full-time SRO. In the meantime because of operational needs, we reached out to discuss the downsize of this. He explained how the changes will be affected.

Ms. Miele stated Finance did review this and send it to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. We already hired one officer who is heading into the Act 120 program and we will be able to bring our staffing complement up by four officers by the end of the year. She asked Mr. Pawlak if we had budgeted the \$26,000 of income, and the answer was yes, and we will be \$13,000 short at budget time this year. We look forward to seeing documentations on additional Cop Grants.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor. Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes.

Resolution #8989

Resolution MOU between the WBP, Lycoming College & YWCA/Wise Options

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The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion on the resolution.

Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Yoder.

Chief Hagan stated this is associated with the grant application that we have had in place, the college has had in place in reference to the office on violence against women, grants to reduce sexual assaults, the Williamsport Bureau of Police has partnered with the college in providing patrols and we have worked with the college. Agent LeVan and agent Jason Bolt have worked with the college before, and they provide training to the staff. Both officers love doing this and we want to support the college and the students and make that campus as safe as we can. This is an excellent program and reaching out to students, and it is also a way to showcase our police, and they have a great recruiting program too.

Mrs. Katz stated this did come to Public Safety and we did send this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. This is an excellent program and the courses that these officers participate in, it is important for these college students and to have Wise Options involved also. She stated she would like to see some of our female officers someday involved with this program. She spoke about the relationship with the city and the college.

Mr. Banks asked the question, since Lycoming College is gone through a lot of changes the past couple of years, does the chief know in conjunction with this if they changed their alcohol policy, what kind of jurisdiction do have over Lycoming College to address those issues?

Chief Hagan replied that we have full jurisdiction like we do anywhere else in the city as long as we are contacted and the offenses are reported. He does not know about any changes in the alcohol policy. There has been recent changes in the policy with regards to in response to drug investigations in particular.

Ms. Miele asked how we implement these changes with our department and how it works with our software? To what extent to those police officers do this in our department?

Chief Hagan answered this requires our officers to be in training, we start each day with a training, and identifying the aggressor and the person in the power position to cause the incident. We train our officers from the first day they go into the field program to follow a certain protocol. We have a request for prosecution form and we asked them to fill out, and if they don't we asked them to sign a statement that they don't. In more serious cases even if they don't want prosecution we contact the DA if it is appropriate. We work hand-in-hand with the DAs office on a regular basis, and certainly with the college also and provide them with the statistics they need to make reports on the clarity act which they are required to report to the federal government. There has been a change in the monitoring of PFA's in recent years and the requirement for removal of weapons, there is quite a bit to it and we are on top of it.

Ms. Miele asked about the incidents at Lycoming College.

Chief Hagan answered, they are higher in the city than they are at Lycoming College, and the staff there and the administration are as proactive as they can possibly be with regard to this issue.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes

Resolution #8990

Resolution Transfer of Duty Firearms to Retiring Officers

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion on the resolution.

Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Yoder.

Chief Hagan stated this is a resolution to transfer the duty firearms to retiring officers. This is a minor change to a resolution from several years ago that was already passed by city Council. In the previous resolution, it specifically stated service pistols. We do have the rare occasion retiring officers who have served in the capacity of snipers. One of them just retired here, that's why this issue came up. In the case of that scenario, where we have an older retiring officer who wants to purchase their sniper rifle, we had to change this language on this resolution to includes service firearms and not just service pistols.

Mrs. Katz stated this came to Public Works and we sent it to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. From our discussion, any money that is gotten from the sales, the money goes to the bottom line.

Mr. Allison asked for questions or comments.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes

Resolution #8993

Resolution Accepting Awards of a Recycling Development & Implementation Grant Under Section 962 of Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling, & Waste Reduction Act for the City of Williamsport

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion on the resolution.

Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Yoder.

Mr. Winder stated this is a resolution to accept the award of a recycling grant in the amount of \$280,155. We applied for this grant early last year, we were awarded this money, and this would assist with the purchase of a new truck, a card read system at the mulch pile gate, it does require a 20% match which the street and parks is going to do with an in-kind service. You can only apply for this every other here, and we can apply again in 2021. This was reviewed by the finance committee.

Ms. Miele, stated finance did review this and send it to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. This does allow us to purchase the trucking card system, and with streets and parks doing the 20% in-kind service. We should not be in danger of this being enough money to accomplish these three items.

Mrs. Katz stated this grant was accomplished by Penn Strategies and this is something that we have needed for quite some time because it was not beneficial to our citizens, it will help to make sure we are getting clean debris. This will come back to a discussion of getting the cards, and this will come back to a discussion about charges to the card and will be explained thoroughly to the citizens of Williamsport. This

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will become so much beneficial, because of the recycling sometimes could not be open. This will benefit the taxpayers all the way around.

Mr. Allison stated the reason we need this is because the mulching area is being abused by people from not within the city by bringing material and wood to be mulched.

Mr. Winder stated we were paying roughly about \$24,000 a year, and we are down to about 16,000 per year and 2019.

Mr. Allison stated there was a significant drop when we began to monitor this.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on this resolution.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes

Accept for Filing:

Public Safety Meeting Minutes 11/19/19
Veteran's Memorial Park 01/20

Mr. Allison asked for motion to accept these minutes.

Mr. Yoder made the motion and it was second by Mrs. Katz.

The minutes were accepted for filing with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday March 5, 2020 at 7:30 PM, at the Trade & Transit Centre, 144 W. Third St, 3rd Floor, in Williamsport, PA.

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, February 24	11:00	AM	Historic Preservation Committee
	12:00	PM	Planning Commission
Tuesday, February 25	7:00	PM	Citizen Corp (Council Chambers)
Wednesday, Feb. 26	11:30	AM	Redevelopment Authority
Friday, Feb. 28	11:00	AM	ERC Meeting
Tuesday, March 3	11:30	AM	Public Safety Meeting
	1:00	PM	Finance Meeting
	2:30	PM	Public Works Meeting
Thursday, March 5	7:30	PM	City Council meeting

[Meetings Held in Trade & Transit, Unless Otherwise Noted – [scr] = William Sechler Community Room]

Mr. Allison asked for any comments or questions from members of City Council

Mr. Mackey stated it is important to note that those meetings will be on the other side of this building, when you first come in to this building.

Mr. Allison asked for any comments or questions from the administration.

Mr. Knarr stated the Planning Commission along with the administration has announced that the Planning Commission will now only be once a month, that will be the first Monday at noon, obviously here at the Michael Ross in the other section. It will be a once a month meeting, and that will be the first Monday of the month. We did do an advertisement in the paper. It will be Monday, March 2 at noon here in the Trade & Transit center.

Chief Hagan stated he knew that the decision to come to this building was not easy, and he wanted to commend city Council.

Mr. Allison thanked him and said it is a team effort with Council and the administration as it should be. We move forward and do what we have to do.

Mr. Allison asked that there are two executive sessions, one we are having tonight after this meeting on legal, and next Thursday night, on the 27th, we will be having an executive session on personnel issues.

Mr. Allison asked for any comments or questions from the general public.

Gretchen Kennedy, 900 Nichols Pl. I am the bad news letter writer to the Williamsport paper. I went thank you for having your meetings appear, it is much easier to get into, I have a scooter as a rule, I didn't bring it tonight because I don't have a light on it. This was much better coming in on a wheelchair. So I wanted to thank you for this, it is very nice for the public and for the handicap and everyone else.

Mr. Thomas Grieco, from Avis, he stated he is on the Board of Directors for north-central Pennsylvania independent living. He has been coming to meetings for the past five years, but the past two years, City Hall Council meetings, for me I have been a spinal cord injury for the last 16 years. I drive and every time I would pull into the back of City Hall the parking was always difficult. And I would have to roll to the west side of City Hall because it is steep incline and I was always afraid of cars coming towards me. And that was just to get to the ramp. It was always difficult it was either unsafe or I was always worried about getting injured, getting up that incline. Then I had to get into the building, and let in by the police between the doors especially during the working hours. Because we had City Hall on city Council meetings that were always open. Coming here, I took a couple laps around the block and I found out the parking spaces for ADA compliant. They were also van assessable. I actually parked furthest away from the main entrance so I could see how easy and safe it would be to get to hear. I did not run into any barriers like and incline are getting buzzed in. It was simple. It was well lit, I got in, came in, and this space is amazing. I am surprised that it took this long, but I am grateful that you guys chose to move the meetings to hear. I note was part of the public and it was stencches for a few times, but hopefully this isn't temporary. Hopefully once City Hall gets updated, it is ADA compliant, the whole building, just not the parking, just like the incline, the emergency lighting etc., it is a lot safer for me to get to this meeting at this building and it is in City Hall. So hopefully, more meetings happen here until you get City Hall resolve to appoint were anybody can enjoy

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going there again. I have a studio at the pajama factory, and I spent a lot of time in Williamsport. The more meetings I come to, the more I can address the public, I like to spend money and I like to eat and I like to enjoy downtown.

Mr. Allison said thank you for your input and the reason why we say temporarily is internally there is a move to investigate all our options, so we don't know where were going to end up or what that is going to look like right now.

I am Dan Manuel, Hepburn St. I'm with a group called West branch pride. I'm a little nervous I've never spoken to city Council before. Our group is only been in existence about six months, we are working on having the first ever Gay Festival in Williamsport. Now let's explain little bit about what that is like, because most of you probably have never been one. There are gay festivals all over the state, they are behind the times and the fact that we have to have one. We are looking for Brandon Park Saturday or Sunday in September. We were in touch with Mr. Washington, who seemed quite hesitant to give us a date, and he is no longer with the administration, so at least tonight I have a name that I can pass on to West France pride. We only have six months left to plan that and we've already been planning it for six months. It's going to be pattern exactly like homemade days in Brandon Park. We have entertainment all lined up for the bandshell, we will have vendors, on each side, we will have entertainment from the bandshell. Harrisburg has had a pride festival every year for 28 years. Other Pride Festivals Have Took Pl. in Lancaster, Reading, Wilkes-Barre and Altoona, we don't have anything like that. It takes a lot of time and a lot of work. We know what we are trying to do, were trying to bring something else to the gay people Williamsport. Years ago the mayor of Altoona, got a little mad about that and they staged the first gay festival there. We are inviting straight people also, we are going to invite city Council, we are going to invite Mayor Slaughter to speak. I'm hoping to get a date, and we are having a special meeting on April 4 which I'd like to invite Chief Hagan to, is going to be at 2 o'clock, and we are bringing some people up from Harrisburg to talk to us. They been doing this for 28 years they know how to do it what to do. We will asked to have police there, because we don't know if there are protesters. We will also have display tables. We can invite some people because we don't even have a date yet. All the other Pride Festivals Take Pl. in June or July, and we can't do that. There's nothing like this anywhere around. He continued on and on about other festivals in other areas, stating that he is on Facebook if anyone wants to look us up, and thank you for the opportunity to speak.

Mr. Allison stated he wanted to address about the process, he had been contacted himself before and the problem has been that we, or Brandon Park commission was not functional, and that is where it goes, they will be able to give you a date very soon. Mr. Gerardi also stated that he can help him with all the paperwork and what to fill out.

Mr. Mackey stated he is the city Council rep for the recreation committee so if you have any questions, that he can help with, he has his card and we can talk after the meeting. And far be it for me to contradict the chief, but he said that he knew that this decision was a difficult one. I wanted to maybe clarify that the process may be was a little difficult, but the decision to come here was an easy one for us to make. I just want to make that very clear.

Ms. Misty Dion, CIL for independent living, thank you for that clarification Mr. Mackey, maybe that's why some of the public and some of us here today thought maybe it was a difficult decision because we been asking for meetings to be moved to city Council, to the administration for two and half years, so after two protests, and finds and everything else that I've been going through, seemed a little bit difficult, I have gotten threats, I have gotten finds, and arrested. After two protests, versus 2 ½ years of requests I do thank the North Central PA ADAPT members and those who continued to protest for the rights process ability. So kudos for all that stood up and Kudos to you all for continuing to stand up and fight for the rights. Thank you.

Mr. Jerry Webb, who is with North Central PA, we have been lied to, locked in, and locked up, and we find that when we work together we can accomplish the things that we are trying to do. That is to make things assessable for the whole city, and if were working together that see what we can accomplish, so I'll tell you to keep up the good work, and work together.

Gretchen Kennedy stated she wanted to add it was mentioned how hard it was to get into old City Hall, he forgot to say how hard it is to get out. If you are in a wheelchair or scooter, it is impossible to get out in the she got a key or you can pound on the door and everything else. You just cannot get out of the building. The wheels on my scooter just don't work that way.

Adjournment

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by **Mrs. Katz and a second by Mr. Pulizzi. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 PM with unanimous ayes.**

Submitted by:

**Janice M. Frank
City Clerk**