

Council President Randy Allison brought the meeting of the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM per remote. 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
Mr. Joe Pawlak
Chris Cooley
Mark Killian, Fire Chief,
Damon Hagan, Police Chief
Solicitor Norman Lubin
Janice Frank, City Clerk
Adam Winder, RVT

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for the 03/31/21 were approved upon a motion **Mr. Yoder and a second from Mrs. Katz. All were in favor. The vote was 6 to 0. Ms. Miele had not yet arrived.**

Limited Courtesy of the Floor

Karen Murray, 342 Jerome Ave. Williamsport

So I'm going to read an email comments that we have related to item 3 on our agenda tonight. City mulch promulgate charges. This is from Karen Murray, the Williamsport residence at 342 Jerome Avenue. Hello and thank you for hearing me out on the subject of charging a fee for using the city mulch yard waste area. My name is Karen Murray, and I've lived in Williamsport since 2002. I have owned my own home for over 15 years, those paying taxes as well. Those taxes are the reason I am writing about my objection to your charging a fee to use something that has already been paid for with my taxes. As I understand from the articles I've read in the newspaper, there was never a mention of charging the public to pay for the gate or the grinding of the mulch at a cost of 18,000 a year. I understand that this fee must be paid, however someone has found that money in past years. Perhaps our taxes have been paying for it. Your vote two weeks ago was the first I had heard of charging a fee, not only in the initial card fee but an annual fee as well. I understand that you can no longer leave the area and gated and while having limited hours and someone opening the gate was not ideal, it was better than having to pay for something I already paid for, including the services of someone opening the gate. I liken paying for the public service of the Syria to paying the police or fire personnel if I miss calling them for help. I already pay them for my taxes. I do not have to pay them a fee if they comes money. Nearly every year you have raised my city taxes. While I am never happy about it I understand that it is necessary so that everyone may benefit through public services. I believe it is wrong for you to charge anyone a fee for this public service on top of the taxes we already paid. I urge those who did for these fees to reconsider and find the money elsewhere to pay for the grounding in the gate. Thank you for your time, Karen Murray.

Mr. Allison changed the order of the agenda to accommodate guests.

Resolution #9131

Resolution Contract Agreement for Naming Rights of Bowman Field

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mr. Pawlak : Good evening . The resolution before you is a naming rights agreement for historic Bowman Field. The previous agreement expired at the end of last year and earlier this year we put out an RFP and Senate to interested parties and advertised and received a response back from (name?) and trust. After reviewing the proposal that they have submitted, we believe we have come to terms for the naming rights agreement with Muncie Bank and trust for a five-year agreement and \$30,500 annually . This agreement was reviewed by finance , but I think in between the review of finance the bank came back with some proposed revisions to the indemnification language that was in the agreement reviewed by finance. The mayor had that sent to solicitor white. He did review it, and he was okay with the changes. I believe it was yesterday I sent this out in a redline draft for everyone to review. With that being said, we do have Muncy Bank & Trust in the meeting with us tonight and I'm sure she would be able to answer any questions that you may have.

Mr. Allison: Okay. Thank you . This was reviewed in finance . I still don't see Councilwoman Miele. Councilwoman Katz, would you be able to address it.

Mrs. Katz : Sure. We had a real good discussion about the agreement for the naming rights . The discussion went into that were not getting as much as we did before as far as what we were getting from the BMT , and I did talk to the mayor today about this . I wanted to know how many other places were pursued for this , for naming rights. And he said that there were other entities that he talked to . We also talked about the length of the contract for the naming rights, which is five years , which we also discussed that there would be no payment for this year whatsoever because the lateness of trying to get their signage together and all of that that is incurred because they have to work out an agreement with BB entity to take down their signage. Other than that, we are thankful that Muncie Bank is tapping appeared to do this . We also in our own minds I think , you hate to lose money, especially in this day and age when we know all of our expenses that have gone up. We just had a citizen saying about her taxes being paid , paying so many different things. It is difficult when you look at it, it doesn't sound like a lot, but it ends up that when you are not making the same amount of money. There is that consideration but there is also the consideration of saying thank you , Lori symbol, for Muncy Bank stepping up. Other than that, I will defer to other members, and I see that Liz is here at

this point. Is she on? I will let it go to Adam here.

Ms. Miele stated Although I think you might've covered it, I just called the very tail end of your discussion. I think the majority of the discussion at finance Randy kind of revolved around I suppose well what might call poor timing with this item that we are sort of looking at it right after a pandemic which means that there is a lot less interest perhaps in this sort of advertising revenue. Then there might be otherwise. We are getting a little less return, although Muncie Bank and trust are clearly a great partner for us. Then the length of the contract it is going to be a while before we are able to renegotiate. However given their investment and signage etc., you know why they would want a contract of this direction. Finance did forward it to the full body of council with a positive recommendation, but, you know, with some notes about the general, was some discussion about kind of the unfortunate timing of it. Adam, anything and .

Mr. Yoder I think you guys covered it pretty well . Timing is unfortunate, and we had talked a little bit about there may be being a market that we are not tapping into , given the MLB partnership that we have, which is unfortunate.

Hopefully when we get to the point where we can renegotiate this , that partnership will still be here and still be strong , and we hopefully could capitalize on that down the road in a future time. Nonetheless, Muncy Bank is a fantastic organization. They are going to be a great partner with us as we try to turn the page with the naming rights here, so certainly happy that they are here and I look forward to them being a partner with the city.

Mr. Allison: Thank you. Thank you Mr. Yoder. Any more from City Council?

Lori, Representative from Muncy Bank stated : I just want to express my thanks to the City for the confidence in us. We are looking forward to doing this and we are grateful for the relationship with the City.

Mr. Allison stated : I am extremely grateful given the uncertainty of the time right now . In the uncertainty of the transition in minor-league baseball. This is a hold redo by MLB at this level of baseball. There are a lot of unknowns . I guess I'm surprised anyone step forward. I know BB entity has formed a new alliance with another bank, and that's the way a lot of these institutions are going to get bigger and bigger and bigger . But we are grateful for local banks that want to stay that way . And obviously grow but at the same time serve the communities that they always have . I think it's really gracious of Muncy Bank to step up and to step into this with so many unknowns . We will see what the future holds, but it is nice to have a new partnership with somebody local that now we can get to know well in ways that we haven't before. 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.

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 # 9134

Resolution Authorizing the Agreement for Legal Services with the City Solicitor- Zoning Hearing Board

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second

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

Mr. Knarr Good evening. What I present to you is a resolution authorizing an agreement for legal services for the zoning hearing board solicitor. As you are aware longtime active over 25 years of service Joe has asked to step down from the position, so therefore the zoning hearing board did reach out an RFP. We had a couple of candidates that were interested, Mr. Holland was interviewed. And at that point the zoning hearing board felt that he was the best suited candidate for the position. Mr. Holland comes from us or for us as an attorney. He is actually a graduate of William and Mary. He has been a solicitor for the zoning hearing board for both Williamsport school district, I may not Williamsport school district board for the Lycoming College, I can't even talk today. I apologize. He comes to us as the zoning hearing board solicitor for Lycoming County as well as Lycoming Township as well as Armstrong Township and a couple of other town ships as the zoning board solicitor. He's been practicing since the early 1980s . Again, like I said, he was interviewed on the zoning hearing board and they thought he was the best candidate. I can answer any questions at this time.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed by finance and forwarded with a positive recommendation. As we discovered with a couple of other legal contracts or contracts with solicitors this year for the city, the market is changing substantially from what we had 25 years ago when we first engaged Mr. Holland. This will likely have an impact on the overall cost of the legal services for the zoning hearing board , but there really isn't such a thing as a legal flat fee necessarily any longer , and clearly Mr. Holland's rates are in line with what one would expect , and we all know as we honor Mr. Holland to the a remarkable asset both to the community and legal profession. How fortunate we are to be engaging him as the solicitor for the zoning hearing board. That said, because we have never had an hourly, trying to the solicitor for the zoning hearing board we are not entirely certain how much of Mr. Holland's time this will take , we know of course that he will be fear and (name?) believes he has enough flexibility in his budget that should be in line go over budget there could be a transfer within the department without a major issue. We will kind of look to judging the budget this year and having a better sense going in the 2022 of what we need to budget for this in the future. We forwarded to the full body of the Council with a positive recommendation and thank Mr. Holland very much for being willing to serve . Mr. Gerardi To add to that, I will give a report as we get closer to the end of the year where we are now and whether we need to do some transfers within my department.

Mr. Allison said: Thank you , Mr. Gerardi. Other members of the finance committee any comments? Ms. Katz?

Mrs. Katz stated I think we want to thank Fred very much for stepping up for a good many years, and he is a very hard-working attorney. With everybody and everything that he is involved with we appreciate you giving your time for this one also. Thank you very much.

Mr. Allison: Any comments from any of the Council members? I think we'll echo what Councilwoman Councilwoman Katz said. We are very grateful. 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.

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. Holland said he'd like to speak and just take a moment. I just want to say thank you, appreciate the opportunity. I have lived in Lycoming County as of this year for 40 years, and out of that I have lived in the city of Williamsport for 40 years. I have had my office in the city of Williamsport for 40 years. I consider it an honor to be able to serve both as business privilege tax appeals officer but now also as a zoning hearing board solicitor.

Mr. Allison: Thank you, Fred. Your roots were , run deep in the city. We are grateful for that. Well, we look forward to the great relationship with thank you Mr. Knarr for shepherding us through.

Resolution #9133

Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement between City of Williamsport & Econsult Solutions, Inc.

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second

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

Mr. Slaughter stated What you have before you is a resolution for the execution of agreement between the City of Williamsport and Econsult Solutions regarding the strategic management planning program. This is in conjunction with the resolution that can be for you at approximately a month ago certifying the local match at 30 percent , DCD pays the other 70 percent . This is for the multiyear financial plan. We are very excited about this. The provider of financial strategic plan to the city, and we are looking forward to the work that Econsult Solutions will do . This was brought to you before the Finance Committee , and we have a Representative with us from Econsult here tonight he can answer any questions. Thank you.

Ms. Miele this was send to Finance to discuss this item, and forwarded with a positive recommendation. We discussed a little bit but particular choice of the consultant, and we spoke at some length to Mr. Ray , who was exceptionally knowledgeable and really showed enthusiasm for the project, which was exciting. The primary issue from a financial perspective of course, there are multiple issues here from a financial perspective, the scope of work that the city had advertised in the scope of work submitted by the consultant with in line with a number of our financial goals. While it's not the full package as we will see later in this meeting, and later on I suppose as the year goes on of items the city needs to look at, strategic financial plan is clearly essential to the city to get financial success. This plan will not only evaluate our existing status but then will go further and look at what fluid look what we should be doing looking for, including an emergency clause should we find ourselves in a emergency situation. There have been rumors that the city will be receiving federal funding as any municipalities across the country are expecting to do. This study is actually incredibly well-timed to allow them to advise us on how best to utilize that funding to improve our financial position overall, not just for the next couple of years. It's really exciting that we have gotten funding for it, and it's even more exciting that this particular firm was under the money that we had set aside and our community development block funding for this item . So with the 33,000 I believe that we had set aside will help utilize them for giving us funding for a few other items as well. As I said, this is a really exciting proposition and it is great that it will also, the project should be wrapped up in time for budget season this year allowing us to make 2022 budget decisions it would be safe to say with substantially more information or at least we can hope substantially more information than what we have found it making previous budget decisions , especially going into 2021 here. Finance voted the full body of council with a positive recommendation. I believe that Mr. Ray is here and perhaps someone else from his firm as well and they might be able to answer questions that we might have. I would actually encourage everyone on counsel to ask questions mystery . He really is an interesting dialogue and I think it would be good for the budget public to hear further dialogue about the same. Thanks, Randy.

Mrs. Katz stated I really enjoyed all the dialogue that we had in finance for what you are proposing for us. One of the things that you did explain to us that you would be giving us updates every couple of months here, if not sooner . always open to getting in touch with you to find out where we are at, where we stand, and what else you need from us. You will be doing a lot of discussions with the administration finding out the ends and outs of the city . I am excited about this from the standpoint as a set of finance, this is a study that we should've done four years ago instead of paying 25 grams on the study that was done. This would've been more comprehensive as far as explaining what is needed, how we could've gone after more funding, how we could've more organizational skills. It's not to say that we might take everything you say to heart , but we are always open for discussion. We are always open to new ideas. Sometimes you work too close to a situation and you can't see what's really needed at times, so this is what I'm excited about because I know you are going to bring a lot of different things to the table to show us where we can move forward and how we can move forward successfully. That is what we are looking forward to. We have a lot going on on her table here. Like every other city. Our finances are very short funded at this point . Our expenses keep on going up. We have got to figure out and find out how we can run this ship smoothly. And more successfully and more financially sound. This is what I am looking forward to. I am excited to be working with you. If you need anything from I know anybody on counsel we are more than willing to talk to you. Again, thank you very much, Mr. Ray.

Mr. Ray: Thank you Councilwoman, and we are looking forward to working with you as well.

Mr. Allison: Other comments or questions from anyone on Council? Okay.

Ms. Miele: Hey Randy, can I make one quick point, just because it was an item and it just me and I questioned him about it yesterday. You may have noticed in the CVs of the people who will be working on the project, two of the folks and I think it is SRW, I apologize, I am looking at their bid right now, am I correct, Mr. Ray?

Are law enforcement specialist, and so asked Mr. Ray , because that was the only bid that I'd seen of law enforcement specialist, and what the function of these two gentlemen would be. As he accurately pointed out, obviously our public safety component in the city is a huge chunk of our city budget, having two people with expertise specific to law enforcement and public safety should provide a very useful element of this contract with an ability to advise us on sort of best practices and best use of funding within police and fire departments , that should be quite helpful. I don't know made anyone else wonder, but I wanted to bring that up so that everyone else on counsel understood the point there.

Mr. Ray, if I missed anything in your explanation, please feel free to jump in.

Mr. Ray: We just find that it's very helpful for us , it's one thing to look at the numbers. It's another one to know and understand why your public safety budget is as it is, and that will help their presence on our team is really available part of our team as we work with them in other projects, it has really been a great partnership.

Ms. Miele Thank you. And Randy, the one other thing that I should note as we look at both this and setting aside some funding for our remediation grant a little on in the meeting, is that the great thing about planning, which we have always struggled to do I think in-house, the great thing about this planning grant as well as the next one is that after you've received the funded grant after you have completed a comprehensive plan at whatever level you do, it is much easier to get follow-up funding to implement those plans and it is if you are not planning to get grant funding to do implementation it can be exceptionally difficult. This will also put us in a good position to receive some follow-up funding to implement some of the recommendations from this plan. Mr. Ray also mentioned in the course of our discussions that the goal of the financial strategic plan would be to leave us in a position to perform updates. That is to say, it would be something that we could turn into a living document through our finance department, and I believe Mr. Ray said they can make recommendations if we needed to sort of change organizations and are financed in normal or

add any staff to continue financial planning on her own. That would be a component of the plan moving forward. All in all, I think this will really do excellent things for us, and I'm excited that Mayor Slaughter has brought this to the table . Thanks.

Mr. Allison: Thank you Ms. Miele and he asked if there are any other comments or questions from Council? I know there was an in-depth discussion with the finance committee and a lot of good – I think we are all happy with the timeline , the six month total, the stages. It all seems very doable, but it is going to give us layers of information that are going to build upon each other . It is going to be right in time for the budget in November, so it's exactly what we have been looking for. 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.

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.

Lot Consolidation 924 Memorial Ave

Mr. Knarr: Good evening. What we present you tonight is a lot consolidation for the property located at 924 Memorial Avenue . The property is tax parcel 73007 223 and 224. Someone came to us as far as an expansion are basically in addition to the house, and in order to do that additionally did not meet the setbacks and therefore will require to combine both of those parcels that they owned into one so that they would be able to move forward with the addition. It was reviewed by County. You do have counties comments and it was reviewed by the planning commission both bait gave positive recommendations, and I can ask any questions at this time.

Mr. Allison: Thank you Mr. Knarr. Are there any questions from counsel tonight? Mr. Banks .

Mr. Banks: Is this an expansion of the building.

Mr. Knarr This is actually property located at 924 Memorial. It's right across – it's a senior living property as well as a multifamily . This is not the bar hardware. That plan the Lot consolidation and land development will come before you next month we are just putting the demo for Barr hardware, it actually does Hedrick Hardware at this time.

Mr. Banks: Understood, thank you.

Mr. Allison: In the other questions from councilmembers? Okay I will entertain a motion and a second .

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

The lot consolidation 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, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Pulizzi left the meeting.

Land Development Lycoming College Music Building

Mr. Knarr: Good evening. But we present to his proposed land development plan from Lycoming College constructed in addition to the Mary Lindsay Welch honors. The proposed addition will have for offstreet parking spot six and one handicap spaces . It was reviewed by County planning as well as the city's planning. You do have comments from the county. What I do want to basically address is the counties comments . The first comment by the county , the Lot size has been revised to the acreage, so I do have updated plans with some of these revisions on their. Number two of counties comments, they discuss the which apartment parking ordinance. At this point in time I do have a plan of the proposed , the plan that they have proposed. I do have a configuration of the number of parking spaces that they currently have within the institution zone, and it as well as the requirements. They do meet those requirements, and we do have them in hand that is something that we didn't generally do not pass on or they pass on the county when County does a review. It was reviewed by myself as well as the city engineer and reviewed it for stormwater. That comment has been corrected. In addition to that, as far as the (term unknown), number three, the city engineer as well as HRG representatives did a walk-through, and this plan was also reviewed by the Williamsport stormwater authority from Williamsport, and again, they all had pass that on as far as meeting the requirements regarding that. As far as the proposed landscaping question that they have, the updated plans to show him what his current and what they plan on putting there. Basically what the requirements are and plan . Again, they have been updated, and I do have those stamped by the county at this point in time. As far as, number five, the music building addition Lot consolidation plan was reported on January 29, 2021 under deed book 238 and 227 in math book 6 – 426. The deed for the consolidation will be recorded prior to a final approval. We do require and the administration does ask that a condition be put on that the final recording of the deed itself be done prior to the start of construction. That's the only restriction that we have on them . Again, it was reviewed by County. I have addressed counties comments. It was reviewed by our stormwater authority as well as her city engineer. He does meet all the qualifications. It was also reviewed by our planning commission, and again, but the past is done with a positive recommendation. I do have updated stamped copies. The only condition that we ask that you may put on it is that the deed itself, the plans are recorded but the deed itself get recorded prior to the start of construction. And I can answer any questions. Again we do have a representative here at this time.

Mr. Yoder stated I am happy to motion to amend with the condition on there. That was one of my questions, Gary, so thank you for addressing them. **I will make the motion to amend the motion that we approve contingent on getting deeds in place before construction starts .**

Mr. Banks seconded it..

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the amendment .

The amendment to the lot consolidated 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, Mr. Allison voted yes. Ms. Miele left the meeting.

Mr. Allison: Yes. Motion to amend passes 6 0. Okay we are back to the original land development plan . Are there any further questions on that in general from councilmembers? We are looking forward to this particular development at the college , and it is going to continue to generate more momentum in that area of town , which we are very interested in. Okay. Hearing and see none, is there a motion on the land developments before I move .

The lot consolidated 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, Mr. Allison voted yes. Ms. Miele left the meeting

Demolition Hedrick Hardware, LLC 414 Rose Street

Mr. Knarr: Good evening again. What I present to you is actually a demo request for the property located at Rose Street . The property is currently owned by Hedrick Hardware LLC. Initially what they requested to do is do a Lot consolidation , a land development plan to add parking to the facility. As you can see, we have provided you the land development plan and consolidation so you can review them . The only thing that we are asking is for the demo. The Lot consolidation as well as the land development was tabled by the planning commission because they had a few questions regarding the handicap parking. They asked to table them. I do not want to basically hold the developer up, so I am requesting the demo of the property. I provided you with some pictures to the north of where the hardware store is, there is a single-family home. They currently own them. They are requesting to demo that so that they can add parking. If anyone is aware, it is a very congested area because it is the corner of Rose and Forest Street. Parking is very limited, what they have. The business has been expanding and growing . In light of everything that is going on, so what they felt was appropriate was to add parking. In order to do so they had purchased the property . What they are requesting to do is to basically demo that so that they can continue on with the Lot consolidation plan and the land development plan next month before council. Again, we don't want to hold them up, so we are asking council to approve a demo permit for the expansion within the CC zoning district.

Mr. Allison Thank you Mr. Knarr. I see Mr. Hedrick is here tonight in case anyone has questions from council I will open it up right now to councilmembers . Ms. Katz.

Mrs. Katz Yes, I agree thoroughly that it is a congested area to pull and there. It is always been our go to place all the time, and it is difficult to get in and out of. Number one, I'm very happy that you are able to expand, especially in this climate . The storm has been in the area for don't know how many years, and I appreciate the fact that you are putting more effort in everything to expand your business. It's a great story and thank you very much.

Mr. Banks Now that we are actually on the correct item number here, this is for parking could you get into the specifics of what the counties issue with it was as far as handicap parking? They are going to have to meter ordinance .

Mr. Allison County didn't really have a comment. What happened is as it was reviewed by the planning commission .

Mr. Knarr: They noted on the plan that we had on sheet number three it showed the handicap parking in the front of the store, and on sheet number four it showed the handicap parking in the new lot, and the question was is where was he going to be . Unfortunately we didn't have a representative because normally we don't require that for planning . So they were able to address that specific issue. I did speak with but the developer as well as the engineering, and it was just an oversight to remove the proposal from the addition parking. I want to be any handicap there . That way handicap won't worry about crossing the parking. It will actually be on the front of the store on the original sheet it was shown. That was the question and that was the only reason that it was tabled. Normally it wouldn't be tabled. We don't require representatives a lot of times of the planning commission meeting, and the planning commission thought it that point it was best to table that so we could get clarification. The developer as well as the engineer clear that up within a matter of an hour after planning commission tabled it.

Mr. Banks: This does meet our planning requirements?

Mr. Knarr: Again it was reviewed by myself as well as it was reviewed by the storm water Authority as well as our city engineer. It meets all those qualifications for landscape. It meets the qualifications for offstreet parking. Again, the facility had been grandfathered in with the limited amount of parking based off of the square footage. They meet the required offstreet parking's with the proposed addition that they are requesting to do for land development.

Mr. Banks: Someone has been using that parking lot quite a bit. I look forward to not playing frog when I come in and out.

Mr. Knarr: That is true. That is what it feels like.

Mr. Allison Other comments or questions from Council tonight ? Okay, I think we are well aware the need for the parking there. In that case, I will entertain a motion and second from council .

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

The demolition 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. Knarr I would like to reiterate that the actual Lot consolidation as well as the land development will come back for planning on May 3, and then at that point it will go back for council for approval. Thank you.

Ordinance #6403

An Ordinance Amending Part One, Title Three, Article 117 General Fee Schedule (final reading)Bill#1769-21

The City Clerk read the ordinance in final reading.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mr. Cooley: Before you is the second reading of an ordinance to amend the fee schedule for the city . This would be the fees that are charged for access to the mulch recycling collection area. I'll just go to the fees quickly and we can have any discussions if you need. The resident fee will be \$10 for the first year , and then a five dollar renewal. The resident rental property owner will be \$10 the first year and a five dollar renewal . The commercial property owner with less than 20 deeded acres will be \$10 for the first year and five dollars for renewal. And then the commercial or institutional property owner with more than 20 combined acres will be \$1000 each year . The landscape contractor with a business address in the city will be \$2000 each year. I landscape contractor with a business address and outside of the city will be \$5000 per year. As we mentioned at the previous meeting, the administration proposes that we are going to waive the additional \$10 registration for those first three categories of people register by June 30 of this year. They can get the card basically for free this year. They would then just have to pay the five dollar renewable come January 1 for next year and subsequent years beyond that. The only other comment that I have is I would be remiss if I didn't think streets and parks and on the help they did in running conduit and tables for me , but truly Kevin early and key (name?) and Sean bashed in. We have a great working relationship, and they really made my life easy in putting in the networking camera and access control hardware. Also just saving the city a tremendous amount of money in being able to do a lot of work in-house. I think them very much. I will take any other questions you may have.

Mr. Council Questions or comments from Council on this item? We did discuss it last time . There is obviously interest in the community about anything day, and especially when we are charging a fee for something we didn't before . It's a change, and it is not just a fee, it's in conjunction with once it is goes into the court system, it's accessible 24 hours a day seven days a week to anybody who has the card and has access to it. There's a cost for convenience , and I think there were problems in the past . There were some times when there were people that worked during the week individuals and could not access the mulch pile on a weekday . It just wasn't feasible for them to get home and do their work and get their mulch , or their brush and what have you taken to the mulch pile. We look for ways to address them, and it's a fee . I think five dollars a year for renewal , that's two cups of coffee. I know it's five bucks, but it still gets you a lot of bang for those five bucks. He givest you the ease of access, but it also provides us the security that's needed for that to function so that we can have and a half decent product come out of there, as well as not have it wide open as it was in the past. It was very much abused , so I think we look for a happy median . Yes, it's not a service , I guess there are some similarities to the service that other services that we provide, like police and fire. However, I think police and fire our life and death essential services , safety . A mulch file is not something that we are required to provide for people. It's a user fee . Not everybody uses it , and the ones that are going to use it will pay a very small amount, but it will help us offset the cost of lining the mulch. It cost a lot to grind it.

Mr. Pulizzi: President Allison, I just kind of wanted to piggyback on what you are saying saying, is that myself, especially when the weather breaks, I fancy myself quite an avid weekend warrior, in the old hours of the brush pile made it very difficult to do any kind of landscaping , cleanup, especially when the hours were limited to standard standard hours on the week. On the weekends, it wasn't accessible. I am extremely happy for this new system . I will happily pay the dues to get the card and have 24 hour a day seven day access to the brush pile strictly for the convenience and it works with my schedule. I just wanted to throw that out there and say personally, I am extremely happy for it. Thank you for all your work, Chris, and Mr. Winder and Streets and Parks .

The ordinance was carried in final reading 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 stated We are now going to move down to items five through 10, six ordinances and final reading. We handled these in a bundle before. We did a motion and a second to approve them all in one fell swoop after we had gone through them. We will use the same procedure tonight for the final reading.

Mr. Yoder: Quick point of clarification. Are we doing five through 10 or we are including item 11 in there as well? 1701 International building code.

MR. Yoder I make a motion that we introduce items five through 10 on the agenda.

Mr. Pulizzi seconded it.

Mr. Allison stated There's a motion and second. This one was handled one from Chief Killian and the other five from Mr. Gerardi. We are not going to go back through them. They were well discussed before. Are there any further questions from council on any of these? Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the items.

Ordinance #6404

An Ordinance Transfer Ordinance (final reading) Bill# 1770-21

The City Clerk read the ordinance in final reading.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

The ordinance was carried in final reading 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

Ordinance #6405

An Ordinance Amending part Fifteen Fire Prevention Code, Article 1501 International Fire Code(final reading) Bill#1771-21

The ordinance was carried in final reading 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

Ordinance #6406

An Ordinance Amending Article 1709 International Residential Code (final reading) Bill 1772-21

The City Clerk read the ordinance in final reading.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

The ordinance was carried in final reading 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

Ordinance #6407

An Ordinance Amending Article 1707 International Mechanical Code (final reading) Bill#1772-21

The City Clerk read the ordinance in final reading.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

The ordinance was carried in final reading 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

Ordinance #6408

An Ordinance Adding Article 1704 International Energy Conservation Code(final reading) Bill#1773-21

The City Clerk read the ordinance in final reading.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

The ordinance was carried in final reading 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

Ordinance #6409

An Ordinance Adding Article 1702 International Existing Building Code (final reading) Bill#1774-21

The City Clerk read the ordinance in final reading.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

The ordinance was carried in final reading 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

Ordinance #6410

An Ordinance Amending Article 1701 International Building Code (final reading) Bill#1775-21`

The City Clerk read the ordinance in final reading.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

The ordinance was carried in final reading 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

1777-21

An Ordinance Amending Article 1727 International Plumbing Code (tabled)

The City Clerk read the ordinance in final reading.

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

The ordinance was removed from the table 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 and second on the ordinance in first reading.

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

Mr. Gerardi. What you have before you is an ordinance adding article 1711 which is international plumbing code. This code basically deals with all commercial plumbing , which also includes multifamily . Your apartment complexes, your hotel motels, those kind of things, rooming houses. It is basically as the other ones were, basically this is a legal document that is put out by the ICC, and what we do is we had inserts and certain things to them . Those things that we added were of course the city of Williamsport is put out throughout it , which are adapted through the back of the plumbing code . This was also on the second page, you will see incents general fee schedules which is what a 6.6.2, we have second section would be .6.3 which is someone comes in with a set of drawings and they decide they are not doing the project, we already review the project and reimburse them ask amount of money but we keep XML due to our effort for review. The summary offenses telling it's a non-traffic offense, the maximum fine is \$2000 and or 30 days in jail. The minimum fine will be \$200, maximum \$2000. Also it tells you about the depth of the (name?), it has to be a minimum of 36 inches which is in conjunction with the Municipal Court water authorities, and also 36 inches is added and therefore septic system . Then the last one is insert 12 inches , that 12 inches is for your ridge vent for when you have your event coming out of your roof, there's a certain height it has to be above the reef so it is not affected during a snowstorm. This was reviewed by the public works, and it was also reviewed by our attorneys, Mr. Alston white. He's the one that I've been involved with with all these cases. I refer back to Bonnie Katz, she is the chairman of the other board.

Mr. Allison: First , Mr. Gerardi, you said article 17, 11, did you mean 17, 27, the one we just took off the table .

Mr. Gerardi Let me explain that. Article 1727, it is basically two ordinances and one. This is what we are adding article 1711 now, taking the actual plumbing code itself out of article 1727, which deals also with , because we are third class city, were required to have master plumbers , it also explains in 1727 how that goes about it. You must work for Mr. plumber so many years before you take a test, and then you become an apprentice, you worked so many years. You become a journeyman. I split those into number two different ordinance, the reason being is we have the technical portion of the part 17 in the codified ordinance, and then we also have how do I want to say, our own ordinances in that particular section. That is really the reason why these two were split out. 1727 and I am changing it making it 1711. I believe that is how it looks on the paper. If I am in the right section of my book. Yes. That is the reason why there is two there. And this is one of the two, this would be 1711 .

This was discussed in public works. There was recommended for approval, and it was also reviewed by our attorney Austin White

Mrs. Katz: Yes. We did have discussions on this . The one that is stable is the one that we are discussing right now, which is amending article 1727 right . That is going – there are two different ordinances here. The next one is 1711. They are both similar but they are not similar , right .

Mr. Gerardi: Basically what we did is we put them together. If you remember my also said the very last one we are going to adopt as part 17 and if you you return to look at that, there is article 1711 international plumbing code, which is the technical code section. Article 1727 remains in the local provisions, which is now when we get to it it will be renamed plumber .[indiscernible]. You are correct, yes.

Mrs. Katz, asked Randy, we are going to vote on the table going first, right?

Mr. Allison: Yes. That is the order we have them in .

Mrs. Katz: And I think I described it . I can't describe it as well as you can. He has been working on this for how many years, Joe?

Mr. Gerardi: It's been a while, but we thought it was time to take these and updated and change that section around to make it where we have part 17, which everything is in its proper place an order, and it makes more sense this way.

Mrs. Katz Like just said, this was passed with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Allison: arer other comments from the members of the public works or any questions from councilmembers? On item 11 .

The ordinance was carried in first reading 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

An Ordinance Amending Article 1711 International Plumbing Code (first reading)

The City Clerk read the ordinance in final reading.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mr. Allison stated Again, Mr. Gerardi, I think you already addressed this what is what is happening in this particular ordinance on

Mr. Gerardi stated this: Is pretty simple if you look at the first section 1727 point O2 title international plumbing code shall be renamed and all other ordinance or parts of the law and conflict herein are hereby repealed. What we are doing is we're making article 17 international plumbing code shall be renamed plumber's board of examiners. And everything in that article remain the same. We didn't touch or change anything in that article .

Mrs. Katz stated nothing to add and We did pass this with the positive recommendation

The ordinance was carried in first reading 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

An Ordinance Amending the Codified Ordinances of Williamsport part 17 Building & Housing(first reading)

The City Clerk read the ordinance in final reading.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mr. Gerardi: Yes. In our codified ordinance at the beginning of each ordinance or articles , however you want to describe it, we have a part 17. Part 17 basically is set up into three sections . One is the technical code, which we are talking about here presently now, all the mechanical codes, plumbing codes and residential codes. All of those are in the technical session. Title III is our local provisions. Those are the ones that we have that we have kept open historical district, the demolition ordinance which you guys reviewed and approved. Title V, housing. What I did was on this particular ordinance, there is three things, two things that we basically did. The first one was article 1711, which was the old 1711, uniform construction code, we are now making in article 1700 which is the uniform construction code. This should be number one of the technical code , but because this is basically adopted the state of Pennsylvania and saying these are the codes that we will use in the state of Pennsylvania. That is the reason why it is number one. We go to the magistrate and sometimes they ask why we are using it. Right now it is way down below. It should be the very first one. We renamed it article 17 I believe , 1700, which will be the very first ordinance and it didn't change everything in it is exactly the same. We just relocated it from down where it was and housing up to the technical code section. Article 1741 International property maintenance code shown in the article 1711, international property . Again, we move that into the debt concession. It was back in housing. We didn't change anything in it . If counsel were members, some of the members in the past administration remembers we have made updates and changes. We modified it. We moved our snow requirements into this. We moved our grass requirements into this particular part. Then the other one we are redoing its local provision 1705 demolition shall be in article 1733. Originally demolition was in the title I believe it was title I under technical, which it should be under local provisions because it is one that we actually come up with and identified and made ourselves. Basically what this is is it is reorganizing part 17 so that everything is compliant. It looks good and makes sense the ring it's with written up, and we have basically a part 17 article , three different titles that have all been updated and now rearrange. One of the sections in the codified ordinance has been updated and completed. You will see here in the new future we will be coming back to counsel for two ordinances in housing, which will be 1743, and 1745 which is fair housing. They have been on the books forever . Some of those are not being really enforced , but I think is in administration and city Council we need to look at it and say are we going to be enforcing these and if we are and we need to make any changes with them. Other than those two, everything in this particular section, part 17, has been updated and revised. That's all really what this ordinance is doing is just changing some items around. This was reviewed on public works and also through our attorneys. I will be more than happy to answer any questions.

Mrs. Katz stated This is come to public works, and we did pass this with a positive recommendation. I don't think I can add anything more to this than what Joe has. It is great that he is cleaning up a lot of these things, and did ask questions of what these things were, and what they were is what he is going to be taken out of this point. Yes, like I said, this was passed with a positive recommendation.

The ordinance was carried in first reading 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. Gerardi: I will have to give credit to Robin Adams because she was involved in helping me get these things around too. She is a little bit of a helper in my department. One thing I want to let everybody know too is what we do during this time, these are all on record with the city clerk, plus all the books are upstairs in case anybody from the public wanted to come in and review the books they are there for them to do them .

Resolution #9129

Resolution Authorizing the Sale of a 1989 Tarrant Leaf Machine with Leaf Box

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mr. Winder this is to authorize the sale of a 19 . Typically we would put these items on (term unknown) or essentially describe them . With the recycling grant we received we did purchase another leaf machine it was a one-man operation leaf machine . We reached out to Bracco supply which is actually who sold it to us back in 1989. And asked them if there was any value .[away from mic]. They made a recommendation value of about \$2500 . The day after we spoke to them Township actually reached out to us and inquired about this machine . We explained to them what (name?) said the value was. They came in and went to the machine and they are highly interested in purchasing it . Therefore we

have brought it before counsel for your approval. I did Austin White and made sure that we could do it a municipal sale without going on the municipal bid. He said absolutely this requires counsel's approval. Most Mr. Girardi received a bunch of pictures. One of these pictures would be of this machine in particular. I will tell you there is another municipality that is interested in the smaller of the two that we have , so that resolution will come before you at the next council meeting. I'll answer any questions you may have . It went through financing in the past with positive recommendation.

Ms. Miele stated Finance has reviewed it and forwarded with positive recommendations. I don't have a whole lot to add to Mr. Winter's narrative. It seems pretty fortunate to be able to receive \$2500 for a machine from 1989 that is not been exactly well cared for, not that it hasn't been well cared for in our department excuse me, Mr. Winder, that looks low to say the least. As said, that was most of our discussion. Nothing too exciting.

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

The resolution 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, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Pulizzi had to step out.

Resolution #9130

Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of 2022 Freightliner 108SD Conventional Chassis Dump Truck

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mr. Winder this dump truck will be utilized by the streets Department for multiple reasons . The snowplow, a spreader , basically we use it just about every day. This would replace 1999 GMC dump truck that they currently have . They are pictures of that dump truck in their . It would've been one of the ones with the blue body and white cab , extremely rusty frame . Definitely been used extremely hard . We are proposing to purchase this using carryover liquid fuel funds from prior years. We kind of stashed away some of the money from our major equipment line item in liquid fuels to be able to purchase a dump truck . This we did reach out for other Freightliner companies to give us a quote . You will see in your packet that I did receive an email from Murray sales. They are unable to give us a quote due to the Freightliner shutting down soon. We did reach out to a couple of other ones, but they cannot guarantee a truck this year. It is large enough that they actually purchase 100 trucks before the shutdown came about. If this is approved we would have a delivery date of October 21 which that would give us a new truck in time for 2021 snow season. This was review by finance and passed with a positive recommendation .

Ms. Miele This was indeed reviewed by Finance, and forwarded with a positive recommendation. I think the only, the one question I had and I don't remember any of the particular discussion for finance related to how much money was left in our sort of liquid fuels is less fun that we have gotten over the years, and Mr. Winder said that we will be hanging onto that funding pending seeing what the 2022 and 2023 budgets were looking like . We are nervous that federal funding in liquid fuels , that are liquid fuels funding in general will wind up being produced and we have about \$350,000 left that we are going to hang onto so that we don't need it to gun our equipment purchases and strengths and parks in 2022 and 2023. If her funding is reduced. And aside from that, Mr. Winder I think the pretty thoroughly covered the discussion. We defer to the finance committee and forwarded it with a positive recommendation.

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 #9132

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Local Match for Blight Remediation Planning Grant with DCED

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mayor Slaughter: Good evening again. What you have before you is for the local match like remediation planning grant . It is a 10 percent match which would be \$2000. Again, this is for a planning grant. This is for the part of the application . We have not actually receive this grant yet , but pending counsel's approval tonight we will submit it to DCD as part of basically the final piece of the application. This resolution in the hope that obviously we receive this grant as well as Councilwoman male mentioned earlier, this would go very nicely alongside our financial strategic planning grant that we did receive from the CED, and that analysis, and this will be essentially a comprehensive light remediation plan citywide that would address blight throughout the city and recommend various changes to remediate those blighted conditions. This was reviewed and finance, thank you.

Ms. Miele Yes. This item was reviewed and finance, and I think the primary points of discussion on this one were actually related to looking at , this \$2000 would leverage about \$20,000 in state funds and Mayor Slaughter said that he had reached down and confirmed that that amount of money would be sufficient to cover up light remediation planning proposal where we would be expected to cover that. It isn't as if we would get 20,000 and funding. We discovered we need another 20,000 to finish the job. I am happy if someone believes otherwise, to discuss it, that sometimes I felt as though our blight to remediation in the city of Williamsport thus far has consisted of identifying blighted properties and trying to get the buildings torn down, and while that can be a very important element, there is a lot more to blight remediation than them. I wanted to confirm that what we were talking about planning grant, that the concept of light remediation extended to other things like neighborhood improvements, things that would inspire a neighborhood to improve its blighted properties and not simply remove blighted properties. Mayor Slaughter said it is a more comprehensive look at the city as a whole and where urban blight exist in the community. That is exciting , as a . I do feel personally that over the years our approach to blindness we try to strike it out rather than to improve the situation that caused it. I think from a planning perspective we would do much better to attempt to plan to avert blight . Ideally with this resolution we will be able to submit our application because this is just a required element before the application can be submitted, and we will be fortunate enough to receive this funding as well. Were excited about this. We forwarded to the full body of council with a positive recommendation pending.

Mr. Gerardi: I would like to add just one thing to jump on with Mrs. Miele what she was saying. We do have a blighted property in they make. 1314 years ago when we started we had like 200 and some odd properties on the list. We are

down to about six or seven. We are adding new ones here and there, but some of those properties that she is style and about demolishing, it was the fact that they were on the list for so long that it was infeasible to bring it back. We had to demo it. We are now at the point where we are catching them early enough that we can rehab them, hopefully take them from the owner who doesn't wish to do anything with them, and give it to a developer or something of that sort. I agree with Mrs. Miele and some parts but also to say through the efforts of the code department with violation notices and citations, we have actually push some of these owners to sell these properties to other individuals. Sometimes the ones that were on that list, they were to the point where it is just not feasible or financially feasible to restore the building because it got so bad. We are at the point now where she is saying, which I agree with, we can actually save some of these buildings and bring them back and put them back on the tax rolls instead of having to get rid of them. That is why 12 and.

Ms. Miele If I can jump back in there Randy for once I if you don't mind. I think that is an excellent point. Williamsport has a lot of very old housing, and we won't be able to sell save all of it one way or the other. Sometimes you have to get rid of something else to get something new. The concept of light is really larger than one property at a time , and it some point that is how we need to start looking at it. Think so for , try as we might, we haven't really looked at it in a comprehensive fashion. We really have taken it one property at a time because those are the tools that we have in place. Ideally this provides us with a larger toolbox and it allows us to look at blight throughout the city more holistically rather than piece by piece. I think the blighted property of the committee has done some awesome stuff, so I don't mean to question what the city has done. I just think that we can and will do better if we do a little bit more planning behind it.

Mr. Gerardi: Absolutely 100 percent. We got it to a point where I think it's manageable for we can do exactly what you're talking about and start rehabbing these buildings instead of having to turn them down.

Ms. Miele: That would be great .

Mr. Allison: I think one of the other things that's helped along the way is the rental inspection ordinance . We have done a good job over the years without in the city, and that has helped to mitigate some of the blight as well as the safety issues. This is a nice jump to another level . It is going to help all the way around. No other comments or questions ?

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

Certificate of Appropriateness – 331 Elmira Street

Mr. Gerardi: What you have before you is a request for certificate of appropriateness for 331 Elmira Street. I do not have the paperwork in front of me, so I'm going to wing it. Hopefully I do all right. What you have before you and your packet I believe is a site planning showing let the location of the building. You have an elevation of the building from the street. You also have an elevation of the existing depth which is actually the secondary means of egress from the second floor, which will be removed, and the arrow going to be constructing a new deck which I have also showed a picture of . Also material list of what is going to be built with. This is also located in the central business district which actually abuts the historic district, and I believe the alley is called snake alley. I'm not positive of that, that is the alley where about three years ago we modified , we basically included this particular area on the left side of that or towards the river, which is now in the central business district, which is required by this committee to approve any changes. I am here if you have any questions, and I believe Mr. Lubin is here who is one of the individuals who works out of the facility. Hopefully we can answer those questions.

Mr. Allison: Comments or questions from Council? I think we are all on board with this then. Is there a motion and second from Council.

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

The certificate of appropriateness 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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Finance Committee 03/30/21
Public Safety Committee 03/02/21
Controllers Report 02/28/21

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

The minutes were approved 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, April 29, 2021 at 7:00 PM, Remote.

Upcoming Meetings:

Friday, April 16	11:00 AM ERC
	12:00 PM Housing Needs
Wednesday, April 21	10:00 AM Blighted Property
Thursday, April 22	3:00 PM Accessibility Advisory Commission
Tuesday, April 27	11:30 AM Public Safety
	1:00 PM Finance Meeting
	2:30 PM Public Works Meeting
Wednesday, April 28	11:30 AM Redevelopment Authority
Thursday, April 29	7:00 PM City Council meeting

All meetings are held remotely unless indicated with an * asterisk, whereas will be held at Trade & Transit, II, 144 West Third St, 3rd Floor, Williamsport, PA.

Mr. Allison asked if there were comments or questions from members of **Council**.

Mrs. Katz said Yes. This is for mayor . Mayor, are you there?

On the agenda tonight we had two items from Adam Winder that really should've been witches from streets and parks. I think we are all wondering when are we going to get it on a streets and parks director because Adam is doing to really incredible jaunts into major areas in the city .

Mayor Slaughter: We are working on that diligently, and I'm hoping, fingers crossed, I will have something for counsel and for streets and parks in the not too distant future. We are hopefully close. I am optimistic amount at this point right now.

Mrs. Katz: I certainly hope so, because we know that Adam is doing a job with RVT, which is a tremendous job for him to be doing, and also to take care of what is going on with streets and parks. I understand that there has been, and know a couple of people that have applied for the job. Hopefully you can get to it sooner than later because with the spring and summer coming up, streets and parks is going to be busy.

Mayor Slaughter: I fully agree . We did have an offer initially, as you all know, and we did a second round, and I am hopeful, like I said, I am very hopeful saying that I will have some positive moves for that appointment.

Mrs. Katz : Thank you .

Mr. Allison asked if there were comments from the **administration**.

Mr. Gerardi: I have one. Mark if you want to go first, go ahead. Speaking go ahead, no problem.

Mr. Gerardi: I just wanted to point out that everybody we are doing our brush. About this time for people bring stuff out to the curb and sidewalk for us to remove. That is a service that we provide that other municipalities and townships do not. It is a free service that we do. But I wanted the residents to know that at one point it will stop . So please schedule brush out now while Adam is doing that. Adam, you can probably tell them the date we stopped, but at that point it is my department's job to go out and make sure that people remove it and it is going to be their responsibility to bring it to the brush pile. I just want to make sure the citizens know that.

Mr. Winder. Correct. If anybody has any , put it out by the end of it is going to be this Sunday, we are going to take one final sweep this weekend that it is over.

Mr. Gerardi: Thank you very much. That is something we provide that a lot of residents don't realize that of the areas do not. It is nice service we have. It helps me as my department if they can get it out there and get it done so we don't have to go out and down individuals to remove it.

Mr. Winder: Team we did start it early , next week is our final week . We will not be doing it again thanks, Joe.

Chief Killian: Good evening, President Allison. I just wanted to mention real quick, give a reminder, I know it is been in the media here the last several days, this past is Saturday we we kicked off the smoke alarms for everyone program for we are going to be working over the next several years going door-to-door with the intention of knocking on every door in the city to educate on the importance of smoke alarms, install smoke alarms, those they needed. At this point we've covered about 100 occupancies. We have made direct contact with about 70 percent of those. We've installed about 25 smoke alarms so far. When we don't get or make direct contact we are leaving door hangers. We are taking phone calls on a daily basis to install alarms. Our initial goal which if you remember we got grant funding form work covering Mrs. Miele, which actually runs from the (name?) along Hammond Place East into about Campbell Street and then rule two S. to third Street. That is our primary focus. We will be working diligently in that area every weekend, and then on some evenings to try to catch as many people at home as we can. Another great part of that program too is we go out, we are handing out material, and we are also soliciting some feedback from our citizens and residents in the form of an external stakeholder stakeholder survey. As part of our strategic planning efforts, we are trying to get the public's feedback in our department and things we are doing and the things you would like to see us do so that we can ensure that our strategic planning efforts are capturing our external stakeholders as well. We are really excited about this project . It's going great so far. Our personnel enjoyed doing it, and it is a good service for us and we all know how important working smoke alarms are in people's homes. Don't wait for us to knock on your door if you need a smoke alarm. Call fire headquarters at any time day or night, 327-1602, and we will be happy to get out and make contact with you and check the alarms you have, install them if you need them. We welcome councils involvement at any point that they want to come out and ride along with us while we are doing this door-to-door. You are more than welcome. It is a great opportunity for us to interact with their citizens , and we enjoyed doing it and appreciate the positive response so far.

Mr. Allison : Thank you, Chief. That is a very valuable program , and I think for the fire departments diligence on that. It really is a lifesaver.

Mr. Allison asked for comments from the **general public**.

There were none.

Adjournment

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned upon motion by **Mrs. Katz and a second by Mr. Yoder. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM with unanimous ayes.**

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