

Thursday, September 26, 2019
Williamsport, PA

Council President Randy Allison brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 7:30 PM in City Hall Council Chambers. Chris Cooley did televise the meeting. The invocation was given by Councilperson Joel Henderson and was immediately followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Council members present:

Randy Allison, President
Elizabeth Miele, Vice President
Bonnie Katz, Councilwoman
Derek Slaughter, Councilman
Don Noviello, Councilman
Joel Henderson, Councilman
Gerry Fausnaught, Councilwoman

Absent:

Also, Present:

Gabriel J. Campana, Mayor
Mr. Joe Gerardi
Mr. William Nichols, Jr.
Mr. Gary Knarr
Damon Hagan, Police Chief
Sol. Austin White
Janice Frank, City Clerk,
Todd Heckman, Fire Chief,
Mark Benner EIT, absent
Adam Winder

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes dated September 12, 2019 were approved upon a motion from **Mrs. Katz** and a second from **Ms. Miele**. **All were in favor. The vote was 7 to 0.** **Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes. and Mr. Allison voted yes.**

Limited Courtesy of the Floor
Bruce Huffman, 1000 Cherry St

Mr. Huffman wanted to say that he often reads things about history and if this is related to some people or institutions in the room he means no ill will by this. As far as item number six, the six year capital budget, he has always supported the bureaus of police and fire, but he was quite surprised to think that the city is even thinking about a \$15 million Public Safety building, not listed in the ordinance when it seems to have so many more pressing issues. Item number nine, ways garden easement. Mr. and Mrs. J. Roman Way, donated the land and established Ways Garden in 1913 per select Council Bill number 60. Mr. Wade died on August 4, 1935, in his will he left to additional gifts related to Ways Garden. He gave \$25,000 in a trust fund for maintaining the purpose of a guide to Way Garden, and he also left a plot the ground adjoining Ways garden on the southeast side.... Mr. Way further stated that this gift be under the same as contained in the deed for ways garden to the said city. It is only to be used for Way Garden purposes. In accepting the \$20,000 bequest, this was approved October 17, 1935, devised to the City of Williamsport of the product ground is hereby approved and accepted under the terms and conditions in such well. The ordinance for the stated that the good faith and credit of the city are hereby pledged on part of the city and all the terms of this set by the city. I wonder what J Roman Way would think about the city in allowing his portion of the easement onto a portion of his gift to the citizens of Williamsport. Item 13, City Hall elevator ramp. US Post Office was completed in 1891, this building, it had no elevator. An elevator was not installed until 64 years later. This building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1972, after the threat of demolition. There are a few City Hall's in Pennsylvania that even come close to the grandeur of this monumental structure. It would be good to look for ways to preserve the architectural structure. According to Reynolds, the city's contractor, there has been well over \$27 million spent in the last 10 years in mostly transportation projects in the city. Much of that was paid for by grants. That doesn't even count this year's projects. Did you know that Northumberland County was recently awarded a Keystone grant to study and create a plan for preserving its 154-year-old courthouse. Point Township also Northumberland County recently received a \$5000 RCAP grant to renovate and expand its building. Loyalsock Township is using CDBG money to remove barriers. I understand that there's been no opportunities to explore grants for City Hall and I wonder why. Lastly, item 21 related to lot consolidation of basin Street. While the Whiting of basin Street will hopefully be a trap the safety benefit to all citizens of Williamsport, I hope the historic name of Basin Street directly related to Williamsport's now transportation days will remain and be celebrated.

Mr. Allison changed the order of the agenda.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 321 Pine St

Mr. Gerardi stated they are requesting to put two window identification signs up, there are presently right now, it did go through the planning commission and was recommended with a positive recommendation. These types of signs do not require a building or zoning permit, and the individuals who put them up were not aware of a certificate.

Mr. Allison asked if there were questions or comments.

Mrs. Katz asked if this was another business?

Mr. Gerardi stated this is a new business, there is an ice cream parlor at the other end of Pine Street. The parking authority used to be in this building and they relocated down the street from us.

Ms. Miele stated she had the pleasure of having ice cream here and stated they are welcome addition to downtown. She said that at least two of these require signage that are already in place, does not double the fee?

Mr. Gerardi answered if it is a permanent signage that is correct.

Ms. Miele stated it would make any of us feel terrible making someone remove sign each after it's already installed. She asked if there's a notification way to make people way.

Mr. Gerardi stated yes they are notified and he will explain the reason why things came up without notifying us.

Ms. Miele stated we have a small downtown and there should be something in place that we can notify them.

Mr. Knarr answered they are in place doing that now.

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Mr. Allison asked for motion and a second.

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

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the certificate.

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

Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 321 Pine St – Boom City

Mr. Gerardi stated this certificate of appropriateness is for 321 Pine St. this is for the window. It is to remove an existing section of storefront windows and provide a rollup door and wood trim. The owner of this applied for the permit for the canopy and the signage which was approved by counsel a year or two ago, and the owner of the property assume that he had a permit for this which he did not. I bring this before you and a permit will be issued and a fee will be doubled. This is within the design standards.

Mr. Allison asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

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

Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 47 West Fourth St

Mr. Gerardi stated this is for the other sign, to install all wall mounted identification sign. He attached a picture to the drawing. Three years ago they came for a permit that sign, and in he assumed he had a permit. The same thing occurred as before, the fee will be doubled. There is a representative here.

Mrs. Fausnaught stated it bothers her that people are assuming things, feeling they had permission to do this or that and then they haven't had a permit. Then it goes up, and it might have to come down

Mr. Gerardi stated by the time we found out what was going on they had already started. 9 out of 10 times this does not happen, council still has the ability to turn around and say that we don't like it

Mrs. Fausnaught stated we should be able to inform people in a better way.

Mr. Gerardi stated when we see something going on downtown that we don't know about, we stopped that and then have them issue a permit. This does not happen that much, and we try to be a little bit more business friendly.

There was a brief discussion as to how we can better perform people and send them a letter explaining the process of the city.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

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

Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 333 East Third St

Mr. Gerardi stated this is a certificate requests for 333 E. 3rd St. The owner of the property once you brick the entire front of the building, the bridge will match the existing brick that will face the third Street sign. He has attached the photo of the front of the building. The owner is waiting for approval. The Penn Street side was previously approved, and this is in the Gateway area and one of the last building that needs to be in compliance of that.

Mr. Allison asked for questions.

Mrs. Fausnaught stated that this building really needed to be done.

Mr. Allison asked for motion.

Mrs. Fausnaught make the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

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

Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes.

Presentation – Update – Census Information

Mr. Mike Burger showed a power point and a small video on the importance of a census.

You'll be able to complete the census online, in person, by phone or by mail. All responses are completely confidential. And your personal information cannot be shared. Every person counts.

Mr. Burger stated our first census was in 1790, it does do the nations population count. It is \$675 billion. The value of the census is a statistical measure and it is continual on a year-to-year basis. It is a basis of information for the next decade. So what we are doing in the next six months, sets of presidents and goals through the year 2030. In Williamsport, there are 10 census tracts. We have a 23% nonresponsive rate.

What's next for Williamsport is council to adopt a resolution, for a representative group from the city to enable engage and to outreach and spread the word to motivate people Williamsport school district has voice their support. There are several faith basis that will be participating. The census will be hiring about a thousand people, it is part-time, 15 to 30 hours a week, the website is active and it can be done by phone. There is no test involved, it will be your answers. The crucial part is the resolution that is pending and on the agenda. The hiring process is vital to the efforts.

Resolution #8926

Resolution for the 2020 Census & the City of Williamsport

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mayor Campana said this resolution is in regards to the 2020 census, and he thanked Mr. Burger for his pro activeness. This resolution speaks about a team approach for outreach to motivate many individuals in this community. He would appreciate City Council support because this is crucial to our financial stability.

This was not reviewed by a committee.

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Mrs. Katz asked about the jobs that are part-time, if you don't reach the thousand people will this turn into full-time?

Mr. Burger stated he does not have an answer for that but he will find out and get back to her.

Mrs. Fausnaught asked if there was a plan to contact the hospital.

Mr. Burger stated they have been on board already and we have their marketing director on a committee.

Mr. Henderson asked how do people get appointed to this committee?

Mr. Burger stated he sat down with Mayor Campana and together they generated a list, it is not by means a close group and we wish to expand.

Ms. Miele asked if these meetings will be advertised.

Mr. Burger stated the first meeting is at the Trade & Transit center, and we will be reporting back to Council.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

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

Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes.

Ordinance Adopting a 6-Year Capital Projects Budget for the City for fiscal years ending 6/30/20 to 6/30/25 (final reading) Bill#1738-19

The City Clerk read the Ordinance.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second to adopt the ordinance in final reading.

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

Mr. Nichols stated this ordinance is on second reading, originally we had expected to review this with the planning commission at the last meeting, and that is been rescheduled for next Monday. So the caveat that I am suggesting is we are asking for the second reading acknowledging that it will be pending approval from the planning commission.

Ms. Miele stated when we discussed this, I recommended that we table this until the planning commission has time to review this. It is a pretty minor step, but just in case the planning commission has some sort of concern, it's all part of the record. She asked Mr. Cooley to amend the IT budget to work on city Council going digital in the next five or six years.

Mr. Nichols stated that would give us time to reconfigure the IT budget.

Ms. Miele **made a motion that we table this. Mr. Noviello seconded it.**

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the motion to table it.

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

Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes.

Resolution #8925

Resolution to Approve an Easement Agreement Between the City of Williamsport & McCormick Associates, Inc.

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Nichols said this is before you this updated easement agreement, and this relates to a partial land owned by McCormick's known as Way's Garden. This agreement seeks to resolve issues and better clarify that the land and improvements support the way's Garden improvement project. The document defines what the city's exclusive rights are to a new parking lot to be constructed by McCormick. This actually works out to 75% of the time with the city has exclusive rights to the parking lot and this is set forth in section 9 of the agreement. It also states that three designated spots and a handicap space will be available to the city without any restrictions. It is important that this document was revised to establish a partnership with the easement holder to ensure that the new parking lot is property maintained for the benefit of ways garden and this includes definite definitions for long-term capital improvements. There was discussion about coming to a committee, Mr. Nichols stated the new easement was reviewed by finance.

Mr. Henderson stated if this is another resolution that has been tabled and has not been to a committee, because this is a new item, I want to make sure you understand the process is important to me.

Mr. Henderson stated he has three hardcopies and one email and is not sure which one the agreement is. So he is concerned about it. He's also concerned that this is a perpetual easement agreement and he's not comfortable with a perpetual agreement. He is also concerned about the deed restrictions. So have we looked at the deed restrictions that say that parcel of land is to be for the park use only? How does this fit legally and has that been addressed?

Mr. Nichols stated that the will of J. Roman Way, states that he was giving this to the city and a small partial was to be added on and given to the city. At the point time it was given to the city, it was a vegetable garden used by the superintendent, etc. it simply refers to in addition be added to ways garden and it cites and it does mention about certain terms and conditions. It doesn't go into much detail in the will itself.

Mr. Henderson stated he does have a digital copy of that and he believes it says in trust for the following uses and for none other..... This gift is to be under the same conditions and restrictions in the deed conveying ways garden to said city. It is only to be used for ways garden purposes. It cannot be used as a He wanted a legal opinion on that.

Mr. Nichols stated again it does say that it needs to support and benefit ways garden which it does and that's why we defined it as exclusive to ways garden 75% of the time. This gave us the opportunity to put language in there, and it is ensures that it is properly maintained for years to come. It benefits how ways garden supports the projects at hand.

Mr. Henderson stated he is not against the project but it is troubling to him, that 75% of the time, and that would include all of the nighttime hours. So how many of the nighttime hours is the park permitted to be used?

Mr. Nichols stated during business hours they could use that...

Mr. Henderson stated we could say 75% but then we could arrest people for going to the park after dark. So I'm not sure that that number is accurate, it is good for argument reasons.

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Mr. Nichols stated that's why we defined the partnership as 50-50, so if we would recommend that we are required to take 70% of the maintenance, that would not be a fair argument.

Mr. Henderson also talked about the process of drafting this ordinance, and I understand that we had an attorney Jill Nagy involved on the first one.

Mr. Nichols stated that she was involved until the end and he did consult her as to what the language was. There was more additional discussion about the involvement of the attorney in this agreement.

Mrs. Katz stated during some of our discussions we found out from the commission themselves is one of their objections was to put a parking lot in. So what this does, it has someone else putting in the parking lot with Ways Garden being able to use it for their events. What is happening in Ways Garden is there are a lot of things that are going to be taken place during the weekends with a lot of activities and I know that Bob really wanted to have a parking lot there to make it convenient for some of the people that are using a new pavilion at this point. We talked about this and had a long conversation about it and if McCormick law does so the business and move out of there whoever gets that building we have to renegotiate the contract.

Ms. Miele stated no, it would continue as is, they would have to if they wanted to alter it but otherwise it would continue as it is.

Mrs. Katz stated this is what we were told.

Mr. Nichols said there was discussions, right now the document states that these run with the land and I think that McCormick was adamant about it remaining there and that's why we talked about adding language and came up with the maintenance part of it. There is a commitment to a partnership with the long-term capital improvements so they can't shed the responsibility. If indeed they would sell it to someone else, instead of changing the language, we came up with that they would take care of it and it would remain the same. If there is another use allowed for that building, if the new owner needed it for something other than that, then you are correct they would have to come back to us.

Mrs. Katz stated this is only useful to an office if that building were sold, between the hours of 830 and five. This is very beneficial to ways garden, and it's gonna look great I am happy that someone is willing to put \$60,000 into this, it saves ways garden of having to solicit funds. I am happy with this and we did talk to Jill Nagy and she guaranteed so many different things. She looked at every aspect of this document.

Ms. Miele stated she agrees with Joel's point, if we had changed the agreement it should actually come back to a committee, it went to public works and it could go back there for further review, I am more than happy to deal with the wishes of Council. I think that perhaps it should go back for further review. To the point of usage, the hours in the park from dusk till dawn, there will be 50% usage. That said, I do appreciate this and I know that we have spent a significant amount of time discussing this as well as McCormick spending time with us discussing this. This agreement has been in to existence long before city Council has gotten involved in it. I do share Mr. Henderson's concerns related to the perpetuated easement. She felt it is an exceptionally generous agreement, she thinks that we are stewards of the city's interests and she's not certain no matter how generous it is that we should accept this agreement. If there were a motion to send this back to a committee she would support that.

Mrs. Katz stated we listen to McCormick law firm who has worked for five years on this. I think that they have been very patient waiting for an answer for this and I think it's about time that we say yes to this. We need to get this over and done with. To have somebody that's going to give the city something that's not going to cost us anything and were going to sit there and give them a hard time, and nitpick everything, I can't see where we are giving this away, I think we are benefiting from it. There are stop gaps in this.

Mr. Noviello stated he doesn't have much problem with this, but we as a council have been dealing with old resolutions, old variances and old ordinances. I'd rather see it coming to something renewable.

Mr. Slaughter asked if we could be sure the current contract does not violate the deed?

Mr. Nichols stated that is a great question, and there are a lot of things again not quite 100 years old, but I can answer that, that's a good question. To me it reads it benefits Way Garden, we strive to add language in there and define our exclusive use of something that is being paid by somebody else.

Mr. Allison asked Mr. Mike Wiley to weigh in on this....

Mr. Mike Wiley, on behalf of McCormick law firm we view this as an opportunity to improve a portion of our community. The master plan that has been developed for the park and the steps that have been taken and will be taken are going to improve that resource, one of the areas for public spaces that have not been giving as much attention as some of the others, and if you look at some of the public's basis to the historic districts, this is the only one. The parking lot has been in the master plan for a long time. The parking lot itself and the gift that is being considered, it is not our idea. It came to us, someone knocked on our door and suggested it. All law firm has been in existence since 1862, we are not going anywhere, we have a proud tradition of giving back to this community. One of the things we talked about in perpetual easement, you have a parking lot that is going to cost about 50 or \$60,000 to build, with his easement, you have a guarantee that it is going to be maintained as well as a commitment. It will continue to be a private public partnership, and maybe even beyond us. It is something that benefits that portion of the community and benefits those that use the park. It gives assess ability to the park presently isn't there. The restrictions regarding this park are antiquated, he explained how some people have use that park for a public restroom. This is an opportunity to allow Ways Garden to be used by more people, and we are proud to be part of. We are proud to work with the city to get things done, but if were going to sit here and talk about issues, that quite frankly I think have been resolved, it will be unfortunate. He appreciated the dialogue and the feedback that we are really at a point whether we need to start this project. And if the city doesn't want it, it's okay, but that is your choice. We are hopeful that you view the document in the intent that it was given which is for the benefit our community and represents a public-private partnership with the law firm that's been here since 1862. This will be stewarded and maintained longer than the people in this room. It's time to move forward. Thank you again.

Ms. Miele stated this was forwarded from the Ways Garden Commission with a vote of 2 to 1....Mr. Winder's voice was inaudible.

Mr. Slaughter stated he does support this project and may be we should support it pending there's no legal obligations with the deed. He supports this and feels that it will be a great asset to the city.

Mr. Allison spoke about the different interpretations of this depending on who hears it and from what perspectives. So he is looking at it does this project fulfill the spirit of the deed and the purpose of the park. He felt that this meets significant needs of the ability for people to enjoy the park. Whoever owns it will have to do that maintenance.

Mr. Nichols stated is it more of a benefit by doing in the easement as what is there now. It is more benefit by doing it them what is they are now. This is much more of a benefit.

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Mr. Henderson stated he is not against the project and he does believe that a parking lot would be of a great benefit to the park. He is not against the project itself. It is the process that concerns him. So we are just kinda trusting the discussion and I am not doubting everybody's intentions. I think if we do something we ought to do it well. And to the process that it has been in the making, I can't speak to that. But the issue that I am faced with today, as far as I've been involved, this is something I have to justify in my own conscience.

There is continued discussion about the pavement and about what we need and don't need for this project. Mr. Allison asked for a vote on this resolution because there are different viewpoints and validity and everything he has heard.

The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 2.

Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted no, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted no, Mr. Allison voted yes.

Mr. Wiley thanked everyone for the discussion and looks forward to working with the City on this project.

TABLED

Resolution Authorizing the City of Williamsport to Award Contracts for City Hall Elevator & Access Ramp This resolution was tabled.

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

Ms. Miele made the motion.....

Mr. Nichols stated in your packet of information you received a briefing memo on the status of the City Hall project. The solicitor and project reviewed the bid documents and determined a responsible low bidder. In addition you received a resolution authorizing an award of contracts of the elevator and the ADA ramp. The projects that we are recommended for award are the base bid, and the ADA access ramp. The total of the award for the base bid is \$779,620. In your briefing memo we described the residual funds for the project. Chris Cooley, Joe Pawlak, and he can answer any questions on the projects. Mr. Cooley spent a lot of time on this project and make sure that we got the best bids for this project. Joe Gerardi was also involved.

Ms. Miele stated the finance committee did review this item on Tuesday, and as finance our chief responsibility is not to review the specs of the item, our responsibilities are the financial implications of any item on our agenda. The financial implications of this item are pretty complex. The numbers we were hoping to receive from the bid were about 20% lower than the numbers we did get. Consequently that puts us in a little bit of a pickle, and the bids are more than \$200,000 over the money is allocated. The opinion of the finance committee to be fiscally responsible is for us to step back a couple of weeks. The finance forwarded this to the full body with the recommendation of 2 to 1 to table this.

Mrs. Fausnaught stated we felt very strongly that we should have some legal advice on this, and we also felt that there should be some kind of plans to look at, and Mr. Gerardi volunteered to put together some plans. Those are the two areas we should look at.

Mr. Gerardi stated there was not a second on this.

Mr. Slaughter seconded the motion.

Mr. Noviello stated he does not have a problem with taking more time to get more facts and he felt that more time be more relevant, because we are talking close to million dollars here. We need to be mindful of how we use that money here.

Mr. Noviello made a motion to table this, Mrs. Katz seconded it.

Mr. Henderson stated he thought it would be the responsible of us to vote on this right now.

Ms. Miele asked about the time to look at these again, the answer was in November and Mr. Nichols will get the exact date.

Mr. Allison asked if there were any more questions on the motion to table, there were none he asked for a vote.

The motion to table was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor. Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes. The resolution was tabled.

Resolution #8930

Resolution Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Year Ending 2020

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Nichols stated this resolution sets the city's minimum pension obligation as required by the act 205. This resolution is prepared by the city's actuary, and also has to be submitted to city Council before the end of September. It is based on the current census information and various pension fund assumptions. This was reviewed by finance. That is a big part of next year's budget and we ask for your approval.

Ms. Miele said finance reviewed it and we were pleased with the hundred thousand dollar difference between this year and last year in our favor, it is still a \$4.2 million obligation which the State helps fund 1.3 million. It is 12.5% of our annual budget. Finance did forward this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

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.

Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes.

Resolution #8927

Resolution Authorizing a Subrecipient Agreement between City & American Rescue Workers, Inc.

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

Mrs. Fausnaught made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Ms. Young stated the funding for this agreement in the next two agreements was approved during the 2019 community block grant budget process. This \$30,000 is allocated to the American rescue workers for

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building renovations to the property. The work includes repair of the mortar and this was reviewed by the finance committee.

Ms. Miele stated Finance did review with the representative from the American rescue workers. The work on the building looks great and we look forward to it being renewed. We did forward this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Allison stated it's a great organization and they serve a great need in the city. He 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. Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes

Resolution #8928

Resolution Authorizing a Subrecipient Agreement between City & Lycoming County SPCA

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Ms. Young stated this agreement allocate \$7000 and 2019 funds to Lycoming County SPCA for its spay and neuter program for Lycoming County residents. We have funded this program for a number of years. This was reviewed by the Finance Committee.

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

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. Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes.

Resolution #8929

Resolution Authorizing a Subrecipient Agreement between the City & Firetree Place

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Ms. Young stated this allocates \$6000 of the funds to Fire Tree Place afterschool program, these funds will reimburse Free Tree Place for the cost of actor school counselors. The agreement was also reviewed by the finance committee.

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

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. Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes

Resolution #8931

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Feasibility Study of Joint Project – Cooperation of the City of Williamsport & DEP pertaining to Flood Protection Program

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Winder stated this agreement allows DEP to come in and execute a feasibility study on Grafius Run. Included is a letter from Loyalsock Township after a productive meeting with them. We are asking for your approval to keep this moving in a positive direction. This was reviewed by public works.

Mrs. Katz stated this was sent to Public Works and passed to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. DEP is helping us with \$300,000 and we have had trouble with Grafiss Run for years. It is incredible now how fast this is starting to move. We are starting to get a collaboration here and a joint effort. It's good that we have the Township and the city working together because we will also be able to get more funding. DEP will be coming into the city in October and we will have a walk-through and more information and we are starting to see a little bit a light at the end of the tunnel.

There was a discussion about the logs and Mr. Slaughter did talk to the principal and the logs will be removed that clog the catch basin.

After a little bit more of discussion Mr. Allison asked for a vote.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor. Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes

Resolution #8932

Resolution Authorizing Excavation of Certain Sts for Gas Main Replacement by the City for UGI-Campbell

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Gerardi stated this is a request for UGI to extend all road work that must be completed before the end of the paving season that was set by ordinance. There are two projects they wish to extend into the winter months and one of them is Campbell Street. This is a standard resolution that comes before Council. This allows them to do that and we don't allow coal patch in the road, and once that base is done they are required to go with a high performance coal patch.

This was reviewed by Public Works

Mrs. Katz stated this did come to Public Works and we sent it to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. This being done on Campbell Street, is an area where there is not a lot of traffic. It is not a mandated project in this area and we want to see it get done.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

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The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor. Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes

Resolution #8933

Resolution Authorizing Excavation of Certain Sts for Gas Main Replacement by City for UGI – Almond St

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Gerardi stated again it is the 6 inch on this resolution and to let you know this is very similar to what we just approved before this resolution. If you get opportunity, you'll need to go down to Fifth Avenue and take a look at it. This was sent to the public works committee.

Mrs. Katz stated this was sent to public works and we sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. They hope to get this finished by late November or early December. They will make sure everything is finished in the Spring.

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.

Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes

Lot Consolidation of Lycoming College and Dedication for Basin St

Mr. Knarr stated this is a lot consolidation plan in a dedication of land. There are going to consolidate eight parcels which is currently a parking lot, they are dedicating 25 feet of that area to the city to widen basin Street. This is an administrative action to solidify the land development plan from the E. 3rd St., Gateway. This is phase 2 of this, and this is an administrative action. This is merely a final phase. It was reviewed by the County Planning Commission and the City Planning Commission.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion.

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

Mr. Henderson asked how a deed of dedication works.

Mr. Knarr stated it is a formality and basically what will happen is this lot consolidation will be taken to the courthouse and deeded, so 25 foot will be deeded to the city's property.

Mr. Henderson ask if that is the initiative of the college?

Mr. Knarr said that is correct, once it is done they have 90 days to get it recorded and deeded.

Mr. Henderson stated are we going to be going through the same thing for the Franklin consolidation?

Mr. Knarr answered that is correct. You have approved the realignment of Franklin Street and that is where the ordinance will come into place. It is the same process.

Mr. Allison asked if there were any more questions.

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

Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes

Certificates of Appropriateness - HARB

All items recommended for approval unless otherwise noted

Item 2. Kenneth Savinski

531 West Fourth Street

- A. Prep surfaces. Repair stucco and wood as needed to same as original appearance. Scrape, and wash building if necessary, with low-pressure water and detergent. Do not power wash.
- B. Match and paint previously painted exterior surfaces, same colors as existing. Benjamin Moore paint Pickle 2147-40, Golden Chalice-2151-20, Ivory Tusk-2153-70

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second to approve for HARB.

Mrs. Fausnaught made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Slaughter.

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

Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes

Accept for Filing:

Public Safety Minutes 05/07/19

Finance Minutes 07/16/19

Veterans Memorial Minutes July 2019

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to accept these for filing.

Mrs. Fausnaught made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

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

Mrs. Fausnaught voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes

The Codes reports will be on the next City Council meeting.

Announcements

There will be an executive session immediately following this Council meeting in the matter of litigation. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 7:30 PM, in City Hall Council Chambers. (Enter through the police department at rear of building for meetings after 5:00 PM.)

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, Sept 30

12:00 PM Planning Commission

6:00 PM Census Committee(sec)

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Tuesday, October 1	3:30 PM ERC
Tuesday, October 8	1:00 PM Finance Committee
	2:30 PM Public Works
	3:30 PM Public Safety
Thursday, October 10	7:30 PM City Council Meeting

[Meetings Held in Council Chambers Unless Otherwise Noted – [scr] = William Sechler Community Room]

Mr. Allison asked if there were comments from members of Council. There were none.

Mr. Allison asked if there were comments from members of the Administration. Mayor Campana stated he thought this was a very good meeting and it was very productive and he thanked Council. He also is requesting an executive session on regionalization and negotiations for tonight. He also said he had some great news. For a period of time we have spoken about a 504 plan, and he challenged his staff to find it. Mrs. Young found it, and she would like to make a couple comments.

Mrs. Young stated this 504 plan is an evaluation that was done for HUD and it's from 1990 and we were required to submit this and HUD did respond to us at this time we don't have to do anything, and of the years she's been here, no one has ever come in to look at the plan to see if there's any updates. At the time the ramp had been done and, and the elevator had been done as well. There have been changes made to the regulation since 1990. At least with HUD we are in good standing.

Mr. Gerardi stated we do have the plan and there are seven steps that are involved in this plan, the only difference now is we need to name and ADA coordinator. I was named the ADA coordinated. This was advertised in 1990 legally. To clarify we have done at least three studies and we did come to city Council for proposals that were accepted concerning the AC and new roof repairs and the extension of the sprinkler systems. We also did a assess ability counter and the police department was also made ADA assessable. We have additional things in this and we will continue to meet. The handicap bathroom on the first floor was also renovated and does meet today's standards. The ramp out back meets the standards of today. The issue is getting to that ramp. Back in 1990 the elevator was fine. The question was do we have a plan? We do have a plan and we are in good standings with the federal government. We still need to make renovations to this building, maybe minor. I know that are streets and parks department can do some of the work around here instead of going out for bids.

Mrs. Fausnaught asked for a copy for all of Council and Mr. Gerardi answered he would.

Mrs. Young stated that her dad signed it as a Council President at that time.

Mr. Allison stated it's been a very intense process at this point and had had his ups and downs, but these are significant findings and I look at it is actually a good thing. Mr. Allison stated were going to find out where we are, and where we need to be, and this is great that we can move things forward. We do want to be compliant and assessable so we will get there.

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

Scott Miller 822 Tucker St. external obsolescence. It means my property value goes down because of something I cannot control. This is a real estate term. On the East End our property values have gone down in compared to the values of the rest of Williamsport, due to the school being closed and not coming back. The pool was removed and looks horrible, and now the firehouse is going to be closed off. No other section of Williamsport has lost so many of the public services that the East End has. Did you all know that West of Almond St, the elementary kindergarten is required to walk to Cochran elementary school. Yes Crossing Market Street which I had to fight with PennDOT about the lights there. So my house value as compared to everybody else's, in the East End, our values have not gone up because we are losing schools and now the firehouse. The second thing I want to bring up tonight is I see catch basins and I have notified the city many years ago, now completely failing, i.e. collapsing in on themselves. About four years ago I worked as a waiver over at the liberty tax place, and I even brought photographs here to the city. How many more years will it be before it is fixed. There also is another one up on Sheridan Street that I came here with photographs. It is collapsing. From my estimation it takes six years for all of you to fix something. If my house were in code violation, Joe Gerardi isn't given me six years to fix it, I find it unfair that the city doesn't keep their infrastructure in good repair as property owners are required to. The last thing I want to point out is some years ago, sewage pipe under the river coming from South Williamsport, failed, and it was finally reported, and we ultimately paid those findings. But somebody in the sewer authority, someone somewhere failed to do their job, it's not just like it just broke willy-nilly, they knew it was going to break and they let it fair. The people that did not do their job should be the ones paying their finds, not us ratepayers. When I get a speeding ticket I'm going to give it to everybody in this room to pay. I have to pay it, when somebody doesn't do their job in government, those responsible for their negligence of their duty should pay it out of their paycheck.

Joanne Clemintonio, Chestnut St, that her street in the upper part of Chestnut Street, above Shaw Park has not been read paved, it has terrible potholes and the bus comes up our street, and it is used because of the hospital. There are trucks from UPMC that come down our street, it is heavily traveled the school buses come up the street and it is really getting bad. The potholes are terrible. They are only getting worse. The other thing is, they said we were going to get it paved at the end of the summer, well it is past at the end of the summer and is getting onto Winter and you can't do anything about it if it gets too late in the year. The other issue is Shaw Park, I have heard a lot coming to the Council meetings about Memorial Park and how you are fixing it up, which is wonderful. Let's not forget Shaw Park is heavily used, they play pee-wee football there, people walk there, it is a really nice little park and we walk it all the time. The problem is the walks are just blacktopped walkways and they are heaving from the winter freeze, the roots of the tree, all they need to be is re-fixed, and redone. There are a few that are really in bad shape. The other thing is that really bothers me is the graffiti on the handball court. I don't like that I consider it part of what I call the broken windows policy it only makes things worse when we have graffiti and things are not taking care of. They do, do a good job of cutting the grass, but we did have some issues with grass growing pretty high underneath the swing sets. They did take care of that, so it does look a little better than it did. It

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still needs some work. I just don't want you guys to forget that we in the East End, and Shaw Park is important, and I think it makes everything better when it looks a little better. I think people take care of things better when things are taking care of.

Adjournment

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by **Mrs. Katz and seconded by Mrs. Fausnaught.**
Motion was carried by a **unanimous at 9:58 PM** "ayes".

Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank
City Clerk