

Council President Randy Allison brought the meeting of the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM per remote. Williamsport. The meeting was livestreamed..

Council members present:

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

Absent:

Also, Present:

Derek Slaughter, Mayor,
Mr. Joe Gerardi
Mr. Joe Pawlak
August Memmi
Mark Killian, Fire Chief,
Justin Snyder, Police Chief
Solicitor Norman Lubin
Janice Frank, City Clerk
Adam Winder, RVT
Kris Black, ITT

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for 10/18/21 were approved upon a motion **Mr. Pulizzi and a second from Mr. Banks, All were in favor. The vote was 7 to 0.**

Limited Courtesy of the Floor

There were no comments.

Bill #1785-21

Ordinance Amending Part I of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Williamsport (first reading)

The City Clerk read the ordinance in first reading.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mr Yoder stated this is article 111 that set the rules that govern Council. This establishes a committee to provide formal oversight of the Bureau of Transportation River Valley transit. We have had talks about this for a number of months. I think ever since we started to go through the process of the Act 44 performance with PennDot. This was a formal recommendation from PennDOT after those complications has started. But in light of the audit that came out two weeks ago and audit discussion was in the first discussion then, you know, was the finance committee and the administration agreed that this would be a good step to take formalize a Council Role as the Board of Directors and a more strict mechanism for the formal oversight. Just to kind of go over this, taking a step at the first pass of putting a committee together like I mentioned, this is a formal standing committee with minutes and will be taking place like finance, public works etc.. Those Committees that govern will govern this. . All with the same structure. This would have three members of City Council, the Mayor, City Controller, the Director of Finance & Administration.. I'll be the first to note that role, we had discussions waiting at the administration to provide some feedback on what they see that role is looking like. So that certainly could change that language. Just currently mimics what we have in the ministry of government work last year. And regardless of what deposition looks like, for discussion purposes about it will be valuable to have that in there. Regardless of what that role looks like, at least to me individually within a couple of individuals from River Valley transit. Obviously, the director, our general manager, chief financial officer, the controller and compliance officer from River Valley Transit. In my mind, this is certainly up for discussion cause we really didn't dive into this on the spirit and finance. And I'll let Liz address the discussion in Finance. As we look at ensuring compliance with state federal regulation, as we look at and permitting various initiatives, measures and recommendations from PennDOT from F TA, as we look at reasonable affect designate something every certainly discuss. It can be certainly appealing for the city and the region. All of those things are something that this could easily provide a formal mechanism, oversight, evidence for as to enter Council to be fully involved. Fully to the level that they need to be here and ensuring things are progressing nicely in line with legal aspects, recommendations all that kind of stuff. This is a starting point you know. We have to start somewhere and I think this is a good foundational starting point for these discussions over the next two weeks. This was forwarded to the full body with a positive recommendation.

Ms. Miele The finance meeting ran pretty grotesquely long on Tuesday and I think by the time we were pretty undecided it was around 2:45 are a little bit closer to three p.m. Adam introduced it we discussed it very, very briefly and that we set onto the full body of Council for more in depth discussion has as I said we really got into the weeds on the handle of other items in this short draft with my apologies to Mr. Yoder at the time. And again now. We did really discuss this heavily. While it was certainly appropriate for to come before finance it might be more appropriate for it really to be an item for later discussion for the full body of Council. This is a decision related to a lot of the issues that we don't have The audit, and items that we see evidence recently. The question of how best to create oversight, over River Valley Transit.. And listen to the point will be particularly become its own authority. If the discussion left for all of Council to decide and the administration.. I figure it's right of course, this was the step that we discussed is what seems appropriate. Just in light of recent developments and really a necessity for having a group of people with some experience with transit regulations, who were in some way overseeing the operations of the. Paratransit. With that said, I will defer to other members of Council for discussion on this.

Mrs. Katz Yes, after we discussed this briefly I think we all were aware of what we said in the last few months is that Council is not privy to a lot of what was going on with our RVT. This is bringing this to the forefront were now I think we will all be informed what was going on and what we can do better to to work with RVT. I think this will be about a lot of

research become an authority but it proves that this is much committee needed. I made a second couple weeks, the audit was presented to us that was the first time anybody on Council ever saw an audit or really those kind of figures from RVT. And I think everybody was kind of surprised that we were not aware of all this. I did this committee to split it into proper perspective of how we will be more informed on how we can rent the city more efficiently. So, I think this is a fantastic idea. The quicker we can get this going the better off we are going to be.

Mr. Pulizzi said, I just quickly wanted to state, I want to make commend Mr. Yoder for taking this by the horns and like you said this first step. But it is something that we definitely, definitely need this to be done. Thank you very much for getting in front of this in doing a lot of the heavy lifting on this one.

Mr. Yoder I just want to figure couple of other comments point, one this will be a standing committee in the event, certainly this will be moving into original authority. You know, in the past we talked about an AD Hoc at the other. I think having the teeth of a standing committee is important. I'm just the legitimacy that kind of thing. But if there were regionalization effort we can easily get rid of this. I don't think that codifying this is changing this in the event that, the approach of RVT changes is not a monumental undertaking. I just wanted to be thorough if there are such actions to change this can take some notes. And if it's easier for the group we contrast some language and make amendments in the second reading or if we wanted try to do one that we could do that if there are any. I just wanted to offer that to the group as well.

Mr. Allison Thank you.. First of all I'd like to thank you for crafting this Councilman Yoder. This is a good topic. I think the timing is pretty good on this considering the audit where it is the first real concise, definitive statement in a legal setting that we have gotten in about the problems that exist we could really focus in. So, the timing is perfect on this. As he said RVT could be an authority is created of course, that's just operates will ultimately with the Water & Sanitary Authority. And they are governed by a board that makes those decisions that need to be made. So the board is independent the board is definitely over the Director and everybody underneath them they do the hiring and everything and so forth. There's a definite difference there and change the nature of that relationship. And I think in the meantime, we need the government's financial oversight aspect obviously. I believe it will be helpful for us to not necessarily, we need to open up some avenues of Council being educated about transportation in general. So that we are speaking the same language. That is been spoken between the Bureau of Transportation, PennDOT, FTA whoever is involved there. Transportation one-on-one I would say, what we understand that some of the dynamics which were lost in the past are not addressed in the past. And I think this committee will be a good place to funnel some of those things. Therefore all of s are set up different things. That is all I have to say..

Mr. Banks thank you for putting this together and getting on top of this. We can always adjust it before the next meeting, we can build the language into this to say that if we separate from the authority that the committee will disband that way you don't have to go through the process at a later point. I have other those committees to sitting out in space like to have had in the past.

Mr. Winder I just want to ask a couple of questions for clarity. Only because the way it reads this is not any disrespected intended. I just want to make sure everyone has a clear picture of what Mr. Yoder is proposing. So it will be the same as a finance committee where Council will be the committee and administration from RVT will be the ones presenting to council It would not be for the administration of RVT is part of the committee correct? The answer was correct. So Mr. Winder continued. I just want to be sure about that because it kind of read together a little bit and added want people to think that it was the other way. The other thing is through the meetings we have been having with other principalities about local share this is not go to Mr. Banks to comment about that handout in that area. A transportation committee only because like with the local share concept as it committee that it is presented. They discuss any broad changes in their community etc. Even if we did become an authority here at RVT may still be a good thing to hold onto your committee just for that purpose. That is it thank you

Ms. Miele just to ask a question, we don't have any sort of stated committee the city related to the water, sewer, parking authority correct?

Mr. Allison answered we do not.

Ms. Miele We would need to think it for but I think at least currently I might recommend putting in line on the committee that we can always affect ever that if we felt like there was a need for the community to continue. One other question that I had and I don't doubt that order this is appropriate place to put this but it might be something that either cancel of the administration should be considered contemporary. It seems to me that these great three committee membership perhaps be required to have some sort of specialized training. To cut their course through the state I think we heard that at some point in the past. I don't think that order this is a proper place to protect. But perhaps, we need different policies and procedures for an oversight committee like this one.

Mr. Allison I completely agree, we've all heard the transits is no unique animal. So to start to peel back the onion layers it doesn't take many layers to realize that it is completey. . Take a look at the ACT 44 performance report. There is a lot of reference to various grant mechanisms, legal aspects. This will get information in there. That think it essentially packs that what you're saying lost, and I completely agree. There are resources out there. And there other options after to really hone in on specific aspects of that. All of which are very good. We should certainly do that. Especially members of this committee should do that. will be good to do that as a committee matches as counsel. That way, we will know for sure everybody is talking the same language. You know, the full-time employees and elected officials at the city have the benefit of focusing more on this but more is good. I would echo those sentiments Council woman Miele.

Mr. Mackey Thank you and that is all I have not quite sure how to— but I think it to be important. And I guess the only question this is a stated committee the only question voting members of the percent Council, correct?

Mr. Yoder answered yes, if we need to have other voting members, the present the administration we can change that. I believe we can incorporate that into this ordinance. The way that this reads it mimics are other stated committees.. That is covered based on the way article 111 reads as well as— in order. We can change it if we need to finances, as it stands that is correct.

Mr. Allison stated Okay that sounds reasonable to try to make sure I guess. It is a large committee and in a small folding body. There seems to be like it should work perhaps we need to do is more with the committee, see how it functions, see the feedback , and more body members that we can do that. Okay. Thanks Adam.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the ordianance 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 Authorizing the Execution of an Inter-Governmental Lease Agreement

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mayor Slaughter There were questions raised in the finance committee regarding some other things partly to this lease. Solicitor Jill has the answer to answer but she had conflict tonight and cannot be here. So, as not to cause any timing problems if we dissolve for another two weeks. And suggesting we tabled this for tonight since we can't get those answers and we deftly want to have everything assured and in order before we approve the lease. So is emotion to table?

Mr. Yoder made a motion to table this item.

Mr. Pulizzi seconded it.

Ms. Miele stated yes, this was sent to the finance committee, and to be clear while they were a number of questions about specific elements of the lease agreement. . Places where perhaps a document needed to be lightly edited and it seemed wise to make sure that we knew which inconsistencies which of the two different pieces in the line for the effort was before we move forward to support. But yeah, the finance committee didn't have many concerns , just a lot of questions.

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

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

The resolution was tabled 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 # 9207

Resolution Awarding Trash Removal for years 2022, 2023 & 2024 for the City of Williamsport – Bower

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mr. Winder stated This is our trash removal contract and it is a three-year contract, we put this at the bid two months ago, the bid opening was October 18th. We only had one bidder which was Bower disposal. The City of Williamsport. The three-year contract will be a total of \$76,596.04. And I will entertain any questions you may have. This is reviewed and finance and passed with a positive recommendation.

Ms. Miele Yes, this was one of the couple of things that actually whether the finance committee pretty cracked rapidly and with good reason to have to be excited about.. We were glad to have at least one different trash removal and have the increase be relatively minimal. Into primary discussion revolved around why Mr. Winder was presented this item and not Mr Livermore, the Director of Streets & Parks.. This was a learning experience [Mr. Livermore was there and I believe in particular was working on a list of pickup dates for specific neighborhoods in terms of leaves. Yeah, that was the other item we discussed was whether that be provided to people so folks were breaking leaves up in the neighborhood will put much effort into only have to blow back into the lawn] the actual trash removal item passed with flying colors..

Mr. Allison asked are there any questions from Council tonight? Okay. I hear and see that this is pretty straightforward. We approve this every four years.

Ms. Miele asked for this Winter, the trash removal question I wanted to ask. And it last week to discuss our BT compensates the city for some elements of the trash removal program. Is that still the case and could you tell bit which elements those are again?

Mr. Winder answered Yes ma'am, Trade & Transit I , Trade & Transit II, River Valley transit, we have trashcan is place along bus stops throughout the city. So it will be those once the second bracket . He continued to name other places where trash is removed.including the 4th of July event and Backyard Broadcasting reimburses some of that also.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

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

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 # 9208

Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Motorola Police Service Radios & Related Equipment through Keystone Communications

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Chief Snyder this resolution is to purchase 67 APX 8000 series radios and 24 APX 4500 enhanced radios and related equipment from Motorola Solutions through Keystone Communication Services. The total cost of the purchase will be for total is \$470,361.29.. We looking at this amount to be allocated for the American Rescue Plan Funds. The breakdown is 67 portable or handheld radios and 24 mobile or vehicle contained radios. . One mobile radio for SRT truck, and one for the armor SRT truck. If you break it down to 67 portable handheld radios are at a total cost of \$312,989.56. Then for mobile and vehicle contains radios are total of \$93,749.64. Intent elated equipment that would constitute such things as batteries and software's installation and etc. will be for total of \$63,622.09. Attached is a quote from Motorola solution from itemized from the list detail the cause of the breakdown of all of the equipment. As well as the costar contract that provided and mitigation services is costar's participant. This was sent to the City Solicitor and approved..

Ms. Miele stated this resolution was sent to the full body of Council with trepidation to table for the time being. We had this, this is one of the items that took a fair amount of time of the finance committee. We had Council and

administration had agreed a couple month ago, the top were discussing participating funds out of the American Rescue Plan Act funding it was prudent for us to have a plan for how we intended to expend those funds. A written plan that Council and the administration talked about and it was the consent throughout the city solicitor and one at the city consultants. Just to get rating verification that the items that will replace expand the article funds artwork in fact, eligible for that expenditure. I think the idea being to avoid any sort of— a handful of members who hope to spend funding from— and thought that an entire that we could not at the last minute and wanted to make sure that we are clear and what we can spend the funds on. The finance committee has suggested that we have made certainly this intent in deciding has allocated the initial round of funding. The American Rescue Plan Act, The mayor said that he has something in writing that I believe he is planning to forward to Council. But, he thought that we could organize a meeting with that the next week or so to finalize that sort of plan for initial round of funds along with the solicitor for approval. The finance committee recommended that we table this item for the next week to allow that meeting to happen. and then we can move forward with this purchase. The idea that we table to slow down the process this is the items that we talked about for four years now. But to make certain that we follow a process with expenditures and upwardly begin to down those funds without a plan in place. That said, the actual purchase of the radios we establish as said, several years ago that we needed to upgrade of radios with the workings. The American Rescue Plan Act funding which appears is a valid expenditure also, but we should conduct this at a better time to enable us to do that for the radio system officially times out. Therefore the Finance Committee recommended to table this.

Mr. Pulizzi stated. I guess I just have some quick questions for Chief Snyder and assistant chief regarding the conditions of the radios. As Councilwoman Miele had mentioned, it has been the ability to try to replace these radios for quite some time. And finally the funds has come through. Chief Snyder and assistant can either of you speak to how many radios we currently have that are not working? Or a guess, What I was really wondering is how confident are you in the radios that we currently have in use in the fields right now for our law enforcement officers?

Chief Snyder answered, Me, personally I'm not confident with them. I emphasized there are several radios that are not working properly to the degree that we need them to work. As a lifeline for our officers. We had this radios now for 15 + years. The typical age of radio is about ten years before you start looking for replacement. We have had them for 15 years now and it is time to replace. We consistently have issues with cases and there are places in the city that we cannot communicate. We cannot communicate efficiently at the school transmitted with the SRL, so it is definitely a concern. It is a concern I have for our officers it is probably one of the most important lifelines, one of the most important piece of equipment that we care is on our persons is offices.

Mr. Pulizzi asked, hypothetically, if one of our law enforcement officers were in a situation that was there, life or death situation or if anyone inside needed assistance, we don't have to confidence in our radios that are out in the field right now for our offices. To be able to radio and ask for medical assistance or backup or whatever it may be. Is that what you say that is correct?

Chief Snyder answered That is very accurate statement. It is one of the major concerns is having a failure in the operations of the radio at the most dire need and other critical incidents for officers and our citizens. This be okay especially quickly set up in our school. If we can't communicate effectly at school. That to me is a great concern. I can't speak for anybody else but I do know that Councilman Mackey was also on the force an officer he was a police officer in Philadelphia. I myself worked at the USP Lewisburg for some time. We have to have confidence in capable working condition radio equipment could very well be the difference between life and death for families or anyone including some of the people around you. It will affect them. I understand where Councilwoman Miele is coming from, I completely understand your concern with making sure that we go through procedures and protocols with this ARPA funding to make sure that it is not just getting spent wildly, but me personally, I think we have been working on getting this funding for these radios for years, God knows I have for eight years. I think council wanted limited to four years at least and we've been working on getting the funding for it. We finally do have to funding. I certainly don't, I would love to be informed moving forward and go through procedures and have a very clear understanding moving forward. But to me, this is something that I just can't justify in my mind. Titling this and taking a gamble with only the likelihood of our law-enforcement officers, police officers but also the likelihood and well-being of every other person of the city or anybody visiting the city or that are driving through the city. Personally, rather I do not want to see this tabled. I'm not for taking that risk. With that I appreciate the time

Mayor Slaughter I did send out the list last night and emailed to Councilwoman Miele. I did send out the full draft working list of what we spoke about at the first two article 20 working session public session. I can resend the ...

Ms. Miele stated I apologize I thought it was an email from Adam but impersonated with Adam but it originated with you. I apologize but that's okay. I was going to say we had this for the finance committee also

Mayor Slaughter Absolutely and the solicitors were on the email List. At this point there's not any concerns raised as of now. And they did, as Councilman Yoder pointed out Mr. Keller to confirm with the specific language proper guidance where it was eligible.

Mrs. Katz Yes this is a question for the chief, Chief, what is the guarantee of these radios? Is there a couple years guarantee are they giving any guarantee? What is the lifespan of the radios, is about ten years.?

Chief Snyder answered So they guaranteed for that if anything goes wrong with 1, 2, 10 of them the company stands behind them? Everybody else around us is upgraded and we want the last ones so we need to upgrade radios so again to continue applications here in the future.

Mrs. Katz Okay. Because my two questions I just want to make sure as if they were guaranteeing if we are going to be working in conjunction with the County and the college and another follow up question. This relates really to, they should remember that radio schema for discussion before five years ago we were— this is that without the city is to have a million-dollar replacement cost. My concern of course is also the same with recurrently had done to City Hall. We will utilize article five to replace radios design but I make any plans for replacing them again at the next ten years. This administration have any proposal, any kind of plans set-aside plans so that we can know that we have the funding for the time comes that these radios reach end-of-life replace them without waiting for some sort of a Hail Mary at the American rescue plan?

Chief Snyder Yes ma'am, good question. One of the proposals that I plan for whoever it is a disposition years down the line and preventative cycling plan. But I will propose inevitably have to look a little bit more into it to get a more definitive plan. But I will propose making the purchase of some radios per year. If you break it down of appeared a

couple years you can prevent a simple as half having a patrol division give radios for the first year, and that the next year will be here to buying and purchasing radios for the next are other half a patrol. Third-year, fourth-year supervisors and agency something along those lines. It's what my proposal will be to offset the cost so you're not getting hammered all that one-shot. Especially the cost of half \$1 million.

Mrs. Katz With a strategy like that, would not likely to what is the issue if you decided want to change providers? We have replaced entire radios at one time? Are different times are radios accountable one another? Can we start about and switch to some point in the radio that was still, the fleet was still functions of speak?

Chief Snyder Now I think it has to be all or not. Obviously, there are other options out there this what is the best accident we came up with. With the radios. I can speak for down the line if there better that are going to be presented down the line. Our better technology interiors from now. So it would be kind of hard to.

Mrs. Katz . I guess we understand we were with your replacement every year to a handful every year to give a sense as much as— police vehicles that we run the risk and some point decide if it is replace them all in the still of for cost. I think clearly some sort of a plan of how to avoid single expenditure and one-time is extremely desirable. And I don't know if we can gain any insight down the latitude and gain insight on which type radios were heading. But it would not take us by surprise but positive replace radios on one side, and satellite it was merging in another decade will be the same situation.

Mr. Yoder stated we are talking about tabling this, Should we get it tabled? It might be worth including that in the resolution when it is pass, this is record of it in the archives is in the minutes, and whenever it comes time to revisit that in 5, 7, 10 years with a likely chance of none of us being here if that happens there's a formal record of that. In the future administration and councils will be a little bit ahead of the game. That is not a large undertaking, that will be and ask and it would be of value the future if you wouldn't mind doing some like that .

Chief Snyder answered I would like to include that , but I just have to get it in place.

Mr. Yoder stated it would be valuable having that in the record.

Mr. Mackey. I guess I'll introduce myself as "weeds: in the finance committee, Anyway, Vince summed it up real well basically the same, one of the major points I was making on Tuesday. I don't really like this phrase Willie Nelly and I don't know Councilwoman Miels referred to this purchase in particular are just think she's just making a general comment. I think we are just talking generally, obviously guess we don't want to dispense these funds willy-nilly. I do think that we have of real excellent framework here for the first half of this money that we have sitting in the account for right now. We make great strides to decide where we wanted to go, having made great strides with it. We have approval that this is a legitimate expense for ARPA funding. Article 20. I don't think Chief Snyder or the mayor would have brought this before us if they didn't think that this will fit into this process that I've been hearing about. Again, and Councilwoman Miele I will let you speak to this a little bit more specifically, what I'm hearing is or hopefully what I'm not hearing is that you want us to have a complete written plan for all \$25 million before we can spend any of this money? If that is the case, realistically we cant get that in the next two weeks that is just not realistic. And maybe that's not.

Ms. Miele No Jon, I'd like to see us, perhaps at the meeting, the last meeting we had we outlined I think was a \$12 million worth of expenditures. Which of the most of the first round of expenditures. But I think we simply need to begin making a plan, we need to make it holistic. That is to say, I think what I say Willie Nelly I don't want us to get close to the end of the \$25 million in this say we don't have anything on record to spend on other things—we all agree the radios are important as example and to make certain that we are planning to spend funds in all of the sectors that we consider important for the city. And ethically make really good headway on this last meeting but we have not written it down on mutually agreed that this is our projects to rethink our value and that this approximate dollar amount is the right amount to dedicate to those projects. And then make certain that we could do that, and part of the reason that we can bring it up because getting emails for the city of engineers talking about how he was before about X project or Y project. There projects that we talk about that we have not formally confirm that the items in want to commit spending two. I want Jon Sander to be able to move forward with certain things that we want to spend money on.or In the same for the police. If— is the direction of article in 20 dedicate that if they need body camera and to research on an Internet wasting their time.

Mr. Mackey Thank you for the clarification. As I mentioned on Tuesday, we need to be able to do more than one thing at a time here. This idea that if we say yes to this we are not going to be able to say no to something else. That argument doesn't hold water for me. I understand there is a lot of people that want to do a lot of different things. We have to look at each one of those individually within the framework that we already have established. When it comes to the specific issue. Looking at it for what it is, this is the public safety issue, and as Vince said not only for our police officers but for everyone in the City. this is a public safety issue with the city. I had to work. But I had to work , but I did listen for the whole meeting today. There was to start, million dollars in public safety, the mayor has broken the down even more specifically. I think that this is a good way legitimate purchase studies to be made. So let's not delayed any longer. That doesn't take away our ability to say no to anybody else down the line. It's what I'm saying, obviously is no secret that I will be voting no tabling this as well tonight.

Mr. Pulizzi, Speaking to Councilman at Yoder's point, Mr. Lubin if we were to pass this resolution tonight, would we be able to come back and amend this resolution at all? If we want to make sure that what we are discussing is in a record? No response from Mr. Lubin.

Mr. Yoder stated I was also not able to make the last ARPA meeting.. The only comment I will make in relation to that I went back and looked at a public safety section. I did not get the impression that Council was saying yes.,a Million dollars were hundred percent funding, million dollars specifically funding radios. That might have happened somewhere else in that meeting, I did not get that impression. We've talked about the need for radios a few times maybe at councils meeting with beginning before Covid hit,— we talked about it with budget time last year.. We talked about it at the ARPA discussion as well, several times..Each time the need was expressed, but this is the first recognition that this is been expressed as an emergency. There, very well may be, even in the event of emergency you know, I think speedy diligence is appropriate that diligence in assuring that we have all of our ducks in a row related to the expenditure of this magnitude is very, very appropriate. You know, and discussions on finance. I do believe we are close, I do believe we are close and have agreed upon things, agreed-upon specific projects that I think we are close, I think that is speedy but necessarily diligence is appropriate to still take. I will be voting to table but I did want to put it out there. My recollection this is the first time it has been an emergency. I do think we still need to exercise a bit of

caution here. I hope that we will. He appreciates everyone's points and said it is a good discussion.

Mr. Banks, I will be a no table only because our failure to push through ARPA funds, it is on us for not scheduling the meetings. For the police department to come this us and say we will talk about allocating these funds everyone stays be on board allocating these funds. But for us to say we want to put it off because we did not schedule a meeting. I think is on us as Council is it is not the fault of the police department or public safety. If you look at the mayor's document the police budget are in need of the radios, the funds are very small compared to what was spent on them every year. So, something that has practical value, potential practical value I will be a no to table.

Mr. Mackey stated I guess just a follow-up on Councilman Yoder. What I don't want to do is get hung up on terminology here, has the word emergency ever been used before I can say yes about that, but what I do know is that these radios have been unsafe for years at least as I've been on Council and that is been about two years. And quite honestly we have been lucky that nothing has happened. And the reason evidently is we did not get these radios is because we have not had the money to do it and I don't know whose fault that is but I do know we and we have a really solid plan in place that might have a completely written down but it is a solid plan and that this is necessary. So the idea that we will continue to talk about it does not seem right to me. I don't get hung up on technology I guess my point.

Mr. Pulizzi, The question I was going to ask Mr. Lubin God Forbid if something happened to anyone and we were not able to provide the necessary assistance whether medical assistance or whatever it may be.. What kind of position does that put the City in and what happens to and what kind of position does that put the City in? Are we the subject of of a Lawsuit? If we had the funding and we finally got the funding to replace these radios and we didn't, are we subject to a Lawsuit against the City and I don't know, I am not a legal expert.. That is a quest I want to ask Mr. Lubin for the record. The other question was for anyone in general. Okay, we have gone through the ARPA funding and we decided to Allocate to the Police Department, we know exactly what these radios cost. How difficult is it for us to to say okay, our Police Department can have this so we can decreased that amount by \$470,000. Because we had to use that ARPA money to replace the radios. And Again, Councilwoman Miele, Councilman Yoder, Councilwomen Katz, I understand where you are coming from. but to me, the safety of every single person here and for our Law-Enforcement Officers to me, It is not something that I am willing to take that gamble on. . That's just were I am coming from.. That is the reason I will not vote to table this.

Mr. Allison asked Chief Snyder , What Is the Turnaround on the Timing?

Chief Snyder answered Anywhere from 10 to 13 Weeks. For Claification the warranty is about five years..

Mr. Allison stated, I don't remember from the agreement, the prospective agreement the radios, does this cover the cost for the vehicles and all of that?

Chief Snyder answered it does not.

Mr. Allison stated that so that is done internally..

Mayor Slaughter I'm just very briefly going to say to Councilman Mackey's point, I think as the administration was weighing this, that the emergency If we use the term in terms emergency of the part of the radios , this is why we began with the radios. Obviously, I am in full agreement that we should not be bringing anything forward with regards to Rescue Plan until we have the next rescue plan meeting related to Community Development.. However, the Police Radios were obviously urgent which is why we brought them to Council tonight. We did not plan to bring anything else forward, to me, there is a significant difference. For Example to Recreational ilmprovements As opposed to public Safety Radios.. We don't plan to move forward with any of the other items outlined after these radios until we have additional discussions.. That's what I want to say.

Mr. Allison stated this has been a good discussion tonight.

Ms. Miele, my only comment was to reinerate that the Administration did come forward and ask for funding a couple of weeks ago for the scoreboard, which I think was what generated the whole discussion of how we needed a plan in place before we planned on how to spend the ARPA.. Just to put that out there, that was the reason that I was advocating for a plan in the first place. I continue to advocate for plan now. As I said, frankly, in the course of this meeting there is time for the next meeting to verify the first round of ARPA funding. . Because Derek had sent out a some dates but I will say we need to have a meeting soon as to allocate funding. I think we need to do that before we move forward with this purchase.

Mr. Allison stated to the point of the next ARPA, he mentioned the 17th, some could come, others couldn't.

He stated he did listen to the Finance Meeting., we do want to follow protocol for the policy. The Mayor did send out is a good working document and we are starting to formunlate where the money should go but still keeping in mind that there is another round to address things. But as Councilwoman Miele said, The scoreboard had some time constraints on It.. The project had gone on and on way beyond it's use by the date and we were in danger, not in danger but It didn't look good. , That's was what transpired and why we had to move on that. . Here we face another in retrospect, after thinking about this all week, a defensive issue that has gone on and on for years. This time it is with Public Safety. I Think given the turnaround of the 13 Weeks, we have been fortunate that nothing has happened as far as miscommunication with our Police Officers and ee know that they have been in dire circumstances. We have officers wounded in the line of duty. . But since we did get assurances from our Consultant Keller that this is an authorized use, I'm in favor of going ahead with It. It is \$470,000. This is one part of one Section and I don't see anything else that is going to fall into this Category., Unless a drastic thing happens that we are not prepared for I don't think will entertain anything like this happening again. Any Other Questions or Comments Council?

Mr. Yoder asked before we vote, can we claify as to how to vote?

Mr. Yoder made a motion to table. Ms. Miele seconded it.

The motion to table this resolution failed with at vote of 4 to 3.

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

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with four yes votes. The vote of 4 to 3 in favor of the resolution.

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

Resolution #9209

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Agreement for Purchase of Police Vehicles

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

Chief Snyder stated this Resolution is a five-Year Lease Agreement with the First National Bank Lease Agreement for the purchase of four 2021– Police Pursuit Rated Vehicles The Total Cost of \$186,177.80. FNB Commercial leasing submitted a Proposal of the first payment of \$40,689.13 Plus \$550 documentation fee due one year from the lease execution date and four additional annual payments of \$40,689.13 each. Funding for this lease will be allocated from the vehicle lease purchase line item.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed in finance and forwarded to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. We did discuss vehicle history and vehicle repair. She asked which vehicles are out of service right now. She stated the police department does not have enough vehicles due to untimely things so this was not so much as an optional choice.

Mrs. Katz asked how long will it take to get the vehicles?

Chief Snyder stated they are going to drive up and get them and try to get them outfitted.

Mr. Yoder asked for the list of the fleet we have now.

Mr. Allison stated we used to get a yearly list but due to the many transitions and leadership in the police department, so he asked for a list.

Chief Snyder stated he will absolutely get a list to Council.

Mrs. Katz asked for all the vehicles including Codes, etc.

Mr. Winder stated there was just an updated list and he will get them out.

Mr. Mackey asked Chief Snyder if these vehicles were all wheel drive.

Chief Snyder answered all wheel drive.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

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

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

Subdivision Marsue Realty & Peter & Nicole Corser

Mr. Knarr stated this is a request for subdivision and it is located in the R1A and is currently a vacant lot and is proposed to be two lots. It is a vacant lot being split by two residences. It was approved by both our Planning Commission and the Lycoming County Planning Commission.

Mr. Banks asked if this will change the taxes.

Mr. Knarr stated only by a couple of thousand dollars.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

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

The subdivision 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

Subdivision 2780 Mosser Avenue

Mr. Knarr stated this is a one lot subdivision. It is located in the ML Zoning district. They will take lot 1 and subdivide it and it was reviewing by Lycoming County and City Planning Commission.

Mr. Banks stated the revision to the plan it says Mosser Avenue.

Mr. Knarr stated he does have the correct one on the one to be filed.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and second.

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

The subdivision 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

Certificates of Appropriateness – HARB

Item 1. 833-835 West 3rd St - Emergency Roof Replacement - Alpha Student Housing LLC

Item 2. 967 West 3rd St – Painting – Crose Mariorana (Joe's Pizza)

Item 3. 424 West 4th St – Roof Replacement – Ron Insinger

Item 4. 915 West 4th St – Fencing – Fred Kellers

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second on the HARB Certificates

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

The certificates of Appropriateness for HARB were accepted 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.

Accept for filing:

Controller's Report 8/31/21

Finance Minutes 10/5/21

Codes Report August & September 2021

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

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

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

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM, Remote.

Upcoming Meetings:

Friday, Nov 5	11:00 AM ERC canceled
Wednesday, Nov. 10	3:30 PM O&E Pension*
Thursday November 11	Veteran's Day CITY HALL CLOSED
Tuesday, November 16	11:30 AM Public Safety
	1:00 PM Finance Meeting
	2:30 PM Public Works Meeting
	6:30 PM HARB*
Wednesday, Nov. 17	10:00 AM Blighted Property*
	4:30 PM Redevelopment Authority
Thursday, Nov 18	10:30 AM Zoning Hearing Board*
	4:00 PM Board of Health* canceled
	7:00 PM City Council meeting

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

Mr. Allison asked for any comments from members of City Council.
There were none.

Mr. Allison asked for any comments from the administration.
Mr. Gerardi announced there will not be a Board of Health meeting on Thursday, November 19.

Mr. Allison asked for any comments from the general public.
There were none.

Adjournment

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned upon motion by **Mr. Yoder** and a second by **Mr. Pulizzi**. **Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM with unanimous ayes.**

Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank
City Clerk