

Thursday May 14, 2020
Williamsport, PA

Council President Randy Allison brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday May 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM on Zoom. Chris Cooley did livestream the meeting.

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
Mr. Joe Gerardi absent
Mr. Joe Pawlak
Mark Killian, Fire Chief
Damon Hagan, Police Chief
Norman Lubin, Sol.
Janice Frank, City Clerk
Adam Winder, S&P absent
Chris Cooley
Stephanie Young
Nick Grimes
Jon Sanders

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for the 04/30/20 were approved upon a motion **Mr. Yoder** and a second from **Mr. Pulizzi**. **All were in favor. The vote was 7 to 0.**

Limited Courtesy of the Floor

There have been no requests.

Appointments

Veterans Memorial Park

Dan Markley, 714 First Ave. in Williamsport is appointed and replacing Peter Frikkar. His 5-year term will be commencing on 5/14/20 and ending on 5/14/25.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mayor Slaughter stated that Dan was an employee of the City and has knowledge for this board. His brother John does a phenomenal job and we would love to have Dan join him.

Ms. Miele stated we did interview him and we are fortunate to have him on this committee.

Mrs. Katz stated she is thrilled that Dan will be working with John. What they are doing is really worthwhile and she reminded people that they are still selling bricks for veterans. The next big thing is they will be bringing the airplane down to Veteran's Park.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the appointment.

The appointment 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.

HARB BOARD

Hannah Ramsauer, 419 West 4th St, Williamsport is appointed to a 5-year term commencing 5/14/20 & ending 5/14/25. She will be filling a term that has been vacant.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve this appointment.

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

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed by Finance. She is a resident of the district, works and lives in the district.

Mrs. Katz stated she is a great candidate and we are constantly looking for people for the HARB and we would to thank her very much.

Ms. Miele and Mr. Banks stated they will be abstaining.

Mr. Allison asked for the vote on the appointment.

The appointment was carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. .

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

Resolution #9025

Resolution Amending the Mayor's Proclamation – March 13, 2020

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

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

Mr. Allison stated each Council member had a resolution from the Mayor's first proclamation that was amended twice so far and now we need to change the language again.

Ms. Miele it continues that it is most appropriate from Council meeting to Council meeting, and things are constantly changing...with that said we could always have a special meeting to change it.

Mr. Allison stated we had discussed putting in language to mirror what the governor recommends.

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

Mr. Allison asked Mr. Lubin if we can make that one amendment for both?

Mr. Lubin answered yes we can amend both at same time.

Mr. Allison stated so we could say whereas the City Council of City of Williamsport extended the Mayor's Proclamation through May 14, 2020 and extended the limit of individuals who could gather.

Mr. Allison made the motion and Ms. Miele seconded it.

Mr. Banks asked so it keeps it at maintain instead of extended, because we didn't extend, we just maintain.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote.

The amendment 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.

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Ms. Miele made a motion to add a final clause to the resolution, Now therefore, be it further resolved that the City Council of the City of Williamsport, hereby extends the Mayor's Proclamation through May 28, 2020 and sets the limit of individuals who attend conferences in accordance with the recommendations of the governor of Pa. Mr. Allison seconded it.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the amendment.

The amendment 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 asked for a motion on the final resolution.

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

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. .

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

Resolution #9026

Resolution Authorizing the Williamsport Bureau of Police to Hire One Officer –Brett Garbrick

(remove from table)

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to remove this from the table.

Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Miele.

The resolution was removed from the table with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. .

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.

Chief Hagan stated it is an honor to come before you and introduce Brett Gabrick from the Old Lycoming Police Dept He is a 2004 graduate and also graduated from Mansfield Academy and he is very well trained. We are fortunate to have him and if hired he will be badge number 54. He will go right to work, he was number 8 on our hiring list and we brought him to you earlier this month.

Mr. Allison stated this was initially reviewed by finance.

Ms. Miele stated we did revisit this in the general discussion about hiring another officer was about looking at the finances and we were looking to level of uncertainly. It is hard for us to calculate the worst case scenario in terms of a dramatic changed. We requested further information from finance and the police. She spoke with Mr. Pawlak and felt that it might be wise to take a wait and see approach given the pandemic. The Finance Dept. and the Police Dept. provided information with a schematic with budgetary projections for the rest of 2020 predicated on the idea of a somewhat significant, 1.5 to \$2 million contraction in the city's budget, 6%. We looking at the overall collections and we talked with the Police Dept about overtime. It was the general consensus among the finance committee bringing the police department up to a total of 48 hires and we initially authorized 49 in the 2020 budget with our budget and because of the change of the one officer who didn't take the position, she concluded by welcoming Brett and thanked him.

Mrs. Katz stated we are happy that Brett is joining us and we are pleased to have him aboard.

Mr. Allison stated we are all grateful for your desire to serve. He asked if he'd like to say anything.

Mr. Garbrick thanked everyone and stated he has always desired to become a police officer in Williamsport.

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. .

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

Mr. Allison welcomed Mr. Garbrick and stated his job is to protect and serve and he is sure he will protect the City and serve the citizens.

The rest of Council welcomed him.

Resolution #9027

Resolution Authorizing the Bureau of Police to Hire One Officer – Ericka Heath

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

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

Chief Hagan stated it is a privilege to introduce deputy sheriff Ericka Heath, she is 24 years old and has worked for department since 2017. She graduated from Bloomsburg University with a degree in criminal justice. She will be badge number 12.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed by Finance and she will be joining us to attend the academy with another officer. So because she will be joining in June , she will be attending the academy and will begin serving on the police force at the end of this year or beginning of next year.

Mr. Mackey welcomed her and stated he fully intends to vote yes and he stated he was in favor of voting for her even if the other officer did, it is important to note the safety of the City and the Police Dept is very important and all staffing is not created equal in his mind. He stated hopefully once we get officer 49, we won't have to have the same discussions.

Mrs. Katz and Mr. Yoder welcomed her aboard stating that they are very supportive and look forward to what she will do for the City.

Mr. Banks welcomed her and stated it is great having another female officer aboard. He stated the positives and the negatives of a large city from a rural area, so this will be an interesting learning environment for her.

Ms. Miele explained that we had another candidate that was recently hired, Kristen Wright, who withdrew from consideration prior to starting.

Chief Hagan stated he wanted to explain that we had another candidate who recently declined the job and he wanted to clear that up and we plan to get Officer Heath signed up as soon as possible.

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. .

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

Ms. Heath thanked everyone as well as Chief Hagan and stated she is excited to get to the Academy and is looking forward to start working.

Resolution #9033

Resolution For a Contract between the Williamsport Bureau of Police & Shallow Creek Kennels

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

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

Chief Hagan stated this is for our K-9 program and we would be sending an officer to school and we discuss the costs and the overtime and we have more than enough money for this dog and for the training as well. The donations have gone up to over \$78,000 and we have more than enough for the first-year training and maintenance. It was brought up that we might be moving too quickly and this academy will be the same amount of time, about 4 weeks. He stated that we would have a small amount of overtime, but when we are talking a not being able to fill a 49th position, another dog would be especially important, like a partner or officer. The dog would provide the extra capability d another partner on the street for one of the night shifts. He also stated that if he didn't think we could handle it, we wouldn't be talking about this right now. He felt it is especially important to consider this seriously and he appreciates the concern and welcomes any questions.

Mrs. Katz stated we did review this at Public Safety and her concern was for 6 week training and also when the City starts opening up, we don't know how people will react and so also worried if we are going to be short staffed. She stated that they have to take vacations, but as far as she could see, it is still more beneficial at this point when the City is calm to take the vacations. She was concerned about vacations, she felt it would behoove us to send the officer at this point in time instead of Winter. We sent this to the full body of Council with no recommendation.

Mr. Mackey stated it is vitally important that we go to the academy this June.

Ms. Miele stated that Finance also forwarded it to the full body of council with no recommendation. The concern was about the Winter class and she asked Chief about the vacations.

Chief Hagan stated a lot of officers carried over their vacation days from last year and we will have to deal with that this year or buy back their vacation.

Ms. Miele stated but they generally use their vacation during the summer months, so our discussion was the duration of the training period and she talked about the overtime that could incur because of the officer in training and that officer would be with the dog. So the discussion was about manpower and providing staffing for the task force, so do we really want to incur more time, and the final discussion was the average working life of a police dog is about eight years and we will probably need to replace these dogs in eight years, so it might be wiser to wait for another year and we could defray the cost of the dogs and to do one dog, the City only has to budget \$20,000 a year. She personally doesn't find this worth it until we get to the end of the year and take a look at our budget.

Mr. Yoder stated it falls down to manpower for him , when we talk about a 49th officer, we have had a vigorous debate with several weeks with staffing. He stated he appreciates the comments and sediments, and it really isn't money on this one, it is about manpower. We talked about being short on manpower.

Chief Hagan stated it is true with the hiring, we have 48, but in July we would have less officers in the summers and it is tighter. He stated he wouldn't bring it before them, if he didn't think it was worth it. He wanted people to bear in mind that the presence of these dogs even walking down the street scare the most dangerous criminal. The sooner we can get the dog there, the better and the less we space them out, we will be able to raise the money and we have received a lot of donations and we will have over \$250,000 for the replacement of these dogs and we expect some pretty high numbers. It will be a little tight when we sent them, but we did to get the dogs there and back to help us

Mr. Yoder stated it is not about money, it is about manpower and it doesn't make any sense to pull an officer off the streets when we need them the most. With the new information that the Winter training will be the same amount of time, and the vacation thing is an issue and a concern, but first and foremost we need officers on the streets as many as we can in the summer. While I support the program and I look forward to a second canine onboard due time. I don't think this is the time to do it. I can not support this now and he thanked Chief Hagan for his hard work and also Mrs. Katz for the program itself.

Chief Hagan stated on the issue of training, we commonly send officers to training throughout the year, but there would be others gone, we have canceled about \$20,000 worth of training because of the coronavirus, and that won't be spent and it goes back to the bottom line. It's kind of extraordinary that the Academy is still running.

Mr. Pulizzi stated in this instance, he fully supports bringing on an additional k-9, they save lives, when you hear the dog barking, the person is actually afraid. They are more afraid of a canine than they are of what could happen with a scuffle with an officer. The summer does become the busiest time of the year but we still have much summer left after the K-9 training and it is important to get this do on the street and since we can't potentially hire all the officers, an additional k9 would be a true asset.

Chief Hagan spoke about the different shifts and stated from midnight to 8 there is a much higher percentage of crimes. The night shift is the busiest and he will be coming off on that and he asked for assistance from two other officers, he did state things will be tight, but the night watch is the busiest.

Mr. Allison asked if recently has there been an up take? Is one shift heavier than another?

Chief Hagan stated it slowed right down, but unfortunately the violent crimes are still happening and the number of calls has picked up a little bit. We don't know what will happen in the next couple of months. But he wanted to say that every time a dog shows up, even before they show up, barking down the street, the most dangerous people he has ever seen walk away. He also stated to be honest, it is going to be tight when we send them, but we are willing to do that because the sooner we get them there and back, the sooner the dogs will save lives including our own and that's the next important thing about this program. The officers have volunteer to help out with the time for Officer McGee.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on this resolution.

The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 3 in favor of the resolution.

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Mr. Yoder voted no, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted no, Ms. Miele voted no, and Mr. Allison voted yes.

Resolution #9028

Resolution for an MOU between on the Pulse, LLC & the City of Williamsport

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

Mr. Pulizzi made a motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz.

Chief Hagan stated this resolution is between on the Pulse and the City of Williamsport. He got to know the founder of on the Pulse over the past several months and we spoke about potential stories she could do on the Police Dept. This is a great way to show how we work and she has a best interests at heart and is willing to make changes to accommodate us as per our solicitor. She would feature a day in the life of a Police Officer and also interview our female officers and finally a feature story on our K9 program. It is a win win and will not cost us a cent.

Mrs. Katz stated we reviewed this at Public Safety and sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. She thinks this will be a great asset and would also like to see the Fire Dept done as well.

Mr. Banks stated it would be nice to have the public get an eye on this and show the work you do.

Mr. Yoder seconded what Mr. Banks had to say and it will be good for the Police, the City and the Community.

Mr. Markey stated he would also like to see this move on to the Fire Department and he is very happy and supportive of this. The more people that know about the City, the better so he is in full support of this.

Mr. Allison stated that is a good point and we are excited about having positive things to talk about for the public at this time.

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. .

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

Resolution #9029

Resolution to Approve Amendment to the 2016 Subrecipient Monitoring Agreement between County & City

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Yoder.

Ms. Young stated this agreement is for 2016 PHARE fund, the City was awarded \$225,000 in funds for the historic district. The millionaire's district was identified as a secondary target. We notified 142 Property owners and we received 10 applicants and they had to meet certain requirements, of the 10 only one meet the requirements and reviewing the guidelines, student housing is not eligible. Thirty percent of the funds benefit owners or tenants with income under \$50,000. Of the 10 responses, we received, only one meets the income target. To ensure we meet the program requirements of 30%, we will notify those in the historic district about the program. Student housing may help us meet the requirement, but again it is not eligible for the program. The extension of the contract to June 30, 2021 is the only change to the original agreement. This was reviewed by Finance.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed by Finance and sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Allison stated this is pretty straight forward.

Mr. Banks asked if this was us not having the ability to market this?

Ms. Young answered we do a mass mailing so all home owners are notified and we did notify them. Sometimes a factor that they don't have the 15% upfront and also the 30% medium target was difficult to meet.

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. .

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

Resolution #9030

Resolution to Approve a 2nd Amendment to 2015 Subrecipient Monitoring Agreement between County & City

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

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

Ms. Young stated this is a similar agreement with the County and it extends until June 2021. The City was awarded \$200,000 for this program in the neighborhood. Today we have rehabilitated five properties and with 16 rental units and renovations at one additional site under contract. The contract has a balance of \$110,000. By approving this extension, it allows us to accept additional applications and extend the remaining funds for the project. The extension is to June 2021 is the only change to the agreement. It was reviewed by Finance.

Ms. Miele stated Finance did forward this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Mackey asked how long can this be extended? Is it year to year or is there an applicant we want to keep pursuing?

Ms. Young answered that it is up to the County. Every year when the contract is about to expire, we are notified by the County.

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. .

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

Resolution #9031

Resolution Designation of the Agent Resolution for DR-4506 – COVID-19

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

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

Chief Killian stated this is just allowing Mayor Slaughter to designate me, Fire Chief to file for FEMA, PEMA grants reimbursements for the process regarding Covid-19 funding. We have been working with all City departments in finance establishing our expenses throughout the pandemic associated with primarily protective equipment with personnel and overtime expenditures. As the process continues, there is a variety of paperwork and forms with applications to be completely through PEMA and FEMA. This resolution is a requirement that allows me to continue on with the process. This was reviewed in Public Safety.

Mrs. Katz stated we did review this in Public Safety and it was forwarded to the Full body of Council with a positive recommendation. She stated that she is happy to know that our Fire, Police and Codes and everyone else is up to snuff with taking care of everything that has to be done with this.

Mr. Banks stated he was happy that all were on top of everything and a thank you goes out to the administration in general, they have done a great job.

Mr. Allison agreed and asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. .

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

Resolution #9032

Resolution Authorizing CFAI Accreditation Process for the Bureau of Fire

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

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

Chief Killian stated this resolution is allowing the Fire Dept to enter into the CFAI which is the Commission Fire Accreditation Process Agency, this allow Fire to enter into this process and it takes a significant amount of time and allow us to access and compare us to other agencies internationally. He wanted to note that there are only 3 agencies in the accreditation and we would be the only one in a Third Class City. This will allow us to deep dig into the Fire Dept and help us to provide the best service to our citizens. He stated that he is excited for this opportunity and wants to provide the City with the best service we can offer our citizens. This was reviewed by Public Safety and Finance.

Mrs. Katz stated this was reviewed by public safety and sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. She stated we are pleased with the direction of both our departments that are going in. She thanked them for taking this step. This will take about five years to do and this would say a lot for our City. She thanked the Chief.

Ms. Miele stated this was also reviewed by Finance and sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. This item and the next item go hand in hand, but we thought that in much the same way we fully supported the police when they began accreditation process earlier this year in February. The process seems to be running smoothly for the police department and we received approval of the IT department. We thought that this too, clearly the accreditation strengthens our department and helps us document the strengths as we move into both political and economical climate where we hope to receive regional position, it only will strengthen us.

Mr. Allison thanked them both for taking the initiatives and asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. .

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

Resolution #9033

Resolution Authorizing an Agreement between the City of Williamsport, Bureau of Fire & Power

DMS

For a Software System

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

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

Chief Killian stated this is to authorize the Fire Dept to use DMS software, you are probably familiar with it because the police department uses it. The interesting part of this prior to our accreditation, we were changing operational orders and really putting things out on a daily basis and we were doing it on paper. We really need to do this digital so our people can be informed pretty quickly. It provides us with tools and we have some local training. It allows our Public Safety to branch out to the rest of the City and increases our efficiency and assured all personnel to get it. Things will be updated and this will be part of a three part system. This was reviewed in Public Safety and Finance.

Ms. Miele stated Finance did review this and sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. This will piggy off the Police and will add an additional \$2,000 to the cost so far. The Police have had positive things from this and this is something that will be useful throughout the City. After Police and Fire use it, we can see if it will be useful, the cost of this will be \$2,400 and will continue to add a cost to the City annually.

Mrs. Katz stated Public Works reviewed this and sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. Chief Killian explained to us the system will the additional dashboard. She stated this is something we have wanted to see for many years. We are excited to know that this can work for the rest of the City.

Mr. Banks stated this is broader effort to go paperless with the City, Covid has pushed with forward and it is now to our advantage to do so.

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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. .

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

Accept for Filing:

Finance Committee Meetings 02/18/20
Public Safety Meeting Minutes 03/03/20
Public Works Meeting Minutes 03/03/20

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to accept the minutes for filing.

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

Mr. Allison asked for a vote to accept the minutes for filing.

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

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

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday May 28, 2020 a 6:30 PM, **TBA**

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, May 19	10:00	AM	Blighted Property
	11:00	AM	Historic Preservation
	6:30	PM	HARB
Thursday, May 21	10:30	AM	Zoning Hearing Board
	4:00	PM	Board of Health
Friday, May 22	11:00	AM	ERC
Tuesday, May 26	11:30	AM	Public Safety Meeting
	1:00	PM	Finance Meeting
	12:00	PM	Planning Commission (Monday, Memorial
	2:30	PM	Public Works Meeting
	7:00	PM	Citizen's Corp
Wednesday, May 27	11:30	AM	Redevelopment Authority
Thursday, May 28	7:30	PM	City Council meeting

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

Ms. Miele stated that the Historic Board will meet on Tuesday, May 26th at 11:00 AM

Mr. Allison asked if there were comments from **City Council**.

Mr. Allison stated he would like to comment on the fact that we are all dealing with and everyone is watching the numbers for our county and our area. We are getting a little bit of a breakdown from the County on the corona and they are keeping track of things. As of yesterday, there were 24 confirmed cases in the study. That doesn't say the State isn't tracking, there is no way to apply that data. A lot of those counties are probably in the red and that doesn't mean there aren't asymptomatic people, but it puts into perspective. He wanted and council wanted to extend our heartfelt sympathy towards our neighbors in Jersey Shore and the outbreak they have had there in the nursing home. It's one of those tragedies that is a result of the virus and how it acts and we want to support them in any way we can. We certainly want to add our voice to encourage the State, if they can hear us, to focus on the community and that nursing home and help them through this trying time. We support all of those who are working to do that and help them get through this crisis.

Mr. Yoder added we are in the process of reopening. There is a lot of back and forth and chatter about how it is being done and what have you. I think we can all agree and understand the level of necessity to getting to that point economically and fiscally. For everyone watching, I encourage you to take this seriously, protect yourself and each other in doing that and be responsible as we can. We have invested a lot thus far in the response to combating this economically, specifically and if we can be responsible, which I trust we can be, we will not waste the investment made this far and can push forward faster by being cautious and being safe. We just encourage everyone to do so as we slowly open up.

Mr. Allison asked for comments from the **administration**.

There were none.

Mr. Allison asked if there were any comments from the **general public**.

Mr. Lubin stated we have two comments that are identical. One came from Misty Dion and the other from Shalynn Sluzaris. The comments are while the Department of Justice continues their investigation, our attorneys continue to offer negotiation.....we demand City Council to take action in their commitment to make City Hall accessible. It has been over a month and we have not received a response from City Council. Instead City Council has developed an AD Hoc Committee tasked with making timely recommendation on whether to stay or move to another facility. This topic has been rehased for years.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2020

City/County officials have determined not to relocate on July 20 report. Facility needs assessment. Has the Committee reviewed the needs assessment report? Does the City plan to demo city hall? Unless it's demolished, an expensive project, the building must comply with ADA. Three years after starting negotiations and \$150,000 nearly the cost of the ramp wasted on bids, waiting for an ADA compliant building, City Council continues to stall. At this point, we seriously question whether continued negotiations which have produced no outcome is thus far is a good use of attorney's efforts.

Brittney Slauzais, I am disabled and live in Williamsport and use a wheelchair. I am with my companions, CIL, roads to freedom and ADAPT and other disable residents since 2017 that City Council make Williamsport accessible for individuals like me and others. Almost three years after we started...there was \$150;000 wasted on bids.... We are still waiting on accessibly and City Council continues to stall. At this point, I wonder if our City Council cares about people like me and wonder whether to continue negotiations.....Stop stalling.....approve our negotiations settlement.30 years...Approve our settlement. Thirty years in the ADA, we have waited long enough.

Joni Bany, President of Council, when will City Council make City Hall accessible, the ramp and elevator need fixed immediately so all can have access to City Hall. When will the City be approving the negotiation agreement. Isn't 30 years long enough time for accessibility ...City Hall for ALL.

Jay Harner, he stated to the President of Council, why is it after three years of developing, investigating, researching the city bore the cost of \$150,000, still no progress on a ramp to access City hall?

Mr. Allison stated we will take that under advisement.

Mr. Allison announced that we will be having an executive session.

Adjournment

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by **Ms. Miele and a second by Mrs. Katz. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM with unanimous ayes.**

Submitted by:

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City Clerk