

**Thursday July 9, 2020  
Williamsport, PA**

Council President Randy Allison brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday July 9, 2020 at 6:30 PM on Zoom. Chris Cooley did livestream the meeting.

**Council members present:**

Randy Allison, President  
Elizabeth Miele, Vice President  
Bonnie Katz, Councilwoman  
Adam Yoder, Councilman  
Vince Pulizzi, Councilman  
Jon Mackey, Councilman, absent  
David Banks, Councilman

**Absent:**

**Also, Present:**

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

**Council President Randy Allison announced an executive session before this Council meeting. The City Council meeting started at 7:02 PM after the executive session.**

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for the 06/25/20, 6/30/20 were approved upon a motion **Mr. Pulizzi and a second from Ms. Miele. All were in favor. The vote was 6 to 0. Mr. Mackey was absent**

**Limited Courtesy of the Floor**

There have been no requests.

**Mr. Allison changed the order of the agenda.**

**Resolution #9052**

**Resolution Agreement for Economic Analytics Services between City & Kapoor Company**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Pawlak stated the agreement is to analytic services., this proposal is being brought before you at the recommendation of our labor council who is representing the city's interest in the scheduled act 111 interest arbitration along with negotiations with other collective bargaining units. how are requests will impact the city's future. in addition to assisting with any arbitrations or negotiations, the mayor firmly believes that the information that will be provided on the economic condition of the city may be valuable to downing sill in the upcoming -- council in the upcoming budget preparation.

With that said, we're recommending this move forward and we're proposing the funding to come from the legislative contingency line and the mayor has also discussed with the Kapoor company of the cost for these services and we've agreed to an amount not more than 16,500 which is written into the resolution. The mayor has also invited the president of Kapoor company if anyone has questions and we will be using Pat Harvey as well. Finance did review this on Tuesday.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed by the finance committee and sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. Given the extensive amount of discussion we've had over the last several months about the impact of covid-19 on the city's budget and how to measure and how to begin to adjust for the impacts that covid will have on the city's budget mean the absence of any upcoming contract negotiations that as we know we're looking at fire, police, and river valley transit coming up here in the course of the next year before the end of this year ideally. this might -- this sort of investigation might be a wise idea one way or the other but especially given that we have three contracts coming up and that information might be useful for those contracts.

Mr. Allison asked if there were other comments or questions from finance committee members?  
There were none.

Mayor Slaughter stated he'd like Mr. Kapoor to speak for a brief moment here and we'll be able to utilize his services and so mr. kapoor did agree that even outside of the contract we'd be able to update and with flexible working.

Mr. Kapoor thanked the mayor, thank you very much for the opportunity to be here, i'm currently a city councilmember in Ashton, North Carolina. i'll be moving back to the Pennsylvania area. i can tell you right now this is obviously a very difficult time to be a councilmember. we are struggling down here with the same issues that you are struggling with which is the economic impact of covid-19 on your city's economic situation and as most of you know, there's a lot of uncertainty out there. As the mayor indicated, what i typically provide in terms of my services is a high level and as well as a granular analysis of many third class city's economic conditions and typically we do those obviously for labor negotiations and we work with your community to basically help individuals and help arbitrators and unions as well as advocates understand the city's economic condition. In terms of what i will -- why i think this is important and i think the mayor indicated this as well is that much of my analysis in terms of looking at your economic condition which is quite uncertain and i think most of us realize that the down side is quite more significant than the upside in terms of what will likely happen over the next couple of months. -- considered to be just part and parcel of the work provided so i hope that gives you an overview. I'd be happy to answer any specific questions any of you all may have.

Mr. Allison had a question.. i couldn't show up for the finance committee meeting the other day to hear some of the details they discussed. just a brief question about the analysis that you do. is it structured

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solely for us or does it give us some kind of comparison to other communities like us or some picture of where we stand in relation to that.

Mr. Kapoor answered so in terms of the economic analysis, what i'll be looking at kind of at a high level is specifically at Williamsport's economic situation and providing context both statewide as well as with respect to other third class city maze terms of what's going on with some of your economic factors. where wing it's very valuable another part of the presentation i do with respect to comparisons is i look at a compensation analysis with other third class cities so as puerilities of this, i'll be conducting a compensation analysis with other third class city fire departments and that will all be part of the presentation.

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. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Mackey was absent.**

**Mr. Allison moved some other items up from the agenda.**

Lot –Add on – St. Lukes' Evangelical Lutheran Church 1408 Bloomingrove Road

Mr. Knarr addressed City Council. what we're presenting tonight is a subdivision request from St. Luke's Church. what they're requesting to do is subdivide that small parcel of property and add it on to the property and it's just merely for access for them to drive. what that will do is give them access off Lemon Grove and take that small parcel and add it which will also give them obviously back on the tax roles. it was reviewed by planning and they gave positive recommendation.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

**Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Banks.**

**The lot – Add on was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor.**

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

Lot Consolidation Plan – 2606 Linn Street Kenneth & Wendy Hunter

Mr. Knarr stated what i present to you is a lot consolidation plan for 2606 Linn street owned by Ken and Wendy Hunter. As you see based off the plans provided to you they have three parcels. one they have a home on which is basically where they reside and then there's two lots. both of those lots are nonconforming lots. what this lot consolidation will do is bring it into one parcel and alleviate two nonconforming lots which is what zoning does prefer. it was reviewed by both planning as well as county with positive recommendation and i can answer any questions at this time.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

**The Lot Consolidated Plan on was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor.**

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

Subdivision plan – UPMC Susquehanna 904 Campbell Street

Mr. Knarr stated the- fronts Fourth & Campbell which is a medical office building to the north. in addition the parking lot to the north of the hospital itself. what they have been doing is subdividing off the building as well as some parking that will stay on its own and be the new lot. and then the rest of the parking lot will be basically adjoined to UPMC property which they currently have. again, one of the reasons why they're looking at doing that is for a possible development or use of that building.

Ms. Miele stated she had assumed that the lot has been grandfathered in, Mr. Knarr answered yes.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

**Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and Mr. Yoder seconded it.**

**The sub-division was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor.**

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

Bill #1760-20

An Ordinance Adopting a six-year Capital Project Budget for City for Fiscal Years 6/30/21 to 6/30/25 (first reading)

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance in first reading.

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

Mr. Pawlak explained on tuesday, due to some time constraints, if finance committee made it through most of the budget but did not get through the final page of the proposed capital project budget and i believe their thought because of the time constraint that they had that they would be able to review that more thoroughly if needed before the second reading in two weeks. so i believe my plan for going through this is how we typically have done it in the past and we'll focus on the first two years of the budget.

years ending 2021 and 2022 if the and let the final four years represent items that we're looking into but aren't quite ready to -- under the proposed capital project budget i'll start with public services. under the street improvements, in the first two years, plans include street resurfacing and rehab, curb ramps, a new berry trail connection, lights on initiative and street trees for a total in year one of 1 million 37,000 in year two of 985,000. under the second grouping storm sewers, separation of storm sewers, chesapeake bay pollution reduction plan and year one is total is 4 million 695,000 and in year two, 325,000.

a majority of that first year budget relates to Graiffus run where we've committed a grant i believe to dep.

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we're still waiting to hear back on any award to that but that is a project that we're hoping to get started in the next year and i think it's a project on everyone's minds here on council and in that area. the next section, flood control, includes cat gores of pump station structure and equipment repairs, drainage structure repairs, and the levy improvements for a total in year one of 2 million 689,000 and year two of 3 million 425,000. a may have been portion of that -- main portion of that is the work that was approved earlier this year or the grants submission that was approved earlier this year for the 2019 disaster funds. there was a grant submitted here in June for that so we'll await notice of the receipt of that grant or see if we have to explore other funding sources potentially. Going to page two under recreation. projects include parks, Shaw Place, Brandon Park and police station park for a total in year one of 1 million 399,000 and year two of 525,000. and then a miscellaneous grouping for equipment and facility roof replacements for a total in year one for 220,000 and year two, 215,000 for a total year one budget for public service projects of 10 million 40,000. in year two of 5 million 475,000.

Ms. Miele explained they were delayed in Finance so they had smaller discussions.

That said, we had some discussion related to the related to Graffius run to making certain that the potential earmark that i believe we'd all understood might be moving through the process and the State should be keeping an eye on that and it was i believe Penn strategies working on that initially. and we had as we know because of the pandemic we've had some -- we've put some of our consultants on hold and that bears some thinking on. we also had some discussion about the levy improvements and the extent to which those were actually ago for the upcoming two-year period. most of that have funding is in place. not all of them. and aside from that we won't here until around November about funding for the park so we know that the capital budget -- projects budget in the first two years generally speaking is slightly more likely to happen but we are still as we remind everyone every year looking at a bit of a wish list. these are projects we'd like to see come off in the years closer to us possibly -- are likely to occur. the ones in the out years we have no idea and depends on whether or not funding proves to be in place when we get there. i would of course mention that in particular related to the big ticket item under public safety and this budget which we did not talk about at finance but the \$15 million for the public safety bill. in 2021-2022, it is important for the public to understand that we don't have the money. and -- have that money and note that it's not a project we're working on, that's why it's the upcoming two years. but just because it appears in the capital projects budget does not mean that it will come to fruition. i think we've had that one item in that spot there for -- well, at least six or seven years that i can recollect out of the last few. So that said, the finance committee did forward it to the full body of council for the recommendation but bearing in mind that we have not given it the close scrutiny we would have liked to because of time constraints. and that we'll be happy to revisit it at the next meeting.

Mr. Pulizzi stated so reading down through this jump in at any time we're looking at 2021-20212 -- for Graffius Run, the grants were submitted but we don't have the funding correct?

Mr. Pawlak answered not to my knowledge. i've not heard of any award. >> just to clarify, they actually are not -- it's not a grant application that was submitted. i believe my understanding was it was potential earmark of some new state funding and i'm sure it's pretty hard to say at this point exactly what is funded through the state and what's not given the pandemic but it was not quite as straightforward as a grant application that got submitted and will at some point be rejected or awarded.

Mr. Pulizzi stated that he is curious here so we've got \$4.3 million for graffius run and 2.5 almost \$2.6 million for the levy and strategies has been the one working on getting this -- most of this grant money for us, is that correct?

Mr. Pawlak answered Penn Strategies was involved with Graffius Run and --

Mr. Pulizzi asked you said was? does that mean they're not involved anymore? they were the ones initiating that project. i'm sorry. that came off incorrect.

Mr. Pawlak stated Penn Strategies is working on and started the process with Graffius Run and the program that they're proposing to go through for that earmarking some funds for the levy improvements. that is Thomas Keller & associates who have submitted the grant applications and i believe that they're also working with the county on projects related to the levy that are being done through the county.

Mr. Pulizzi said i was just going to say they just recently i believe here in July

Mr. Pawlak answered i've not had discussions with the mayor on that topic.

Mrs. Katz stated we just got news -- just got news for the governor's capital budget. in the governor's capital budget there is penn strategies was able to get \$10 million put in for the public safety building. so we're excited about that and i know nothing is in the plans yet. there's no plans or anything else. but to realize that there could be money down the line for a public safety building i think is exciting. \$10 million is a lot of money. that's a nice round number.

any questions about any other parts?

Mr. Mackey stated this is obviously maybe a conversation to have at a later date but i just think i would like to point out that we're allocating \$50,000 for about .6 miles of brick streets. i understand there's a lot of nostalgia tied into those streets but i think it's worth having a discussion about in the near future. i have never talked to anyone who enjoys driving on those streets.

Ms Miele stated we'll have to do that off line because i don't need to bore the entire population with my opinion on it right now but not that i have anywhere near the hub russ to think that the population is currently listening.

Mr. Pawlak stated i think we budget 50,000 every year. some years that is not spent in the maintenance. it needs to be done.

Ms. Miele just wanted to ask Ms. Young about the Shaw Place Park 500,000 budget for next year's budget. What plans do you have in mind for Shaw Place park?

Ms. Young answered Shaw place park is not CDBG eligible.

Ms. Miele stated Young Woods just needs a little bit of tlc. it needs a new pavilion. some landscaping. some lighting. pathways.

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Ms. Young answered we actually looked at that and wondered whether to go ahead with Young Woods and we decided that Lose school park would be the priority but Shaw Place is not CDBG eligible. it's listed under act 13 DCNR for the following year's project.

Ms. Miele stated i just wondered if there's actually a plan in mind for that park or just still kind of a wish list. i think with all the parks we're looking at any ADA improvements. the inclusive playground is something we've looked at at Lose Park but lighting and pathways and landscaping. ada ramp for those and for shaw park there's been some discussion as well. there's a lot of space out there.

Ms. Miele stated that Ms. Young said it's not CDBG eligible so p definitely look at various funding streams but Shaw Park has i think the opportunity to do some nice improvements out there.

Mr. Pulizzi stated the reason i ask is because i've heard specifically Penn Strategies mention to me about a greenway grant that does a 15% match. is that something we've looked at, at all?

Mr. Pawlak stated that's the one we used for memorial park for the inclusive playground that's going on. we've utilized that before.

Mr. Pulizzi stated okay. are we looking to go after that for any of these other parks coming up here?

Mr. Pawlak said the one for memorial park is an active grant. we just did the very first drawdown on that one and then we put in to DCNR for Lose school park so we tend not to just tax these funding sources until we've received more of that whether or not we're going to get an award so we'll wait to hear about lows school park and then we're currently working on memorial park so i think until we can get those two going, we probably would not put any other grant applications because those were the two main sources. we're already engaged with trying to secure at least the funds for lows school park. we already have it for memorial park.

Ms. Young stated when we look at Young Woods, of course, we're going to look at accessibility issues and all of that obviously in the plan. that's a requirement of DCNR that's the very first thing that they look at. are you doing accessibility improvements. are you meeting the ada standards.

Ms. Miele asked i had a quick question about and i've asked this before and stephanie has given me an answer and i can't quite remember. we, generally speaking, submit an application anywhere between -- we only submit one application and my assumption is we consider ourselves like we only get funded for one application annually at best.

Mr. Pawlak answered i think it depends on how much we're asking for. we had Ways Garden and Brandon park going but at the same time they were different funding sources. Brandon Park was land and water conservation funds. DCNR was -- the land and water fund is federal so -- we wait until that grant cycle has passed before we apply again.

Ms. Miele stated the reason that i'm asking is that i know that there are a handful of arms of that dcnr grant process that comes due in April, and just in discussing things with a couple of other council people and sort of wondering if we might not be able to try not to conflict with our parks applications but perhaps them look at some funding related to Graffius run from the same pot. especially if we're looking to do something like daylight a portion of graffius run or something like that. anyway, all of that i think is just to say that when the administration is pursuing the application process for dcnr perhaps for gcrp next year i would not mind being included in the discussion just so that if there is an opportunity for us to try and go after two different arms of the same funding source.

Mr. Banks stated Graffius Run is going to become the new project for the city. Councilwoman Miele and i have talked on numerous occasions. lit be a great project. it would be ambitious. There were no more questions or discussions.

Mr. Allison asked for the vote on the ordinance in first reading.

**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.**

**Resolution #9047**

**Resolution to Adopt an Amended Citizen Participation Plan**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Ms. Young stated this resolution amends the citizen participation plan because of the covid-19 situation It was suggested we add language to the plan in the event of an emergency public hearings will be handled virtually via conference calls or live streaming. It was available for the public to comment on -- from July 1st to July 9th and this was reviewed by the finance committee.

Ms. Miele stated there was not much to discuss, it was forwarded to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on this 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 #9048**

**Resolution to Approve a CARES Act Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Ms. Young stated the City has been notified that it will receive funding in the amount of \$609,271.00. This is Community Block funding, it must be used for the coronavirus. in order to receive a grant contract for this funding, the city must prepare an amendment most recently approved act yule action plan ahead of still reviewing a 2020 annual action plan and has recommended amending the 2019 annual action plan to

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account for the funds. the funding must adhere to the requirements of benefitting persons of low to moderate income range and be used to address covid-19 pandemic. it also must not be a duplication of benefits and is intended to be used as gap funding. we're proposing to allocate 559 now \$271 to public service activities. local nonprofits that benefit low to moderate income population will be given an opportunity apply for the funding similar to the annual action plan. the organizations that are selected for funding will enter into a sub recipient agreement with the city. we're also proposing to allocate \$50,000 to a microenterprise loan program for covid-related projects, this has been in the City since 1977. The microenterprise has five or fewer employees including the owner. the owner or a minimum of 51% of its employees must meet HUD's low to moderate income levels based on family medium income. The microenterprise must be located within the corporate limits within the City of Williamsport. The program will be the same as the existing program loans are offered at a 3% interest rate over a ten-year term. the first year of payment is deferred and the ten-year repayment period begins after the deferment. The maximum local is \$10,000. This was reviewed by Finance.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed by the finance committee and forwarded to the full body of council with a positive recommendation. Most of our discussion revolved around the \$559,000 allocated to be disbursed to area nonprofits. and most of that was driven by me. i wanted to make certain that we thought that was the best possible use of that funding. The plan is to do at least two phases basically of allocation of this cares act if you knowing such that in at some point we come to the conclusion that the city itself can do can or should utilize a portion of the funding to do some of the work that we feel would benefit the community post covid we'd be in a position to do that and she does not believe that there would be -- that it would be a huge undertaking to change the scope of our goals for the fund, so that is to say this is the path we decided on, the wisest path at the moment and but we will not be handing out \$559,000 between now and tend of the month or anything and then look at ourselves and say, man, we wish we'd hung on to some of that. We did forward it to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Allison stated this will be a great program and there are a lot of unknowns out there for COVID.

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

**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 #9053**

**Resolution Amending an Agreement for 2020 Labor & Employment Legal Services for City of Williamsport**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Pawlak stated this resolution is to amend a recent resolution that was adopted earlier this year with Campbell Durant. The Campbell Durrant firm represents us in labor negotiations and any interest arbitrations that we may get into related to the collective bargaining agreement. With the potential of an upcoming Act 111 interest arbitration we're requesting to increase the budget by 10,000 so we won't disrupt their progress if things proceed to that arbitration. with that, the funding will be at the top of the budget for the hearings and litigation line item and we're asking to increase the amount.

This was reviewed by Finance on Tuesday.

Mrs. Katz stated yes, this was discussed at finance and we have been using Campbell Durant and miller -That's a lot of names, for quite some time. we're very happy with what they accomplished. everything that's going to be going on with all of our contract negotiations i think is -- we discussed how this is going to be needed and this was passed this on to council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Pulizzi stated he was curious to where this funding will come from.

Mr. Pawlak answered as indicated in my cover memo the hearings and litigation line item which is in the mayor's department account 79030. the previous resolution also is -- the resolution i did earlier had that same account and as indicated i think during that presentation we were looking to transfer the money down from the legislative contingency.

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, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele was absent and Mr. Allison voted yes.**

**Resolution #9049**

**Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a 2020 RAM Promaster Cargo Van W/Hvac Upfit**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Winder stated this is to purchase 2020 Cargo Van and the up fit is to allow jordan philman, the heating and cooling expert that we have here, he currently uses a dodge caravan that was a shuttle vehicle and with the up fit the total amount is \$43,093.50. Apple auto is state contract pricing.

in the packet with the resolution we did reach out for a few extra quotes just to show that state contract pricing is definitely cheaper. We tried to purchase it locally but unfortunately it's not state contract price.

Mrs. Katz had a question about the local share, the amount was \$1,149.00.this one part of the CCA.

Mrs. Katz stated Public Works did review this and sent it to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. The only question was we need the amount on the resolution. It is Co-Stars and a much needed vehicle.

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.**

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

Resolution #9050

Resolution Awarding the 2020 Contracts for Street Line Painting & Bituminous Seal Coating for the City

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Winder stated this is our annual resolution, different items are put out to bid, the West Branch, it is very similar through our aggregates. It will cost the paving throughout the City and also South Reach Road. the street line painting is in the amount of \$12,057.38. - the street line painting was awarded to mid Atlantic Market incorporated. And the tar and chip was awarded to inaudible this is an annual thing that in the budget you will see where it said the traffic line panning is funded through the general fund. but due to budget restraints,

Mrs. Katz stated this comes to us every year and if you noticed, Mr. Winder always uses tar and chip and never says bituminous anyhow, like i said, this is passed on to the full body of council with a positive recommendation. it is something that comes to us yearly.

Mr. Allison stated it's not directly related to this particular item but since we're talking streets, i've noticed around the city there's some cuts being made in work being done on streets that were recently paved.

Mr. Winder answered voice inaudible....

Mr. Knarr stated they are required to pave the full width and we are fully aware.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote.

**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, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele was absent and Mr. Allison voted yes.**

Resolution #9051

Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the City of Williamsport & Mark Calderini

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

**Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.**

Chief Killian stated prior to Mr. Calderini being chosen as our new deputy fire chief with several decades of experience starting in the Pittsburgh area. He was chosen through an extensive search for the deputy Chief's position as some of the internal people turned the position down. We received 31 applications nationwide, he, HR Director, Chief Hagan, and numerous members of administration. Our union went through separate measures. He comes to us with he was a paramedic in the city of Pittsburgh in addition to working in healthcare. the healthcare industry in the Pittsburgh area before spending the last 20 years in Sarasota county, Florida where he started as a firefighter paramedic in special operations and advanced into a lieutenants captains and most recently battalion chief's position in public safety communication. he has an extensive amount of experience in emergency management. staff training. research. development program and project management safety compliance and urban search and rescue operations. He holds a bachelor's degree of science in business administration, a bachelor's in public safety administration, and a master's degree in executive fire leadership. he will be signed into an administrative position, nonunion as deputy chief and be responsible for day-to-day operations, fire department training, the assistance with emergency management and upcoming strategic planning. and the accreditation process that the bureau of fire is going through. He has an anticipated start date of August 10th if everything goes as hoped tonight with the agreement. and he comes to our area being semi familiar with our area as his wife has family here so he's travelled to the city before and he's actually visited the fire house a few times over the next several years. it's my pleasure and -- to present mr. Calderini to council for consideration for this position. i think he's going to be extremely valued.

Mrs. Katz stated this was discussed at public Safety. We did not have a bio on this gentleman, you were reading it off and nothing was given to us at all. It would have been nice to have in our hands. He comes from a large department.

Chief Killian answered i should point out though that under his direct supervision there was approximately 35 employees which is the same number very close to number we have here.

Mrs. Katz stated because my question was coming from a big department like that you're coming into a small department running a big department and i take it this was in Pittsburgh. it's a big difference coming to Williamsport which is a smaller venue all the way around. Tthe other question that i didn't ask you and you stated this at the meeting at the committee meeting that you asked a couple of firemen if they were willing to take this position. did you post this job at all?

Chief Killian answered the position was not specifically posted internally because it's an administrative position with my director, it's my responsibility to typically and what has happened typically in the past is the fire chief with approval of the mayor has approved their deputy chief so they had a couple of internal candidates in discussion with them and again with the direction that our department is going with entering the strategic planning profession and specifically with the skills that are needed for this specific position with regard to department level training. Developing and delivering and the specifications that are need so the people who i felt would be a good fit for the position were offered the position after some interview process that HR and i ran the position internally, the two people that I offered the position to, declined so we decided to essentially have an open posting. so the position was open to anyone internal or external who met the requirements that we laid out in the qualifications that we laid out for the position and there were no internal applicants.

Mrs. Katz asked how does the complement of men feel about going outside to hire someone? does this not affect morale? what is the perception?

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Chief Killian answered so i think the perception is we need to find the most qualified person that we can to add value to our department. you know, we have extremely the best firefighters here that I have ever worked with in the entire country. With that we are looking for a specific skill set that is in tune with the department. So the accreditation, strategic planning or training. and because of that and the fact that we were very open and honest with the entire department, i have run a very transparent department. everyone is well aware of our intentions of what we are doing, going forward and multiple members of our department took part in every step of the interview process which is the first time as far as i know in the history of our department that that's ever happened. We have three i believe three members of the department that sat in on the phone interview. three of them sat in on the zoom interviews and they were brought in on individual days the three finalists for the entire department was able to come and meet them where they did a presentation where all of our platoon officers were present in the final interview. so every single person had the opportunity to come in and meet them and be part of the interview process. and i think that definitely has helped to negate any potential concerns for bringing in someone from outside the department. In turn, there's a certain level of excitement with a lot of you are folks in approximate perspective that someone with a great amount of experience in emergency services and background is going to bring in. they're always may be frustrations from time to time but that's happening regardless of whether someone who -is in a non union department.

Mrs. Katz stated you gave us a contract for three years, we have a contract for him, but we don't have any other contract.

Chief Killian answered that this is an employment agreement and not a contract. This was developed and run through Austin White as the solicitor to three year employment agreement with an opt out at any time by either party. He would hesitate to call it a contract and he will not be receiving a pension or will be receiving healthcare under the terms of the employment agreement as any other member of the department along with the collective bargaining agreement.

Mr. Mackey stated sorry if this -- if you already answered this question but could you elaborate again on the process as far as the internal candidates go? you said this was not posted.

Chief Killian answered yes sir that is correct so again things have been i'll say inconsistent in if past with how how administrative appointments are made. He explained the process, ad the Mayor could actually appoint. Once he was promoted and established the deputy chief position, there were 3 candidates qualified and we had an informal process and we made job offers to two candidates who turned the position down. So we advertised outside the department.

Mr. Allison stated it sounds like a pretty throughout process and he stated that the administrators like you have your hands full during a fire. if anyone on the lines has ever had the occasion to be at one there's a command post and the two -- the chief and the deputy chief will be mighty busy. so it's good that we have a little bit of extra there. He appreciates that.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

**The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 2. .**

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

Accept for Filing:

Williamsport Water Authority 05/27/20  
Williamsport Sanitary Authority 05/27/20

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

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

**The minutes were accepted for filing 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, Ms. Miele was absent and Mr. Allison voted yes.**

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday July 23, 2020 a 6:30 PM, **TBA**

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, July 14	4:00	PM	AD Hoc City Hall
Wednesday, July 15	10:00	AM	Fire Pension Meeting
Thursday, July 16	10:30	AM	Zoning Hearing Board
	4:00	PM	Board Of Health
Friday, July 17	11:00	AM	ERC
	12:00	PM	Housing Needs
Tuesday, July 21	10:00	AM	Blighted Property
	11:30	AM	Public Safety
	1:00	PM	Finance Meeting
	2:30	PM	Public Works Meeting
	6:30	PM	HARB
Wednesday, July 22	11:30	AM	Redevelopment Authority
Thursday, July 23	6:30	PM	City Council meeting

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

Mr. Allison asked for questions or comments from City Council.

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Mr. Allison announced an executive session following this Council meeting in the matter of Public Safety.

Mr. Yoder stated more of a statement, it is about procedure....I don't know exactly what happened or didn't happen so I guess Elm Park was recently renamed. A constituent reached out to us a couple of weeks ago and I checked with solicitors and the renaming of City property has to go through Council. I just wanted to make sure that anyone involved knows the proper procedures so we do not go down a slippery slope. It is just a friendly reminder if we are going down that path of renaming City property, let's make sure that we are following our ordinance and the code in the renaming of the. Its open transparency for the public to offer comment in those procedures. Thank you

Mr. Allison asked for questions or comments from the administration.

Mr. Knarr stated the Zoning Hearing Board did deny Hutchinson Development for putting the Dollar General There based off set backs in parking again. They did deny the variance. I did want to inform Council that they have redesigned the land development part of it. They will both set back as well as parking requirements and they are going to continue to move forward with the Dollar General there. That will come before Council for the land development as well as storm water. Then at the point in time, we will bring back before Planning as well as Council for approval. They will meet both of those again, redesigning and making it smaller to meet parking needs moving the building up so that they would meet setbacks. When we do land development plan, we don't do any advertisement to the public. It is not required. They will have to follow if interested. It is not like a zoning hearing board under the sunshine law where we are required to bring it to the public.

Mr. Allison asked for questions or comments from the general public.

Mr. Lubin stated there are we received six comments from the general public:

Karen Koch, Misty Dion, Jay Harner, Tina Commsons:

July 26, 2020 is the 30th anniversary of the ADA. How will the city recognize this huge milestone. possibly going forward with the ramp and other accessible issues? As well as a proclamation to honor the 30th anniversary. 17% of the city does not have access to city hall. first we ask for public meetings you said no so we protested and were arrested. then you moved the meetings. then we asked for a ramp and accessibility to city hall. you said no. now thousands of dollars are being wasted on a federal lawsuit on something that is federal law. how much money has been wasted already with bids and fees that could have been used to make city hall accessible. the time is now 30 years is long enough. this council time after time talks about the being fiscally responsible with the Cities' tax dollars. But yet, time after time, the Council has ignored, delayed or pushed aside the matter of not being ADA compliant. How many times is Council going to waste taxpayer's money on bids, legation and other unneeded expenses because of council's lack of action. COMMIT TODAY, by placing on the agenda or next meeting to give access to City Hall for 4,667 citizens of Williamsport by voting today on the bid for ramp and committing to making the elevator accessible. This is the last option before the City is forced to do it anyway and then will incur extensive legal fees. I am waiting for a response from the Mayor to explain how you will educated your staff that accessible is not for the convenient of the able bodied city and police employees. SHAME ON YOU!

Thomas Adams

Thank you for the time. I have patiently waited for the City of Williamsport's Leadership to address the social and financial fallout that will occur from COVID-19 following abstract rules and not continuing life as "normal". The absurdity of placing a lien upon the people against their God given unalienable right and worrying about death shows to all the real status of our City and County. By placing these liens on our people, the government has weakened the people, physically, financially and mentally. The circumstances that have been allowed to play out by the government will erode the foundation structure and leave our community open to aggressive types of physical, financial and mental attacks in the future. The City currently has a budget shortfall. The City will collect significantly less taxes from 2020. How is it that the City believes it can improve its situation by placing liens upon the individuals and businesses?/ Why not adopt a common sense approach to uphold the Oath of Office, to protect and defend the Constitution by way of allowing the free movement of all people within the City limits and placing no COVID-19 restrictions on the individuals or businesses. Remove the lien on the people's rights and allow the people to live life. For if you live life in fear of death, you might as well be dead, but if you live life without fear of death, you are truly free. Ultimately, each individual knows best on how to protect oneself and individually is what has given us strength. Let's get back to what we do best and be the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave and Be Strong!

Adjournment

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM with unanimous ayes.**

**Respectfully submitted by**

**Janice M. Frank  
City Clerk**