

CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT, PA

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL No. 1785-21

SESSION OF 2021

Approved on first reading

This day 4th of NOV 2021

Members of City Council:

ALLISON, MIELE, KATZ, YODER
MACKEY, PULIZZI, BANKS

Approved on final reading

This day 2nd of Dec 2021

AN ORDINANCE

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART 1 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT that the city's codified Ordinances, Part 1 - Administrative Code, be amended as follows:

SECTION 1: The following Ordinances of Part 1 of the City's Codified Ordinances are amended, as reflected in the attachments hereto:

a. Article 111

SECTION 2: In all other respects, Part 1 of the City's Codified Ordinances remains in force and effect, to the extent not amended hereby.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance amendment shall become effective twenty days after final enactment.

ATTEST:

Janice M. Frank
Janice Frank, City Clerk

Randall J. Allison
Randall J. Allison, President

Derek J. Slaughter
Derek J. Slaughter, Mayor

Article 111: Council

Amend and add language as follows:

§ 111.01 Composition, Meetings, and Proceedings

(n) Rule 11: Committees of Council

(1) City Council shall have seven standing committees with the representation as listed. They shall report directly to the City Council after considering the questions referred to them.

(G) Committee on Transportation Oversight

1. Three members of City Council;
2. Mayor
3. City Controller
4. Director of Finance and Administration
5. Director of Williamsport Bureau of Transportation / River Valley Transit
6. Chief Financial Officer, Williamsport Bureau of Transportation / River Valley Transit
7. Controller, Williamsport Bureau of Transportation / River Valley Transit
8. Compliance Officer, Williamsport Bureau of Transportation / River Valley Transit
9. Member of the WATTS Committee designated by that Committee

Adam J. Yoder
Member of Council



Committee Assignments
Capital Budget & Finance
Economic Revitalization
Public Safety

Williamsport City Council

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council Members (7), Derek Slaughter – Mayor, Nicholas Grimes – Treasurer, Peg Woodring – Controller, Department Heads
FROM: Councilman Adam Yoder
DATE: October 21, 2021
SUBJECT: Ordinance Amending Part 1 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Williamsport – Committee on Transit Oversight

Fellow Members of Council, Mayor Slaughter, City Administration and Elected Officials,

Attached for your review is an ordinance that updates and formalizes City Council's committee structure to create and include a new standing committee for Oversight of the Williamsport Department of Transportation / River Valley Transit.

Following the presentation in the October 19th Finance Committee on the Audit Findings of the 2019-2020 fiscal year of River Valley Transit, it is clear that more direct and formal oversight is needed to ensure adequate compliance with State and Federal rules and regulations. In addition to the findings and discussion in the October 19th Finance Committee, this recommendation is outlined in the most recent Act 44 Performance Review of River Valley Transit, released by PennDOT in September 2021. These sentiments are broadly shared within our slate of elected city leaders, noted in the Finance Committee discussion on October 19th.

City Council has begun to address core structural issues in City Government through updating the Administrative Code in August / September 2020 to ensure checks and balances are adequately in place and in alignment with the current structure of the Executive Branch of City Government. Providing formal oversight of the Department of Transportation in a manner consistent with our longstanding operating procedures and committee structure is an extension and natural next step in addressing these issues. By enacting this piece of legislation before you, City Council's legislative role in ensuring the wrongdoings of the past are corrected continues. Passing this piece of legislation not only addresses the issue of oversight in a manner that is in full alignment with the Third Class Optional Charter but uses longstanding processes and structures that have served the City of Williamsport and City Council well for decades.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, and I will look forward to our discussions in committee and at the full body of City Council.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam J. Yoder".

Adam J. Yoder
Williamsport City Council

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