**Thursday, September 23, 2021**
**7:00 PM**
**Williamsport, PA**

Council President Randy Allison brought the meeting of the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, September 23, 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*
*Solictor Norman Lubin*
*Janice Frank, City Clerk*
*Adam Winder, RVT*
*Josh Warful*

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for 09/09/21 were approved upon a motion **Mr. Yoder and a** second from **Mr. Mackey All were in favor. The vote was 6 to 0. Mr. Pulizzi was unavailable for the vote.**

**Limited Courtesy of the Floor**
There were no requests.

**Presentation from Delta Development & Keller Partners**
Mr. Allison welcomed both of the consultants

Mr. Keller Well thank you Mr. Allison and councilmembers. Again my name is Tom Keller, managing principal of it color partners and company based here in Washington and I'm joined by my colleagues Andy Garfinkel, who is our managing director of grants and procurement.

And Doctor Lucas Adair who is our accounts director. We would like to just thank Mayor Slaughter and his team, and the Council for working with us over the past six months. I believe we have accomplished a fair amount in a short period of time. That said we have a ways to go before bringing home significant funding for the city's many needs, but that is exactly what we plan to do. It is a process and I know you all have a copy of our agenda, which illustrates the status of our work and our next steps, which are mainly focused on the federal level and with your permission Mr. Allison, why don't we just walk through the status of our work and the next steps here from the agenda.

Mr. Allison: That sounds great.

Mr. Keller continued. As I move through the agenda please feel free to ask any questions or may come and spread immediately after we were hired we reach out to the Williamsport congressional delegation to begin applying for congressionally directed spending for these three projects. Only the Levy funding was officially requested from the Appropriations Committee and we cannot say much more than that because we are still working this process on Capitol Hill, but we will keep you posted on this. We have identified a U.S. DOJ Bureau of assistance grant and work with the Mayor, Chief Snyder, Assistant Chief Bolt in writing and submitting this grant proposal for $550,000. We mobilized to the support from the congressional delegation and we should find out the decision on this fairly soon. We scheduled meetings with the mayor and the congressional delegation in June to discuss their support of the city's funding requests and the mayor did an excellent job and the delegation is strongly behind the city in our federal funding requests. In July we conducted an informal meeting in Williamsport with the mayor, the county, and the water authority to ensure that we are coordinated in our efforts with respect to ARPA and other funding. This might quite well and we discussed having quarterly meetings moving forward to kind of facilitate open communication and a strategic mindset in pursuing funding opportunities and a more coordinated way for the candidate. So now that next section is upcoming funding targets for some of the cities top needs and while funding through the American rescue plan could at least fund partially some of these projects there are state and federal grants that could be used so that our ARPA funds could be freed up for other needs. I know we are having a discussion on this next week so I will save the analysis for then, but I wanted you to know that. Rehabilitation of the Levy. Some of the funding options that we are looking at now are a U.S. EDA grant for the Dewey eye wall and this would be on the $5.6 million EDA grant that we won for the memorial I-wall (sp?). Another option is to work with the U.S. Army Corps for the second Levy and the third one is congressionally erected funding options, which we are exploring already, but that was this year. We believe that the congressionally directed funding will be something that is going to happen over a series of years from this point forward. As I understand it they Congressman will be hosting an upcoming meeting with the Army Corps regarding the Levy so we will be prepared for that. Graph is run, this has been a priority for a long time in the community and it is a difficult project to fund, but we are looking at FEMA's brick funding. It could be a good target and this would take a sub application with the state, which is due in January. The River Valley transit bus facilities. U.S. DOT just released on Tuesday a bus and bus facilities grant opportunity, which could fund RVT's need for some renovations of its facilities and new buses and we have already provided them with a grant outline and we will be discussing this grant and the work coming up shortly. Public Safety body cameras and radios. There are a couple grant opportunities coming up next year through U.S. DOJ. That would be a great opportunity for these needs and there are additional funding opportunities coming out for firefighters training and equipment. Then with parks and recreation $3 billion in ARPA funding is going to U.S. EDA and one of the programs is the travel and tourism grant program that is designed to provide assistance to communities to recover from the impact of the coronavirus. The program funds up to 10 million dollars per applicant for strengthening me activism, renovations, and non-renovation or infrastructure projects. So we

are looking at that. The mayor has an outline on that. Grant opportunity, but that is one that I think we might want to look at applying for. Then finally in this list of priorities that we are really targeting is the wired and wireless connectivity and there is several grant opportunities through the cares act in ARPA through FCC and USDA has some of these grant opportunities and we are looking at those as opportunities and it will take a partnership some of these opportunities with a private company. Then finally we would really like to get the mayor to Washington for meetings on Capitol Hill in the fall or the early winter and it is really up to the federal government to decide whether or not they are going to open their buildings for public meetings. That has not quite happened yet. There is a way to get in, but it is more complex because of some of the coronavirus flareups and other issues, but we believe that we should do that soon. As soon it is available and we will keep you posted on that as well. Then finally in conclusion our team takes pride in our partnership with the city of Williamsport. We have a lot to accomplish together and we look forward to successes that we press ahead with some of these funding opportunities at the federal level. So thank you very much.

Mayor Slaughter If I could real quick President Randall Allison the DOJ grant was one he mentioned - that's where our mental health response team and critical intervention team. I know Councilman Mackey had asked me about that so I wanted to highlight that the one we applied for was asked specifically for that one.

Mr. Mackey stated Thank you again Mr. Keller for being here tonight and the rest of the team. If we go back to the Parks and Recreation grant. What would be a realistic timeframe on that money. Applying for it, getting approved, and actually getting it to spend. If you could answer that question or maybe even on top of that the likelihood of actually getting approved for that grant.

Mr. Keller: Well it is kind of a difficult question to answer. I will tell you that this funding provided through ARPA to EDA is not just going to sit around grade so it will happen quickly and already applications are rolling in for this funding. The nice thing about this is that it was not quite clear on how this funding would be used from the EDA. So everybody is in the same boat. They probably likely don't have projects like we might have with the Parks and Recreation. If we were to apply, let's say in the next 30 days and bring the bear all the community support that I know that we can bring to bear on this. Mobilize the congressional delegation for support as well and working with EDA is a very collaborative effort. I would say that we would probably know something within the next 60 to 90 days and that would be - EDA would receive the application and they would come back to us and say, this application is not worthy of this funding. That would be one, but we would check that out in advance, which we have already. So that's not a problem. Number two would be, we need more information. That would be a good thing because that would lead the collaboration to continue with EDA with this application. That is kind of their process and how they work at. They take the original grant application and if it looks like it merits further consideration than they will circle back to and ask for more information and then that typically leads to a potential grant. If they do that then it's 30 additional days. So I would say within the next 4 to 6 months we could see that funding.

Mr. Mackey: Okay great. I know Mayor Slaughter we had a lot of conversations about Parks and Recreation, personally would like to see that be a priority. If were not ready for application when we need to I want to get on top of that. When you say come back with more information you are talking about estimates on what we are trying to approve, what we are trying to build. Is that what you mean by that?

Mr. Keller, Usually that is included in the application, but sometimes what will happen is the EDA program officers will look at the application and say, okay well I need a little clarity on this preliminary engineering or - these numbers seem to be pretty high in this area. I need explanation on this. So these are the types of things that they might come back and ask us about. Then of course we answer those as quickly as we can and then they review it usually it is about a 30 day period after that. October 1 begins the new federal fiscal year and so that does not necessarily impact the ARPA funds, but there is a new batch of funding that is going to be coming out for EDA so it takes some of the pressure off of this travel and tourism funding. The great opportunity and I know a lot of communities are looking at this so I agree with you, John. The sooner the better. if I could add this as a rolling grant process so we submit when we are ready to submit nuts typically how this particular agency works.

That's what we would encourage once we are ready to go we should submit as soon as possible.

Mrs. Katz I would like to ask a question about (NAME?). A couple years ago we did submit grants to DEP. That was put on hold. What are the prospects for that? We have been going through this process now for decades and it is a problem in the city and is there anything that can be done to facilitate the process even quicker ?

Mr. Keller: Probably not quicker Councilwoman. I would say that it is a complex project because it involves some residential there and is outside of the city in such a way that makes it more difficult to qualify for certain grants, but I do think the brick opportunity is something that may actually work out for us. There is also CDBG funding that could potentially be - some could be devoted towards that. There's also congressionally directed spending and funding. Part of this is that it needs to match up to with state priorities. Water and those types of priorities at the state level and they need to be excited to put this on their priority list because usually the federal government will defer to the state and say, is this a priority with you? So those guys need to be able to say yes and that helps us move forward on some of the other funding.

Mrs. Katz: We thought we had gone to the process with Grafius Run as far as going through the neighborhoods and all of the complaints, and filing how much damage has been done over the last 10 years and we file so much and try to get funding for this and with the rains that we have just had in the last 24 to 36 hours, again the neighborhoods are affected. As we did the study with Grafius Run it is not just one neighborhood. It is affecting the city. It goes through the city and sometimes it has been incorporated with the levy and it's a process that we have been going through for years and years, and years. You know, if there is something that can be done to alleviate the problem in the area I think everyone, the citizens here would really appreciate that. We were really disappointed when things were not progressing with the DEP. Now we have to find it somewhere else to get funding to alleviate the problem.

Mr. Keller: While it is a top priority for us. I recall talking to the Council about this a few years ago and at that time it was a top priority. You are right, we need to address it and the way federal funding at least is prioritized, often times if there is a large corporation, business, manufacturing company located around that area, then that helps to motivate the federal funders and the state funders for that matter.

Mrs. Katz: If you remember, I'm not sure if you were aware of some of the facts, but Grafius Run does affect the business district.

Mr. Keller responded: It flows right down into the area, yes. We have made those arguments.

We are working on it. I guarantee it Councilwoman.

Mrs. Katz: We just want to keep it there and keep it up there all the time.

Mr. Keller: It is a clear priority for the community and I know there are sewer issues within Grafius Run as well that are a problem so we are trying to address all of that at once.

Ms. Miele stated To follow up on the both of those question simultaneous Mr. Keller. So the recreation grant first off. Help me understand, I'm assuming that's my business has been a recipient of some PPE funding. I assume the quicker you apply the quicker you will be able to take advantage of the funding.

Mr. Keller answered that is correct.

Ms. Miele asked so: You think the funding pool will open up for applications in about 30 days?

Mr. Keller: Actually it's open they are open now and.

Ms. Miele: We should get our butts in gear then. Correct? We should make it happened faster than 30 days in that case?

Mr. Keller: Definitely credit yes it is ready to go now and of course it takes time to plan and put the application together.

Ms. Miele : How much information is required - it sounds like it's a pre-application process?

Mr. Keller answered: Not exactly. This is a full application that we would put together and it is a massive grant application. They take the application as we move that through grants.gov. They take the application and review as a team at EDA and circle back with us.

Ms. Miele: So you're saying that we would need basic cost estimates for the work that we are proposing? We would need like a full on scope. I was hoping it would be a little bit like the RAP application, but it is not like that.

Mr. Keller answered If there's construction involved, renovation, any kind of rehabilitation or anything like that, which I know there are some needs there with some of the parks that takes a preliminary engineering report and we would also have to have a full budget, and you know, all of the T's dotted and all the I's crossed. It is actually the opposite.

Ms. Miele: To follow up on that. Are you recommending we submit a recreation application just for our existing facilities to operate the existing facilities? I guess what I'm wondering is if we are better off to have one sort of large cohesive project or is it okay to sort of piecemeal a handful of things that the city needs recreationally together?

Mr. Keller: Well it has to be graphic in the same area so we would have to look at that and make sure that it is not to spread out throughout the city made but I do think that the parks and the needs there I think fit right into this application and we would also want to involve stakeholders and supporters in this. And maybe even make the case that, look the coronavirus has had an impact on our travel and tourism economy and, and, just the residence of Williamsport have had to suffer through this and these facilities need to be upgraded, which will help all parties. So this is kind of the argument we would make. Andy do you want to add anything to that?

I think you have covered it will, tempered the only thing I would add is as Tom pointed out there are different subcomponents of the grant application. You mentioned the budget, the budget narrative. There's also an environmental narrative that's required. As a preliminary engineering report. So those different things do take time to prepare for the full application and we certainly don't want to submit prematurely because the likelihood of success then is diminished. So we are, you know, we work through that process and certainly within 30 days it is possible to do that. You want to keep the area geographically contained because you have to do the environmental narrative. So if you're talking about the park itself and trails and stuff like that, you can contain it there. You can contain it to the ballpark. Obviously there are different options here we just need to make sure that we are on the same page as far as what we focus our efforts on.

I do want to mention one other piece to this, which is beneficiaries within the community. So the businesses that benefit from this. What that means in terms of employment both sustaining employment and bring new job opportunities to the community on that aspect as well. It's also important for the economic development and administration grants.

Ms. Miele said: Got it. So I think there are - I would be very interested in talking to you gentlemen about this as semester tomorrow and some administrative folks as well, but part of I think the city's focus would have course be trying not to add additional infrastructure that we would simply need to update in the next 15 years in some ways. That we are trying not to add to the city's budgetary dilemmas by adding things that we may not be able to maintain in the future. Part of the reason I am asking is I know at least Councilman Banks and I have advocated for a recreational area in Grafius Run like a green belt to control the stream and its tendencies to overflow, but also create new recreational opportunities within the city. Ideally in a way that is relatively low maintenance. That is to say trees, sidewalks perhaps, but not equipment and things like that that are expensive to maintain. So I would encourage us to think of that as a way to possibly solve some of our at least aboveground Grafius Run issues. I know that we can potentially dedicate some of our American rescue plan funding to Grafius Run as well and in that case perhaps we can deal with belowground issues there and aboveground issues with a recreation grant, but we have spoken a lot about the need for safe routes to school. The need for accessible bike lanes to the city. A project like this would have the potential to pull in a number of those elements quickly and succinctly. Stay within the same general area as the rest of our parks if we were applying for funding for say items in Brandon and possibly fix some of our Grafius Run wells simultaneously. So I will put that on your radar and I would appreciate being included in those discussions that we need to have ASAP to make this - to ideally make this a reality.

Mr. Keller We agree that that would be a great focus. The issue of course is what is the status of the rights-of-way and those types of issues, but we appreciate any guidance we can get. Thank you.

Mr. Yoder stated. Just a couple questions. These are just more broad comments. The RVT facility upgrades. What are they specifically? That's probably more of an administration question.

Mr. Keller: As I understand it, there is a facility that houses some of the bus maintenance and it is really outdated and has some issues there that could use an upgrade and that is what we were looking at their.

Mr. Yoder Okay I appreciate the clarification. That is great. I think as we figure out the City Hall situation we are going to need your help, whether it is where we are at. Whether it is being in City Hall. Frankly there's a couple of those cans that have been kicked down the road a lot longer than probably RVT. We will really need your help for whatever that decision is and frankly we will probably need your help in accurately quantifying what other opportunities might be out there. We got your help early this year when we were kind of initially looking at that with some, you know high-level

information, which was very valuable and think you both because I believe Delta also gave us - we will need that help again. So it is good to see that we are going after, I think grants to maintain our facilities, but I would like to see that broader. We have other facilities that probably have a lot more need and probably might be a lot more integral to the fabric of the city in the community as well. Nonetheless a good start. The other general comment I will make. The crisis intervention team. I mentioned and I am interested to learn more about that and what it looks like. I think it was back in June or July timeframe, I forget when it was, Chief Snyder had mentioned about the planning work that he was going through with the police department specifically. I at least would be interested to see what this crisis intervention team looks like as a component of the broader police force and how that aids our efforts in policing the city, but more so what kind of impact that has to our staffing strategy as well. I think it is great that we are looking at this kind of stuff, but I also want to see the ripple effects within the department and within the city, and how that will potentially maximize other areas. So that is all I got. Thank you very much.

Mr. Keller Thank you Councilman and I just want to clarify on the RVT funding that we are pursuing. Now this is specifically for buses and bus facilities. So, you know, that's the transit component here and it is an annual grant that comes out that is something that if communities want to they should take advantage of it, but on the other facilities needs we absolutely will work with you on identifying funding opportunities and funding streams that can go towards upgrading other facilities and I know City Hall is a big one to say the least and others. So we will add that to our priority list as we get more details on those things.

Mr. Yoder: I appreciate it very much. Thank you, Mr. Keller.

Mr. Allison: Other questions from Council? I just had one related to the rehab of the levy. We are in discussions now with the County and the Army Corps, of course, and by extension the FEMA. I just want to get a sense if I heard you correctly any money in that area is a bit down the road that we would see from grants because the reason I ask that is we have kind of gotten the message that through the Army Corps there is more of an urgency for us to start on some - something significant as a project on the levy. So it kind of - there's a sense that the clock is ticking for us before we get addressed with a specific timeframe that you must do this by the state. So we want to head that off if possible. Did I understand right then that any possible grant or funding is probably a bit down the road yet for anything we can see on the levy?

Mr. Keller: I think that beginning in the next fiscal year, which begins October 1 we have already been prioritized for the Dewey Avenue I-wall (sp?) work. So that is a big one. It is a complex project and this is something that we would pursue an application within the next three months or so. The issue here is the 5.6 million that we received needs to start being spent on that memorial I-wall (sp?). Agencies don't necessarily like to continue to give grants if funding is not being spent, but my understanding is that is in process now and there was some negotiation going on that delayed things, but that is moving forward fairly quickly. So the next, I think we are good with the I-wall (sp?) and what the strategy is there. I think that there may be some opportunity for the Army court to assist us on some of these needs. We will see how that goes.

Mr. Allison: That would be a pleasant surprise for sure.

Mr. Keller: Well it is a - I don't want to get too deep into it here, but there are some issues there and hopefully in the next couple weeks we will know more information on that. We are correlating closely with the city and County as well.

Mr. Allison: We appreciate that very much.

Mr. Keller: I will note that we did get language in the water resources development act, which is an authorization bill that actually authorizes the Army Corps to conduct a study and work over the next several years. It is just an unfunded authorization. So the next step is to try to get funding for that authorization. Of course we need buy-in from the Army Corps. There was buy-in from the chief of the Army core because he was the one that made their recommendation through our work that the Congress put that authorization in the water resources and development act. So that happened in December 2020. That's an active authorization and it enables the Army Corps to do work on the levy. So there are things that we have put in place and we just need to work the relationships a little bit I think.

Mr. Mackey asked if I could follow up on what Councilwoman Miele said. As far as the Parks and Recreation would like to be kept in the loop on that if possible. I know it's no secret that I've suggested that we have spent some of the ARPA funds on rehabbing the baseball fields in Brandon Park. Obviously if there is grant money out there that we think we can get we would obviously want to go after that and be able to use that ARPA funding for something else. In terms of the information that you need and engineering, and the cost and all of that I would assume that that real responsibility falls on the city to get you that information.

Mr. Keller: Yes we are working with John and others, the engineer to look at that. This is something that once we get the handle on that we can reach out to EDA and start having those discussions and we need some content and we are in the process of doing that.

Mr. Mackey: Okay. I started to round up, I guess you could say estimates on what it might cost us to fix up these baseball fields and I have all of that information if you think that would be relevant, but again I am here to help on that front. It is definitely something I am passionate about. So whatever help you need in that area just let me know.

Mr. Allisonn Okay. I don't see or hear any other hands raised or voices so Mr. Keller and Mr. Adair and Mr. Garfinkel thank you for tonight. We enjoy your presence here and the information you shared. We will be looking forward to, I know we will be talking back and forth in a lot of different levels with your firm.

Will move on then to Miss Sparacino. Welcome tonight.

Ms. Theresa Sparacino: Thank you good evening I am here by myself, but it is a pleasure to be here and to bring you up-to-date on what Delta has been working on. The first part of our engagement we were closing out to our third Street Gateway project, which included a certain amount of multimodal grants. We have been working with the agencies to close those programs out. Since that point we have submitted three applications on behalf of the city. The first was submitted at the end of May and it was the greenways trails and recreation program grant. The maximum grant under that program is $250,000. We submitted for $245,625. It requires a 15% match. So the match is $43,346. That grant was committed to make improvements at the Young's would park and the improvements that were selected were ADA sidewalks, upgrades to the basketball courts and a new gazebo. The award will be made by the CFA. There is a CFA program, common-law financing Authority. Those will be made in November. We will be meeting with the commissioners, the County commissioners to help push these projects. Both of the GT RP and the multimodal. It will go in order and how they were submitted. The second one was committed. It was an early grant for traffic signals for

the West Third and Pine Street traffic signal and the East fourth Street and Mulberry Street signal. The Mulberry signal was important because pan- DOT had approved the change in traffic patterns, the order in traffic patterns from one way to two way and that was requested as part of the college effort and making it easier to access the college and the sum of their development that is occurring on the campus. That was submitted July 1. The request was for $934,000. Now match with that program so Penn-DOT will be making those awards sometime in November. The final application that was submitted was a multimodal transportation fund grant submitted under the CFA program. It was for $1.48 million and it was to provide improvements on the Campbell Street from third Street to fourth and that is part of the pathways to health, UPMC had an initiative. This was the last piece of that initiative. Then also streetscape improvements on fourth street from basin to Mulberry. Again that coincides with the traffic changes from one way to two way. That is part of the CFA board meeting in November as well. Anticipate those awards will be made in November. Sometimes those are pushed out, but we have every reason to believe that the words will be made. We do know that the DCD analyst are reaching out to communities. They are packaging these applications to advance to the board. So we do believe that these awards will be made in November. So those were the three applications that were submitted. We also have been working on the compliance and for your ARPA. We are closing out the destination 14 1022. HRG was appointed by the office of the budget to oversee or provide the third-party consultant oversight for destination 2014. They are looking for a bank statement that shows the MTF funds that were used in conjunction with the REPE. So we are working on getting that and certificates from some of the contractors as part of the project. The others is Bowman Field project I have one piece that is done. The stadium improvements are done and bid and are working on the scoreboard. We have provided the plans and specs, the bid documents, the contract documents to Stan Tech who is a third-party reviewer for Bowman Field. So they have those. They have reviewed those. They have provided those to the office of the budget. The next step in the process and a very important step in the process is to amend the original grant agreement. If you remember there was an original field of Bowman Field years ago, which provided the improvements to allow the major-league baseball games to occur. This is the second phase, it was a $600,000 award. What we have requested from the office of the budget is for us, for them to amend the original grant agreement so that we can - it shortens the process if you will. In the office of the budget is backed up. They have been and I believe it is because they are working remotely, but we have been pushing to get your grant agreement issued, which will allow us then to draw down funds for that first phase for the stadium improvements. So that's where we are with Bowman Field and with the closeout of the destination 2014. Future grant opportunities include Penn-DOT's multimodal, which is now open and accepting applications until November. They do have, they have a small piece of the Penn-DOT funds that can be used for trails, but they like to see road construction or bridge projects as a part of their MTF program. So we will work with administration to scope out a project and submit an application for the Penn-DOT program. REPE (sp?) we are looking and we have been hearing that awards are to be made the end of November or end of September. Some of those may be pushed out a bit, but we have heard that they will have another round of REPE (sp?) applications in December. When you talk about your improvements to the municipal building this is a good program for that because it can be used for public facilities. It is a 50-50 match, but building and land value is a part of your match as well as engineering and design. So when you think about your building improvements, whichever direction that you go, REPE could be a good source for that. It could be awards between 2.5, three, or $4 million depending on your legislative support. The other program that we are looking at that has been brought to our attention is the marketing to promote tourism. This is a DCD program. It does not require a match. It does not have a ceiling as far as grants are concerned. I was looking at the investment tracker with DCD prior to this meeting and awards are upwards of $900,000, Lancaster received $1.5 million. It was a multiyear award, but that's another program when you look at facilities that create tourism and the goal of that program is heads and bedspread so they are looking at filling hotel rooms, overnight guests because they know that that generates a substantial amount of economic activity. But we would like to do, and we have been working in Tioga County for a few years now with their March Creek Greenway is putting together some metrics and analysis if you will of what kind of economic activity could be generated by some of your facilities and whether it is ball fields, whether - and again the Susquehanna River walk. Those types of projects that bring in people from outside the area is where this marketing to promote tourism will be geared towards. So again, it does not have a deadline. We will be reaching out to DCD to talk about the program. To talk about potential projects to get their input into potential projects and to position the city to have a successful grant application. Again, they have appropriated $30 million this year. So it is a substantial program and the nice part about it as it does not require a match. So that's another one that is on the radar. We have also been providing some technical assistance to the office of economic development, the CDBG program for using some of that money for Bowman Field for the foundation for the scoreboard. That is basically what we have been working on since April.

Mr. Yoder. Thank you so much for all of the info and everything you have been working through. Related to the upcoming round in December and that the marketing to promote in DC. What's the timeline for us in getting you what you need. . Like what - I'm assuming the time crunch with the grant is pretty quick.

Theresa, Delta: With the grant, the initial step is a preliminary grant, During the Corbett administration we had to submit all 17 times and it had to be well thought out credit still has to be well thought out, but the RCAP just requires a simple budget, a scope of what you want to do, and then more importantly with RCAP it is the legislative support. So on the back end if that is meeting with the government office. It's meeting with Senator Wayland and getting a position. For the December timeframe it's just what the project scope is, what the - - at a public meeting. It's not as substantial. You do have to be careful because whatever you submit as part of the application door full application should follow suit. What they marketing to promote tourism there is no deadline. It is a rolling deadline with the new fiscal year. It has just started so you probably have some time to put together a well thought out project. So I would not rush it. Let us do our due diligence with DCD to get our arms around what types of projects they are looking for. I will tell you that they gave $900,000 to center County for the Grange fair. I know they had been looking to upgrade that facility and that does bring in a substantial number of people. Some of the other projects that were on there were downtown projects, downtown improvement projects. So they were not substantial and the budgets were anywhere between $50,000 and hundred thousand dollars spread so they are in there from very small amounts to substantial $1.5 million projects.

Mr. Yoder, : Gotcha. I appreciate that. Maybe a push or it may be - we may have missed the boat on the REPE (sp?) side, but that seems like that would be a great stay opportunity for us whether it's with various facilities to really work through and do that. So I think the sooner that we figure out yet again the whole City Hall question and some of the

other things with our facilities the better. I don't know that by the end of the year, at the rate that we work, but - that's good to know and I really appreciate that.

Theresa, Delta: Let me just throw this out there. If you think that City Hall will be one of your facilities that you are targeting for improvements you do not have to have your final scope and design. We could put a number and therefore construction. We could put a number in there for engineering and design. We could put a number in therefore match and once approved to do the full application that's when we would have to pull together all of the documentation and all of the supporting match and plans and specs read so I would not let another year go by. I would at least submit a grant application and work to shape it after. Now once I make awards, so let's talk about timeframe, right? So it is submitted in December and January timeframe. So they will not make awards until next September 2022 and you will probably have more information by that point in time. So once they make the award you have six months to file your application. We have gotten extensions for clients, a number of extensions because we are not ready to go. So you still have some time. I would encourage you to submit an application for whatever facility you are looking at as far as improving.

Mr. Yoder Okay. I appreciate that. It might be worth a discussion then in the near future for sure about what that submission would look like one way or the other, right? I appreciate that very much. The other question that I wanted to ask you was kind of shifting fronts on the public safety side. I know federally we have been working with your counterpart on a couple of different things. Public safety wise. What does that landscape look like in the state climate in Harrisburg right now? Is there anything we should be looking at. Is there anything available. What does that look like?

Theresa answered: The Pennsylvania crime - commission on crime and delinquency does have programs and Tom may have been looking at this as well, but they have programs for body worn cameras. They have programs for, I think there's a new one out as far as violence. I think you may have seen Governor Wolf out there promoting it right now. So there are a number of programs on PC CD that are open now, but will continue to open. I think I saw on one of the wish list the records management system. PC CD will fund records management system. It is a really good source for public safety as far as operations and I don't know that they would fund facilities. That's where you will have to look at some of those other, but for operation, not only for your police department, but also for mental health and violence in our courts. It is more for the County, but it is a good source for public safety.

Mr. Yoder stated. I appreciate all of the information. Thank you for answering my questions and I think if I have anymore I will reach out to you. Thank you.

Mayor Slaughter: Just to follow-up on PCCD, I was appointed to the commission recently by the governor. So obviously we can apply, I would just - there's a conflict of interest for me given that I'm on the commission upward so I wanted to put that out there publicly, but PCCD is obviously fantastic. So we can touch base more on that.

Mr. Pulizzi  You'll have to forgive me, I apologize but my camera is acting up tonight. Teresa I was interested to hear the sharing component regarding some of the grants that we have had. You mentioned the Gateway project. The partnership I believe with Lycoming college credit going after the grant for Campbell Street between Third and Fourth and a partnership with UPMC. Is there or can we get information. If there is more grant funds or grants that we can go after to try to make improvements in the city. If that means looking for partnerships with entities within the city itself to do these and go after these come and make these improvements I am very interested to know what those grants would be and what kind of businesses or entities, or organizations we may have to look at going in on a partnership with to qualify for those.

Theresa, : Most of the programs that you have used you can continue to use to leverage some of those partnerships. the redevelopment assistance capital program when I talked about facilities is a good way to partner where the County and again like Lycoming College with the Gateway building was a partnership where the college applied for the funds and the city served as the grantee because the college cannot get  funds directly and we just finished the audit for the Gateway building and there were no findings so that is good for the city as well because you did service the grantee, but with the multimodal. If there are transportation improvements that are needed to support mixed-use development that is a good source of funds. Again that is what we did with the college where they were building the Gateway building. It required the relocation of Franklin Street. Basin Street, the improvements to basin Street and they help to support that by providing - they actually provided the design funds for the Franklin basin. Meaning like Lycoming College and the County provided some of the (WORD?) for match funding for the Riverwalk so there are opportunities with each of those programs. Penn-DOT as well. If you do have redevelopment project that is looking for transportation improvements it's a way that the city can serve as the applicant and the grantee and enter into a cooperation agreement and advance some of these initiatives throughout the city. The other two and schedule probably already have this on his radar, but the fair program, which provides funding for affordable housing and a first time buyers. That's another opportunity and because you are in a Marcella shale era and you have already accessed those. I think the County served as the applicant for projects in the city. Another program that we were not quite ready for it was the keystone communities program and that is focused on downtown revitalization. You can do different programs with that. You could do housing rehab programs with that. We weren't quite ready, but that's another program that will open early spring so we have some time to start to think about what that ask will be and working with Christy Yeager from DCD and again we like to talk to the agencies before we submit an application so they know it is coming and they are aware of it and we get their input and the support.

Mr. Pulizzi Thank you very much for going over that. I appreciate that.

Mr. Yoder stated that he thought about something else whenever you were chatting about the closeout of the East nursery Gateway project. I had a note here and I completely forgot to ask this the first time. I know there were a lot of grants. I think we were waiting on reimbursement for. Are we still waiting on anything or has that all been received at this point?

Therea: It should have all been received. I will check with Joe to make sure that it has been received. Otherwise I will reach out to the agencies, but you should have received all of your funding.

Mrs. Katz: thanked both Thomas Keller Delta and stated that she appreciates that you are here. Even though you're by yourself. One of the things that both of you have talked about is tourism. We do have a lot of people that come through our city is tourist. We are centrally located. Having a business downtown and constantly, constantly having tours come in the separate in fact today from Houston is amazing. I have always found it amazing that we do not utilize our city enough for tourism. What kind of funding, what needs to be done to present your city as a tourist destination credit what kind of funding can we go after and what should be done to do this?

Theresa, Delta: We mentioned the marketing to promote tourism, which can be used for both facility improvements, construction, new facilities, but also for marketing and I think what would be beneficial and this is what we did for Tioga County for their marsh right as we quantify what those benefits would be. What kind of new businesses could be supported. What kind of activity could be generated. What kind of activity is being generated. Yet the little lake series that brings in a substantial number of out-of-town tourists, but what are those other events? What do they begin? What's the economic impact because I think a lot of times, and I think Tom would know this as well. To quantify the economic impact is what the federal agencies will be looking at and DCD. It's about creating jobs, retaining jobs, and I think what we could work with, we have a number of analysts on our team that could work on pulling together economic impact analysis of your venues and the amount of activity that is generated through those venues and what type of economic impact they generate. I think that would be helpful for you to see, but it would also be helpful as we start to pull some of these applications together. As you start to look at maybe some additional partners and it may be some private investment into what you're doing as well.

Mrs.Katz: I would really like to be involved in this. We have a huge arts community that pulls a lot of people in because of the arts, but because we are centrally located we get people that use our city as a destination for family reunions. Even for girls weekends. So many things come through here. One of the things that you stated is there would be - it would be more beneficial if we could get more businesses in our central business district that are attracting tourism. Even to have literature and advertising that could be done correctly. These are the things that we need help with. If there's anything that maybe I can do or what we can do to bring things to fruition with this it would be beneficial both financially and for our city all the way around.

Theresa stated : And I think having the economic impact analysis would help you develop a brochure or a business recruitment tool that shows those tourism related businesses and what type of activity is generated and how they could capitalize on that activity.

Mrs. Katz said she would love to work on that.

Theesa, Delta I know my analysts would love to work on that too. We could set something up and we could come up for a work session so we could list your facilities and talk about the data we would need and some of the data we could provide. We have MC and some other tools that we use for data that provides some of that some of the impact analysis information as we provide your inputs on the number of businesses and number of people. Then our analysts can pump out a pretty good impact analysis that you would be pleased with.

Mrs. Katz: I would be excited by the print thank you Theresa. Let's set it up as soon as we can.

Mr. Keller: Councilwoman Katz I will take the question for the Keller team. I think our primary focus for the federal grant side, as Tresa was saying is about economic impact as well. We tend to focus on what we refer to as the beneficiaries. The industries and companies that receive the benefit of whatever improvements you are talking about making. So whether that's adding trails. Whether it is your making improvements among the business corridors. Adding an arts. Building an arts focused quarter. Whatever we decide to pursue at the federal level we need to be able to demonstrate that there are direct business beneficiaries for those - for that project and what that means typically for federal grants is that business and industry, that benefit from the project, fill out or provide a letter of support or even more so fill out what is called a beneficiary form where they commit to generating a certain amount of jobs or retaining a certain amount of jobs as a result of the improvements. Those are the most competitive applications. So that's really our focus is whatever investment we are working on on behalf of the city that would make sure that that results in a job impact for the city and that there are specific beneficiaries that can say that they will have a direct result from that project.

Mrs. Katz: I think we can start working on that. I really do. We do have a base. We do have a base here and I think we just need to learn how to expand it.

Mr. Keller: We do wish the federal government would allow communities to use some federal funds for marketing, but unfortunately the federal government would not allow that. Now some of the ARPA funds believe it or not that have gone to the states. They do allow for marketing of communities and using that funding to market whatever they need to market. So that would be the best bet if we want to look at the marketing side of things. Look at the state.

Mrs. Katz: Fantastic. It sounds like we could have a good thing going here. Thank you both.

Mr. Allison stated That's the same thing that I was thinking, the coronation part because council has been - and the administration we have been talking about our financial issues that we have. Any city does not, especially third class cities. We have realized that we need to (WORD?) our way as a part of that. Be as efficient as possible, but also grow the economy in the area we have talked a lot about that. This sounds like an excellent way to get one part of that underway and I think we probably need to organize on our side as well to be ready to check off all of the boxes and hit all of the marks that we need to hit. So yes I just second everything that Councilwoman Katz has said and others on counsel. You both as well. It is something that I think all of counsel, and the administration would be 100% behind. So that is a good - that is a good one there. I think we actually have some defined process there beginning to start. Anything else from councilmembers? Or the administration?

Mrs. Katz stated : I would just like to say thank you.

Mr. Allison: Yes absolutely. We have gotten a - we understood that we were going to have a discussion and an update, but it has been more than that. It has been a lot of valuable sharing of information for us to assimilate now. So it is going to take a little while to revisit all of these things that you have mentioned and prioritized on our side. So I just really thank you Mr. Keller, Mr. Garfinkel, and Doctor Adair and Theresa from Delta. Thank you all again for being here tonight and on behalf of council I think everybody thanks you for that.

**Ordinance Transfer Ordinance #2 (first reading)**

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and second to adopt the Ordinance in first reading

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

Mr. Pawlak stated good evening I think my screen is freezing up so I will turn that up. This is our second transfer ordinance for the 2021 a general fund budget. This transfer accomplishes three tasks. Two of them spoke about and was approved at the Council meeting two weeks ago. The first is transferring $20,000 into an ADA consulting expense account. This is for the accessibility consultant and the ACA coordinator, and discussions at the finance committee two weeks ago on what the cost may come in at for the services. The second is for $70,000 for Bowman Field

improvements printed for change order number one on the field scoreboard project. That is still a $64,000 expense, but with rounding I put it in at 70. The final is into legal services for the treasurer's office. This is related to audits and legal services necessary for collecting the mercantile and the business privilege taxes from those individuals that are not currently remitting them. I think Nick indicated on Tuesdays finance committee that the account, while it is titled legal council is more of a service line item. With that being said this was discussed Tuesday at the finance meeting and brought to council with a positive recommendation.

Ms. Miele stated We did discuss it in the finance committee and reported it to the full body of council with a positive recommendation. These were all, with the excepts - - which is being transferred within the treasurer's office so there is nothing to shocking there. We were aware of the other expenditures. The one element of this, which came as a surprise as we had initially discussed the majority of the transfer for the Bowman Field expense, $60,000 of the transfer of Bowman Field expense coming from streets and parks for equipment. Instead it is $50,000 and then 20,000 is coming from salaries. So we had a little bit of a discussion on the reason for the savings on the salary line item, which turns out to be the lack of a director in the city and parks department. However we do continue to have expenses related to the direction of the red because Mr. Winder who is the head of RVT is also serving as a head of parks. So there was some concern on the finance committee that there wouldn't be enough money elsewhere in the states and parts budget to cover the expense of Mr. Winder tempered Mr. Pawlak felt that we have a contract and services line and anyway we had a long and mellow conversation. We did not get any final answers about how much Mr. Winder was costing us as the head of the Streets and Parks department. Whether there would be enough in the account and whether we really had any idea how much some of the services that we are using through our RVT is costing us up to date and it sounded as though there is a little bit up in the air. We do not have, so to speak up-to-the-minute costing sheets for those items. We know the hourly rates, which are higher than you might pay within the city. We don't know how many hours because we are not necessarily up right now to bills on those services. So the finance committee I think you could say was a little concerned about the extent to which that element of the city budget in 2021 is a little unforeseen and we - it is unforeseen and we cannot really wrap our heads around the cost of it. Again we have a handful of things up in the air about stuff like that. Legal services because this is the first year we are paying by the hour instead of for an entire year and these relationships with RVT that we developed this year that are not like, there is evidence of her relationship that we have had with RVT in the past. Basically so much more. There are so many more services right now that RVT is providing with us that it's a much- much larger portion of our budget. The money does exist in the $20,000 that we are transferring out of the salary fund and specifically due to the lack of the director. So finance did passes item to the full body of council with a positive recommendation. I pretty recently asked Mr. Pawlak and RVT by extension to bring us up-to-date on what our costs are so we can begin to account for those in this year's budget if it is the administration proposal continues use of utilizing RVT for so many services at this rate. I will defer to other members of finance that might have further recollection of that discussion.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

**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 #9191**
**Resolution Minimum Obligation for the Year Ending 2022**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Pawlak stated this is our 2022 minimum municipal obligation for the city's three pension plans. This is an annual item that we are required to adopt by September 30 of each year. The numbers were put together by the city's actuary benefits group and I think it is a good thing. I put some tables in the information that was omitted and as everybody can see the minimum municipal obligation of 4 million - - is actually about $1 million less than the obligation was in this current year, 2021. So there is some positive things. The decrease is related to some amortization payments that fell off the obligation here in 2022 related to various assumption changes and experience losses that have expired in the upcoming MMO. With that being said this was reviewed again by the finance committee and brought to the full body of council with a positive recommendation.

Ms. Miele stated Mr. Pawlak does speak the truth. We forwarded this with a positive regulation. With some delight of seeing a $3 million savings, which will make a difference in the city's budget obviously. That said of course I don't know that anyone has ever forwarded a $4 million expenditure to the full body of council with a positive recognition, but that is the nature of the beast. The MMO is exactly what it says. The minimum municipal obligation for a contribution to our pension fund. It includes not only our current pension obligation, but basically they differed pension allegations that we have failed to pay in decades past frankly. When we have promised pensions to our employees, but there were no laws that required us to set aside the funds in the year in question so we differed that financial obligation and now it has come home to roost. So the MMO is both our current year and our prior-year obligations as Mr. Pawlak mentioned it is in part determined by the difference between how much we assume our pension funds are going to make and how much we actually do make prudent in the last couple of years they have somewhat outperformed our expectations because we lowered the assumption of how much they would make an part contributing to some of the decrease in the record excuse me Randy I will have to defer to Joe Pawlak to collect me at the end of the speech I have made some inaccurate statements bring up it Joe understands this part better than I do. The amortization is we assume a later return. If we don't receive that rate of return, good for us. If we are consistently under the rate of return than our - that increases our MMO in a different direction. - - To decrease the amount that we thought we would make consequently increasing our MMO that year. I think to a certain extent we are leaving some of the benefits that we have currently, but are currently two Mr. Pawlak that it's likely that those who manage our pension fund will come back to us with a recommendation to decrease our assumption again at some point soon. I will conclude by channeling Doctor Williamson. At one time, Jonathan Williamson, President of City Council stated a couple years ago who always like to mention that we didn't have to defer the pension obligations of the past further into the future if we wanted to make additional contributions to our pension obligation this year. We know that every year and every year we choose not to do it because like so many things. The same reason you don't choose to pay or on your mortgage perhaps. There are

other needs for that money, but are we able to contribute extra to our pensions we can get them closer to a fully funded status that would substantially lower our ongoing obligations and in the long run of course. So that said I will like it said kick it back to Joe Pawlak. What did I get wrong?

Mr. Pawlak: I think most of that was accurate. Like you were saying if we decide to make it expanding - if we decide to make changes to our assumptions are interest-rate assumptions and lower them that is going to be an assumption change and we will have a loss there that we will have to amortize which will increase our amortization payments, but however as Councilwoman Miele discussed the past two years have been relatively get it from the rate of return on the plans. So we can experience - some expense gains, which might offset some of the assumption changes that we might look to make in this 2021 actuary evaluation. So that's just something that council and the pension boards will need to evaluate once the actual evaluation and the actuary looks at what they are presenting to us.

Mr. Allison: It is definitely - it is not just a simple formula that works. It is a science and it is somewhat of a sense of being able to assimilate everything that is going on in a national economy, the stock market and putting all of those things together and making assumptions based on that and what we are invested in and we do have professional to guide us in that. We do not make them as laypeople just doing - throwing darts at a dartboard, but even at that there's a certain art to being able to come up with the right formula or as close as you can be and given that as Councilwoman Miele has well stated we have always, at least the time that I have been on the Council erred on the side of being conservative in the sense of not overestimating what we think we can - what we think our profits will be and how that is going to affect our MMO in the interest of, in the long term but we know how many things have been handed down from the past and have landed in our laps and one thing we don't want to do is continue with that kind of action if possible and we do have control over this. So so far so good this year. Any other 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 Appointment of Director of Public Safety (remove from table)**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison stated this is a resolution appointment of Director of Public Safety, which we tabled because there were some unanswered questions about the nature of this position and also the requirement by ordinance that they live in the city, which one possibility is our chief of police, but he does not live in the city so that created an issue there to resolve it and we haven't come to a conclusion on that yet. So is there anybody who wants to bring this off the table? Okay I don't hear any motions so we will leave that item still tabled.

**Resolution to Approve a CDBG-CY Multi-purpose Public Service Project (remove from table)**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

. Mr. Allison stated. Again this has been tabled from two weeks ago. And we tabled it to get more information and we have got more information, but we have gotten even more information, but very recently so given those dynamics is anyone on council wanting to move to bring this off the table? At this point? Okay this also stays tabled for lack of a motion to bring it off the table.

**.Resolution #9192**
**Resolution Accepting a Contract for Audit Services with Zelenkofske Axeford, LLC**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mrs. Woodring Attached is a proposal to accept a contract from Zelenkofske Axeford LLC to provide professional auditing services for the years ending December 31, 2019, 2020, and 2021. In the amounts of $86,600, $88,950, and $91,425. This was reviewed by our solicitor Mr. Lublin.

Mr. Allison: Thank you Miss Woodring. This was reviewed in finance and I will call on Ms. Miele again.

Ms. Miele: This was reviewed and finance and forwarded to the full body of council with a positive recommendation, pending review of one item. This contract quote unquote was taking a slightly different form than some of the other contracts we have reviewed before as a city Council and doesn't at least - it does not guide us towards a termination clause, however there is a termination clause within the resolution itself. That termination because specifies that the city has the opportunity before November 30 first I believe of any given year to terminate the contract with Zelenkofske Axeford for the following year. The quirky thing about that in this context is A November 31$^{st}$ does not exist, but I believe we could do November 30, but B that in this context Zelenkofske Axeford, actually we are contracting with them for three calendar years. 2019, 2020, and 2021. They will move the audits for 2019 and 2020 immediately because actually both of those audits should already - there's one audit, the 2020 audit wouldn't have needed to be submitted by December 30 to be timely and it will not be part of the 2019 would have to be submitted by 30 December last year because of the extension. They will begin work on those probably and they will begin work on the 2021 audit and that January 2022. That being said the November 30 termination doesn't have any real application in that sense. We either terminate with the company within the next two months, which does not give us a whole lot of time to review performance or to terminate after next November 30, 2022 after they completely finished all of their work for the city. Ideally we would expect everything to be have done by next November 30. The other thing that the finance committee is concerned about aside from that was we also did not see any elements within the agreement that included who owns the data collection and put together by the auditing company. The first auditor I believe engaged in the 2019 year. I don't think they provided any of their findings to the city even though they made it a substantial way through the audit process. So it would seem wise for us to somehow or another include language that indicates that if for some reason our contract is terminated prematurely we receive the worst products up to the date of termination or something like that. So I - Miss Woodring did take this item back to Mr. Lublin and he thought that the line would be okay, but I would ask is Mr. Lublin on the call this evening?

Mr. Allison answered yes he is.

Ms. Miele Norm are you quite certain of that? I am just wondering, especially in terms of the ownership of the work product. I'm concerned that there is no language in there that guarantees us that and it would be an exceptionally wise

thing for us to have and I'm also wondering if we should try to establish some sort of other termination clause within the resolution that maybe gives us an out at some point next year where we would expect to have at least two of the audits completed. I don't know, but obviously moving forward if we continue to contract Zelenkofske Axeford after the 2021 year then this would be a perfect clause to have in place. This agreement is exclusively for three years. The last of which will be 2021. So just looking for, I guess the representation from the Council and Mr. Lublin on this.

Mr. Allison: Other thoughts for members of finance? Mr. Yoder.

Mr. Yoder stated I certainly can appreciate where Councilwoman Miele is coming from. I could certainly support amending that if the group feels comfortable. To what? I'm not sure pretty giving the uniqueness of this I'm not sure if it makes sense to change it to just a singular cutoff date. At some point in the spring of 2022 when we have gotten some time to understand their approach. However work relationship evolves, that sort of thing and doing that for the aggregate or separating it to where we do the previous two years that were already gone and also doing a separate one for the 2021 because that is the actual normal rotation that we would be in. So just a couple thoughts on an approach to amending that if council agrees or wants to do that.

Ms. Miele: Thank you Adam for chiming in. One thing is I'm actually, more than t termination because I do not expect to terminate, and I don't think anyone else does. Just to be clear. Nobody expect any issues, but I am focused on the work products initiative it since we have had an issue with that.

Mr. Yoder I would second that, Liz. I would second that as well. I don't think we will run into that at all. I don't think that's the intention, but we want to be prudent and protect ourselves in the rare event that that does happen.

Mr. Allison: True. We have had some rare events that did happen.

I agree. So we talked about a couple different things. I can see where Councilman Yoder's suggestion would be too separate 2021 - yes 2021 in a separate contract. Is that to make the division more clear there? Correct?

Mr. Yoder yes because we're technically not out of 2021 yet so when we get this next year we will run into this again. So 2021 is kind of that year that we are actually on track for so I think that cycle would look a little different. It is just a thought.

Mr. Allison: Yeah. I think that is our hope and expectation that it will look different. Councilwoman Miele what do you think about that?

Ms. Miele: I think I might actually suggest just inserting language in the resolution is similar to language we have had with other contracts we have executed. Which is termination on part of either party with 30 days notice for clause and in the event of termination the city retained rights to work products developed by the auditor up to the point in which we terminated our process. Norm is that legal? Norm Lublin.

Mr. Lubin stated I will have to learn how not to do that again. Seriously on the motions you could amend to obviously terminate at the end of whatever the 30 days notice was. I also put in here that whatever work we have paid for up to the time of termination that they agree to provide to us.

Ms. Miele: What's the exact wording on that look like norm so - can you propose the amendment for us? Then I will vote to amend or I will make a motion to amend.

Mr. Yoder: Norm if you read it out I can type the amendment if you need.

Mr. Lubin : **Whereas the - we will change the whereas clause whereas the city Council and the city move Williamsport shall have the right to terminate the agreement with written notification upon 30 days notice for - on satisfactory performance of the scope of the proposal and whereas in the event of early termination of the contract or termination of the agreement the city shall - I'm sorry. Zelenkofske Axeford will provide copies of any work product developed is being paid for by the city. That way if we are paying them X number of dollars they should give us the work that has been done for that amount of money.**

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

Mr. Allison stated Okay, great. . We have a motion and a second to the amendment. Mrs. Frank on the amendment please.

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

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

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the orginial 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.**

Accept for filing:

Controllers Report 07/30/21

Codes Report July 2021

Mr. Allison asked for motion for accept these for filing.

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

**The minutes were accepted for filing with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.**

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

Announcements

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

Upcoming Meetings:

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| Friday, September 24 | 11:00 | AM | ERC |
| Monday, October 4 | 12:00 | PM | Planning Commission* |
| Tuesday, October 5 | 11:30 | AM | Public Safety |
| | 1:00 | PM | Finance Meeting |
| | 2:30 | PM | Public Works Meeting |
| Thursday, October 7 | 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.
There were none.

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 8:56 PM with unanimous ayes.**

**Submitted by:**

**Janice M. Frank**
**City Clerk**