

Thursday, September 12, 2019
Williamsport, PA

Council President Randy Allison brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 7:30 PM in City Hall Council Chambers. Chris Cooley did televise the meeting. The invocation was given by Councilperson Don Noviello 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

Absent:

Gerry Fausnaught

Also, Present:

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

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes dated August 29, 2019 were approved upon a motion from **Mrs. Katz and a second from Mr. Henderson. All were in favor. The vote was 6 to 0. Mr. Noviello voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, and Mr. Allison voted yes. Mrs. Fausnaught was absent.**

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There was none.

Presentation – Census Information

Mr. Michael Burger, resident of County, stated the first census was in 1790 under President George Washington. It was a constitutional requirement that the census be taken. The first census was taken by Thomas Jefferson and it took six months to do the census back then. When it was tabulated, the populations count came in at 3.9 million people. So what has changed in 300 years? Our objective as citizens, public, is to put our best foot forward. Williamsport as a concern right now. It is constitutionally required in a 10 year activity. The numbers that are reported in tabulated next year, will be set through the next 20 years. He gave an example of Bradford County, and after the 2010 census, it was recorded they had a 50% decrease in population. That affected the Boroughs, HUD money, grant money, etc. and anything that can trickle down through the federal government. We need to get a correct census so we don't lose money. The primary thing to do is to do a headcount in the government. In 1790, he said the population was 3.9 million, in 2010 they said it was 205 million people. The estimate today will be in the 300 million range. In Pennsylvania, if we don't have a count properly, we lose a representative, or potentially two. Where do they go, where the population is counted. He has seen Pennsylvania go from 29 representatives to the current 19. That is a significant loss of representation. The population has easily shifted to the southern states, to Southwest coast. We have lost political influence. Also the second reason is simply financial reasons. The federal government has billions of dollars and the money is allocated based on per capita, and is a direct result to the census. As project what would happen to Williamsport if Williamsport took its population of 30,000 and cut in half to 15,000. HUD money, CDBG, money infrastructure money, would all be cut in half. In your packets prepared by Janice, there is some statistical information, and the information can be found on the census site. The site is 2020 census.gov. We measure response rates based on historical and projected basis. For Lycoming County it is broken down for all the different tracks. In Lycoming County as a whole, the nonresponse rate, those people who do not fill out the census comes in around 24.5%. That is one out of four people. That is a significant percentage of the population. In Williamsport, the main averages 25.3%. So we are still in the one out of four range. There are significant areas in the city that have a high response rate. The colleges have a high nonresponse rate. Those numbers need to improve. So the question becomes, how do we do that? How do we get the population to be more engaged, to be more active, and understand the value of the census. The initiatives that are taken by the senses are to begin a complete count committee. That will be a group of public people, social leaders, business leaders, and municipal leaders who want to take part and use their resources to spread the word. We need people to say what the importance of the census is and what it means for the future of the city. This complete count committee probably have about 20 people on it. We have come up with a couple means, that group will be meeting sometime this month. It will be a public meeting, it will be something that can be shared and will have reports back to Council and we will be very open because the need is there. The other important thing to say is this, as the census moves closer, there are people that are hired by the census for verification. In January 2020 will be the beginning of the national advertising campaigns. In February of next year, there will be group order counts. He named all the group quarters. He explained how the procedure will work. This year there will be two other options to respond to the census...cell phone and internet. He hopes people will do on line surveys in the privacy of your home. All census takers are FBI vetted. The census will also be recruiting for jobs. We will be looking for up to 1000 people with the pay rate of \$12-\$15 an hour. He came to not only pass the information but to establish understanding of all individuals to help benefit the community. We need to have multiple people and multiple facets to make this effective. He asked for questions.

Mr. Allison asked if the two college areas, are the students counted?

Mr. Burger stated they are considered to be residents of the city and they reside and have their residence most of the time here. They should be counted in the city population. He explained the getting the colleges. He spoke about organizations in the City of Williamsport that can help. He explained how you could put this on social media and explained the importance of this.

Ms. Miele stated speaking of tax day, is there any outreach at the post office on tax day?

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Mr. Burger stated he did not know, but April 1 is census day. They will have census forms in the post office.

Ms. Miele asked if there are talking points to the colleges?

Mr. Burger answered right now, no.... But he feels there is a need to do that.

Mr. Nichols stated thank you for your presentation and I can't stress how important the census is, they are all important, but what has been happening to our population needs more time. We need to be proactive to certain groups and other facilities that have a lot of residents. We are an urbanized area and that's defined by having a population of 50,000 or more, and it is based on the census. Our urbanized area consists of the city of Williamsport, Old Lycoming Township, portions of Loyalsock, Duboistown, and So. Williamsport. The last census our population was about 55,000. I have seen that drop every 10 years. Now are getting very close to that 50,000 threshold. What does that mean? Will no longer be an urbanized area, we will no longer be able to receive federal funds directly. Somehow in the last census, is Bloomsburg/Berwick area is able to increase their senses and become an urbanized area and they have benefited greatly. So if we drop below that 50,000 level we lose all the money we get directly from federal government and it goes to every urbanized area. I cannot stress, I don't think we've done a good enough job and working with the censuses that are responsible for the count to ensure that colleges are participating and leadership needs to know how important it is. So if we drop below that 50,000, a lot of plans such as community development, transportation we no longer will have access to it. I am very concerned because I don't think we have been doing a good enough job. We are close to that 50,000 and that is the real important landmark. It is critical for city like this to make sure we get the proper census.

Mayor Campana thanked Mr. Burger for reaching out to his office, and as a fellow teacher he appreciates all the hard work. He feels very optimistic about this because it is the first time somebody has approached them in an active manner. This has to be an active engagement. We have to make sure everybody is counted so everybody has to be on the same page. It affects city residents financially and let's get it done.

Mr. Allison thanked him for everything. He will be back for the next meeting.

Bill#1737-19 Ordinance #6371

Ordinance Creating an Ethics Commission of the City of Williamsport (final reading)

Mr. Lubin read the ordinance.

Mr. Allison asked for motion and a second.

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

Mr. Henderson stated if this is approved today then both Council and the mayor will have 60 days to appoint our appointees to this commission. The first two appointments by Council will only be one year terms. Then the mayor will make his appointments and his first will be a two-year term. Council will also make one more appointment which will be a three-year term. Then after that all the terms will be three years. That just gets us started in that way. So that in the next year there will already be two appointments for the commission a year out from here. As the ordinance states we will have 60 days to make those appointments to the commission and they will not be employed by the city, and they will be residents of the city as well.

Mr. Allison asked if there were other comments or questions.

The ordinance was approved in final reading with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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. Mrs. Fausnaught was absent.

Bill#1738-19

Ordinance Adopting a 6-Year Capital Projects Budget for the City for fiscal years ending 6/30/20 to 6/30/25 (first reading)

Mr. Lubin read the ordinance.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mr. Nichols stated this ordinance is to adopt a proposed six year capital programs for the City of Williamsport. As you noted in the past, this document is an action plan for the city the first two years we try to structure an action plan. This is one of three steps in consideration of the capital project. The second step budget as part of the annual budget on a calendar basis, and the third step is to actually award the project. In the administrative code this is a living document, which is subject to the provisions each year. This also serves as a federal acquirement, transportation requirement in terms of a companion document. In the report are four sections, the first section is the status report that gives you an update on the current projects that need to be completed, the second section is the actual proposed six year program, the next section gives you more detail and potential funding sources and finally the last section provide you with the narrative. Next Monday the planning commission will review the program and provided recommendation to Council, and Council will also will review this again in two weeks, and provide any comments to the Planning Commission. The total proposed is approximately \$7 million, the first two years is about prioritizing. The highlights on section 2 are budget, on page 1 for public services there is about \$1,580,000, and continuation of the brick Street rehabilitation project, streetscape being and treat Street project. There's \$250,000 for work associated with the storm sewer, and we are not sure about the other years. There's \$130,000 budgeted for the Chesapeake Bay reduction plan the partnership with Loyalsock. It is also \$11,500,000 in potential levy improvements and that approves all six years and based on the strategy that's in progress. 800,700 has been budgeted for public service projects primarily funded through liquid fuels. He went over the rest of the projects that are ongoing, Bowman Field and the band shell. He went on to review the codes department, general funding and the support system as well as City Hall renovations. RVT has program money for CNG buses and that will complete the fleet. The state grant and local funding sources are numerous for the E. 3rd St. project. All department heads are here to answer any questions. Next month the administration will be prioritizing the projects.

Ms. Miele stated Finance did review this and we sent this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. We got a little bit into discussion of storm water authority and what that looked like in terms of budgeting for next year versus budgeting for long-term. We had a bit a discussion about Memorial Park increments for next year and we believe the total budget now include some Act 13 funds as well. The Public Safety building, just so that no one gets their hopes up, which indicates were seriously interested in the project, not that were likely to move by 2021. Anything of that magnitude is probably a 10-year project when we get the funds around. But if we intend to move on a Public Safety building, it will help us

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regionalized with the services with the County. We do need to begin discussing that. The only other items that we addressed were the player of the E. 3rd St. revitalization corridor.

Mrs. Katz stated what we discussed is a lot of the projects in our budget depend on what we will get in grants, etc. We are hoping to get some funding for what the police need, but these are priorities that have been set with the departments as what they need. She continued to review Memorial Park and looking for funding for that. The chief gave a great description of all his needs, so we have to move forward and see what we can do with all this.

Mr. Nichols stated in the first two years, if it's approved it is essentially saying that everybody agrees of the priorities, and we need to develop a planning strategy of what we should do.

There is additional discussion about the police radios and vehicles and funding.

Mr. Henderson stated that this is obviously six years out and we are talking about funding, looking and planning, I would know that the plan indicates bank financing at 2.2 million. That's a lot of borrowing. I would note that since it is there, it would be better for us to plan not tomorrow then to plan tomorrow. Maybe we could write in their possible grants, well this is a wish list and I think our wish should be not borrow.

Mr. Nichols stated we have done short-term financing over a period of 4 to 5 years. It can be a planning guide I guess.

Mr. Henderson stated if we are planning, my thought is not to borrow.

Ms. Miele stated that this Council prefers not to borrow and when we are talking about upgrading, we are still talking about upgrading for Council to go digital. If it is possible to work up those numbers, it would be great and it is important in moving forward in the next six years.

Mr. Nichols stated on the next Council meeting will be bringing forward the money for RCAP.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the ordinance.

The ordinance was approved in first reading with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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. Mrs. Fausnaught was absent.

Ordinance Vacation of a Portion of Franklin St. in the 8th Ward for Lycoming College Gateway(first reading) Bill #1739-19

Mr. Lubin read the ordinance.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion on the ordinance.

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

Mr. Benner stated this is an ordinance vacating a portion of Franklin Street, and if you need a more thorough description, the attached plan will point that out. This vacation is necessary for the realignment of Franklin Street which will serve as a grand entrance to the new Lycoming College multipurpose building. The new configuration of Franklin Street will greatly improve and enhance the driving experience of people when they choose to enter the college at this location. This ordinance was reviewed by Public Works .

Mrs. Katz stated it did come to Public Works and we sent it to the body of Council with a positive recommendation. This is necessary going into what is going on the E. 3rd St. project. As everybody knows the streets are being torn up in that area and this is for the realignment of the street. This is the first reading, this will come 28 days in a second reading.

Mr. Henderson stated just a note that the second reading will occur 28 days after, and that would be if the city would vote to vacate, then there's a time for the public to be notified and if anyone should lay claim to that land, they actually have the ability to do that. That is the purpose of a 28 day waiting period. He ask if there's a reason for us to delay on this, do we need it deed of dedication?

Mr. Benner stated I do have a deed of dedication that is being filed with the county and he sent that to Austin White to look at and it will be recorded and the information will be taken from that and entered into the ordinance.

Mr. Lubin stated generally it is tied into the second reading. If there's an objection, we give that person time to look at it.

Mr. Nichols stated we ask that this be put on because the RCAP grant has a lot of special conditions and one of the special conditions is to expedite the reimbursement for the college. We would asked for your consideration to okay that tonight. It's one of those administration things that is required.

Mr. Henderson ask if there's a reason why this process did not start earlier?

Mr. Benner answered in attending the meetings with the college, I did attempt to start this earlier, I had it written and different people wanted me to hold off on it. So the timing of it wasn't completely up to him.

Mr. Henderson stated he just wandered on that because the project is moving along, and this is a big very involved project, and it is fairly significant.

Mr. Lubin stated once the street is vacated and the city's control over any of the utilities and, we cannot make a vacation continue upon continuation of the utility lines that are in the street. That has to be a separate agreement of the college. The Supreme Court ruled that we would not obtain any interest in the street once it is vacated. That is one area where it does slow a street vacation down.

Mr. Allison asked if there were any other questions.

The ordinance was approved in first reading with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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. Mrs. Fausnaught was absent.

Ordinance Vacation of a Portion of Dubois Street (remove from table) (first reading)

Mr. Lubin read the ordinance and stated we needed a motion to remove this from the table.

Mr. Allison asked for motion.

Mr. Noviello made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Slaughter.

The ordinance removed from the table with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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. Mrs. Fausnaught was absent

Mr. Benner had nothing further to add other than you have all seen Mr. White's opinion on the legal matters.

Mr. Allison stated this was reviewed again in Public Works.

Mrs. Katz stated this was a long process, we did have a public hearing and Mr. Carey was there, he is also taking care of the permits in the advertising that goes along with this process. To clarify for this, Mr. Carey

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owns the property on either side of the brick street. To vacate this, the reason why you are asking for this is in order for you to fulfill your project to enhance the building and because of the configuration of that street it is very difficult for you to do anything with the building especially since you own property on both sides. One of the things that came up with public works is usually there's a plan in place before we allow these things to happen. But you have come to us several times stating that it's difficult for you to go through the process to expand your business or get anyone else to buy that property or to bring business into that property is because of the street. It is just a crazy way that street is set up and we did send this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. It has been reviewed by the solicitors.

Mr. Henderson stated this was quite the process is not typical for us to want to vacate the street just because somebody asked. In this case he owns the property on either side, and we did check with our police chief in our fire chief and they both indicated that it would not be a problem in meeting the Public Safety needs of the city if we were to close this portion. The property owners, the tenants were all contacted and they seem to be okay.

Ms. Miele stated she could understand that that triangle is unusable.

There was a discussion about the importance of brick streets.

Mr. Jeff Carey, 616 Hepburn St.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote.

The ordinance was approved in first reading with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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. Mrs. Fausnaught was absent

Ordinance Amending the City Map to remove Dubois Street from Protected Brick St. (remove from table) (first reading)

Mr. Lubin read the ordinance.

Mr. Allison asked for motion and a second.

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

Mr. Benner stated that there were some items added to the historical record, he named the streets in addition to this that will be taken all and they are still present. There are streets on that list that have been vacated. The other Issue Is Center Street between Sixth Street, it is described right now as 5th St. and that should be changed.

Mr. Allison stated this is different than the original ordinance, so we need to amend.

Mr. Henderson called point of order because we did not take it off the table, so we need to take this off the table.

Mr. Lubin stated you can just vote to remove it from the table and then do an amending vote.

Mr. Allison asked if there was a motion to remove this from the table.

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

Mr. Allison asked for a vote.

The ordinance was removed from the table in first reading with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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. Mrs. Fausnaught was absent

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

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

Mr. Allison asked about on the amendment to the ordinance.

The ordinance was amended and approved in first reading with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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. Mrs. Fausnaught was absent

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the ordinance.

The ordinance was approved in first reading with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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. Mrs. Fausnaught was absent

Resolution #8924

Resolution to Authorize the Establishment of Fundraising for a New WBP Canine Unit

Mr. Lubin read the resolution.

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

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

Chief Hagan stated it was a pleasure to be here and talk about our efforts over the past several months to revive and reestablish our canine program here in Williamsport. As you know is to have a flourishing canine program and there were at least four dogs here in the last 20 years. We have had as many as three one time. He introduced Timothy..., trainer, Dave Bailey trainer and Mr. Peter.... All of these gentlemen have assisted and are continuing to assist us in our program. It started earlier in the year in late January, Councilwoman Katz approached the Chief and wanted to know if we could start the program again. It was exciting to even think of such a thing so we started having meetings. We started figuring out how to do it and we had visited training facilities. We were most impressed with Shallow Creek and the details are in your packet. We have a long history that goes all the way back to the 1920s were officers brought their own dogs or had other dogs and I got more serious in the 70s. Mr. Bailey was the canine officer for 24 years. He explained how they all trained together many years ago. He spoke a little about each one of them. In the first year the first team will cost us approximately \$34,000. We have already started seeing ways that we could save money. The first team will be an dual-purpose narcotics dog, as well as the second team. We would like to assign these dogs on our evening and morning shifts from 4 to 12 PM and from 12 PM to 8 AM in the morning. In the third team if we get there and we believe we will, and explosives dog. He explained the details of an explosive dog, and how useful it is. Some of the initial people that reached out to him, the indications that we are getting is were going to have a big support very quickly. Certainly the first two teams will be able to reach the required amounts very quickly.

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Mr. Henderson stated we talked about this at Public Safety and it is in the interest of the public safety of the city of Williamsport to have these dogs. We like the fact that the costs initially and hopefully ongoing only will be provided by donations and also the fact that there will be a separate bank account ensuring those funds are kept in reserve for that specific purpose it is a lot of money and a lot of effort but we believe that it is worth the money and worth the effort. We have a wonderful man who has stepped up to the plate to lead the way. Public Safety did send this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Noviello stated the information we received from the chief indicated that we have a little bit of remaining equipment from before.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed by Finance and we did forward it to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. This will be a positive initiative for the city as well as adding to the abilities of our force. We did request a couple of things though, we asked the chief to give us an idea of exactly what the costs was for each individual canine unit and we ask that we set some basic financial limits. We will not initiate this program until we have the funding for each year. We don't want to end up in a situation where we have the dog and only part of the costs. The only other observations are two. We had the discussion at the meeting whether or not South Williamsport has some funding left over.

Chief Hagan stated the funds from South Williamsport are depleted, but they did make a cage available to us which will save a couple hundred dollars. The funding is either gone or near the gone and we will not be able to access it.

Ms. Miele stated in terms of a time commitment from our officers specifically, what are we looking at?

Chief Hagan answered one full day every two weeks and that is the standard. There are also other trainings that, where we take full advantage to enhance the skill level.

Ms. Miele stated that her follow-up question based on the question about how much time will be taking out of any officer schedule, I am wondering if we would want to set some sort of staggered timelines based on what our needs are, timeline within the department. We need to see whether our staffing capabilities are up to par. Her concern was adding the huge amount of manpower for three dogs. So she wanted to have a discussion real quick about how to stagger out or overwhelm our manpower with canine acquisition.

Chief Hagan stated it is one of two things, if we don't have enough manpower on the days that these canine officers trained, we have to be willing to pay the overtime or hire more people. Coincidentally, I am going to be asked to hire more people. You may not approve of that, but there are two different philosophies. A department that was once 55 officers dwindled down to 51, so we had 51 doing the work of many more. I don't know how much that will affect shifts, it depends on when they bid their days off. The actual canine training day could be moved to a day when we are heavy on manpower and does not affect our minimum. But if on a particular shift in some particular year, we might have to be willing to pay the overtime or we would have to talk more seriously about having just maybe three more officers so there would be one more per shift. Those are conversations we are obviously going to have in the near future during budget time.

Mr. Allison stated he agrees with Ms. Miele, we have some idea of what the budget is going to look like, and is not a pretty picture for this year and the year to come, and we wish that we could give every single thing, but the city taxpayers are stressed with real estate bills. We are the highest in this area. But as with any new program we need to think about it. He asked how many of the costs are recurring costs?

Chief Hagan answered there is a separate figure of approximately 6228 per year and after the dogs are purchased, you are looking at a little over \$6000 per year to maintain each unit. He stated he doesn't anticipate much over time, these are patrol officers and when they work they count towards manpower. There is additional discussion on police manpower and overtime.

Mrs. Katz stated this program is near and dear to her heart, and she complimented the chief for all that he has done and what he has done for this program. We are all excited to start getting this going. The goal was to have a dog by the end of the year. One of the things that we have to realize is a dog is an ambassador of the city, it is a tool to protect our officers, and it is going to help decrease crime, because when people see dogs they don't go do things that they normally would do. So in the long run were going to save money. She has heard from the school districts how much the dogs have been missed. She thanked the chief and everyone for all the work they've done to this.

Chief Hagan stated if we get this going right and take care of these teams and train them right, he felt there going to last for good. The argument for so long was we could have an officer shot or attacked, and the presence of these dogs could very well be the difference of people shooting at you or not. He spoke about criminals in the area, and why they wouldn't come into the city anymore was because of the dogs. It is difficult to measure but it does have a suppressing impact. They keep people from getting killed.

Mr. Henderson also spoke about the need that we heard and the incredible value of such a tool for our force. But yes there is going to be a costs, and the manpower hours, it is something we have to take into consideration and I think all involved need to be aware of that. I think this marks a defining moment of the direction we want to go to some extent. He felt it was a good move in a good direction. He felt that we set a priority by moving ahead here and it will be an ongoing process, and we might not have three dogs this year. So we will grow our way into it.

Ms. Miele stated she wanted to understand the budgetary impacts of this program, and we know a lot of it, but what she is curious to do is request as part of this resolution, a report to Council of the funds for each dog by the chief. That is not an item that would come before us as a rule.

Mr. Lubin stated it would be under the \$20,000 contract rule, but we are looking at a budget for next year, and you could add a clause to it that the chief will report to Council quarterly with the fundraising.

Ms. Miele made a motion to amend this resolution to say that city Council will receive updates on the funding quarterly .

Mr. Henderson seconded.

Chief Hagan stated he intended on giving quarterly reports. There was additional discussion on fundraising.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the amendment.

The amendment to the resolution was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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. Mrs. Fausnaught was absent.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

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Ms. Miele wanted to check with other members of Council if they find appraised of us having to have the Chief come before us to give reports.

Mr. Henderson stated what he would be looking for is how it would affect man hours, and he was thinking we can still control that in our budget discussions.

Ms. Miele was concerned about having this discussion before we have the animals and that was her concern. She continued on and stated her concerns about impacting the 2020 budget.

Mrs. Katz stated that we have not even seen the chief's budget yet. And she felt that it was a bit premature worrying about the overtime.

Chief Hagan stated that he knows that his officers will not want to work a lot of overtime and he doesn't want officers extremely tired.

Mr. Allison spoke about just taking on the big picture and asked the chief if he has some sense of some of the fun money he's going to get. Does he have a timeline?

Chief Hagan stated we need the right person for the job and have the right facilities for this. We are assuming that's going to happen soon, and he felt the fundraising will come pretty quickly. We are probably looking at an eight year commitment for each team.

Mr. Allison stated that the chief has been excellent with his ability to communicate to Council, and you reach out to us and you are always there for our help when we reach out to you. We appreciate that and we like to air things out in public.

Mayor Campana stated he would like to say a few words about the budget, because he knows there are some concerns. We are in the early stages of that Mr. Nichols can confirm that preliminary budget is coming before my desk. The first thing I do is pull out the red pen. I just want to let you know that we are not committed to a certain amount.... Wherever I feel comfortable with the final number that's what I will submit.

Mr. Allison stated right now we are going on the three year budget, and it's pretty accurate.

Mayor Campana stated hopefully before the end of the year we can talk about properties, and we can get to that point where we are looking at selling. He would like to sit with city Council and discuss things like that.

Mr. Henderson stated these are all real concerns with the budget and at some point this is in the hands of the administration and we trust the administration to manage well within the limits of the budget constraints that we give them. I would agree with your statement, if our police chief feels that he won't be able to stay within his boundaries, he just won't purchase another dog. We have limits to what our power is in the administration has to do with they do. We do everything we can to make sure that the financial decisions we are making are not committing ourselves to have to raise taxes even more.

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.

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. Mrs. Fausnaught was absent

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

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

The minutes were accepted for filing with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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. Mrs. Fausnaught was absent

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26, 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 16	12:00 PM Planning Commission
Tuesday, Sept 17	10:00 AM Blighted Property
	3:30 PM ERC
	6:30 PM HARB
Wednesday, Sept. 18	4:00 PM Quarterly Pension Review
Thursday, Sept 19	10:30 AM Zoning Hearing Board
	4:00 PM Board of Health
Tuesday, Sept 24	11:00 AM Historical Preservation
	1:00 PM Finance Committee
	2:30 PM Public Works
	3:30 PM Public Safety
	7:00 PM Citizen Corps
Wednesday, Sept 25	11:30 AM Redevelopment Authority
Thursday, Sept 26	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.
There were none.

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

Mr. Frank Stucco, 619 1st Ave. we had a lot of gas company work on my street lately, and it's been crazy. A friend of mine put in a new side walk, on second Avenue, and a few years later the government came out and tore at his sidewalk so he lost thousands of dollars. I just had a neighbor put in a new sidewalk and the city will go through what they like to do, they will rip out his sidewalk. So I don't think anyone could put a sidewalk in that area. It is a job for the city and it is a job for the government. It is a large job and has to be coordinated and can be done by individuals. I heard a couple different prospects perhaps a curb would be put in with the new paving that the gas company would do. I'm not just talking about my neighborhood, this probably would extend over a lot of neighborhoods. So if there's an issue with the height of a curb, there will be an issue with flooding..... I talked to different departments,inaudible....pond for excess water. It seems like a better idea to put in reservoirs down along the dike. If possible. Technically you can't put a drain to the curb anymore because of federal guidelines. Somebody at the top has to step forward to the federal government and come up with some kind of plan. This is a major issue all across the city. What a compulsion the street and is 5 inches deep. We're not going to get away with dumping the water and 5% of the area of grass. The money is being spent poorly by individuals, and hopefully not by the government. I don't think this is such a far-fetched concept. Maybe the mayor knew something he can ask or say.

Mr. Allison answered stormwater in general is a frontline issue with the city right now and we are looking for ways to address that in a comprehensive way. We need a stormwater plan that will address those things. We need separate areas. We are in the process of moving that ahead. I'd have to talk to Mr. Gerardi about that and ask him how we can enforce that.

Mr. Stucco answered about how to let people know...maybe the newspaper and Mr. Allison stated we already coordinate with the utilities. And Mr. Stucco asked that something go out through the public, may be sending letters out like you do for zoning variance.

Mr. Allison thanked him for his contribution.

Adjournment

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by **Mrs. Katz and seconded by Ms. Miele.**

Motion was carried by a **unanimous at 9:48 PM** "ayes".

Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank
City Clerk