

Thursday, March 29, 2018
Williamsport, PA

Council President Jonathan Williamson brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 7:30 PM in City Hall Council Chambers. Chris Cooley did televise the meeting. The invocation was given by Councilman Don Noviello and was immediately followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Council members present:

Jonathan Williamson, President
Randy Allison, Vice President
Bonnie Katz, Councilwoman
Derek Slaughter
Don Noviello, Councilman absent
Elizabeth Miele, Councilwoman
Joel Henderson, Councilman

Absent:

Don Noviello

Also, Present:

Gabriel J. Campana, Mayor
Rebecca Haladay, City Engineer absent
Mr. William Nichols, Jr.
Mr. Joe Pawlak
Mr. Gary Knarr
Megan Page HR
Adam Winder
Jody Miller, Police Chief t
Sol. Norman Lubin
Janice Frank, City Clerk,
Todd Heckman, Fire Chief
Mr. Joe Gerardi

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes of March 15, 2018 was approved upon a motion from **and Mr. Slaughter made** a second from **Mrs. Katz**. All were in favor. **The vote was 6 to 0.** **Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, Dr. Williamson voted yes. Mr. Noviello was absent.**

Limited Courtesy of the Floor

There was no courtesy of the floor

Ordinance Article 1741 International Property Maintenance Code (final reading) Bill #1709-18

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance in final reading.

Ms. Miele made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Gerardi stated this is in final reading and the two changes that were requested were made. Every three years the international property code is updated by the international Council. We'll have a 2018 code coming out at the end of the year, and if there's anything that we want we will just take it out about book and put it into this book.

Dr. Williamson asked for a vote on the ordinance.

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

Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, Dr. Williamson voted yes. Mr. Noviello was absent.

Dr. Williamson changed the order of the agenda.

Demolition – 641 Maple St. UPMC Susquehanna Health

Mr. Gerardi stated this is a request from UPMC, this is in the institutional zoning district it was used for a single-family dwelling. It is currently vacant and seed will be planted when it is demolished. There is a representative here.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion and the second.

Ms. Miele made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Allison.

There were no comments or questions.

The demolition was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, Dr. Williamson voted yes. Mr. Noviello was absent.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 353 Pine St. Davie Rizzo

Mr. Gerardi stated this is to erect three wall mounted signs, he has a drawing of the size and design color. They do meet all zoning requirements. They are just changing the name from Ottos to Otto.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion and a second.

Mr. Slaughter made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Miele.

Mrs. Katz stated that an interesting thing is Ottos was established in 1841 and they are now bringing it back to what the original names registered under in 1941. As bizarre as it sounds, there is another Otto's book store in Pa. and when they started digging they found out that there was another store with the same name.

Dr. Williamson asked for a vote on the certificate.

The certificate of appropriateness was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, Dr. Williamson voted yes. Mr. Noviello was absent.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 353 Pine St. – Signage for Nancy Montanye CPA

Mr. Gerardi stated this was reviewed and recommended by Planning Commission. This sign is for Nancy Montanye and the sign will be facing Pine St. and the colors are stated in the certificate.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion and a second.

Mr. Slaughter made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Miele.

Dr. Williamson asked if there were any comments or questions.

The certificate of appropriateness was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, Dr. Williamson voted yes. Mr. Noviello was absent.

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Certificate of Appropriateness – 215 East Third St. – Blackhorse Holding

Mr. Gerardi stated this is for a wall-mounted sign, there is a total of 200 ft.² which meets the sign requirements in the City of Williamsport. It is made up high performance vinyl. He included a picture of it. Dr. Williamson asked for motion a second.

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

The certificate of appropriateness was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, Dr. Williamson voted yes. Mr. Noviello was absent

Lot Consolidation & Land Development Plan – 105 Maynard Street

Mr. Knarr stated this is for Sheets, Inc. it is located at 105 Maynard ST. it is located within the CC zoning District. It is a convenience store. Proposed land development would consist of demolishing the existing store, it is part of the land development approval process, we are requesting that the demolition process also go through during the same time. In addition, we are going to do a lot consolidation of two parcels, and in addition Sheets, Inc. would dedicate a .051 acres of the right-of-way along Maynard Street. A new convenience store consisting of 5988 ft.² and fuel islands. The proposal also plans to remove existing landscape, paving, lighting, and siding to be replaced with the new layout which is provided here. The layout would provide for increased parking as well as outdoor seating, the plan does meet all zoning, stormwater requirements and was reviewed by the city engineer as well as Mr. Knarr. The Planning Commission did review it and provided comments, and the plans that are in front of counsel at the corrected comments. It was also reviewed by the Planning Commission with a positive recommendation.

Dr. Williamson asked for motion and the second.

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

Ms. Miele asked the solicitor if we could approve all of these items in one vote, Mr. Lubin answered yes. What are we using the right away that Sheets is designating to the City?

Mr. Knarr answered it is just a portion that we would maintain in case we needed it for lighting or anything in addition to rails of trails.

Ms. Miele stated so this is a potential bike lane that will remain a sidewalk. The new outdoor seating, will people be able to sit outside and drink?

Mr. Knarr answered they would have to go through the process with the PLCB, if it is approved, and it is closed off it would be our requirement.

Ms. Miele asked a question concerning the tax base and how it will be affected in which Mr. Knarr answered that he will check with Mr. Grimes. Mr. Knarr stated he doesn't think it will affect one way or another. She also asked if the Penn College students know about this and he answered no, not yet.

Mrs. Katz asked about the fueling stations, are they being changed...the representative answered they are moving to the other corner in which Mrs. Katz stated that will be better for the public because of the dangerous and confusing situation. There was a discussion about the increase in the store and there will be an incorporated dining room.

Mr. Allison asked about the green space and the answer was the green space will be increased but it won't affect the MS4. It does meet the landscaping requirements.

Ms. Miele asked about the appearance and there will still be the large red awnings and still had the red brick Sheets design.

Dr. Williamson asked who owns the easement...the answer was the easement street will be used by all. The traffic flow will go so they will be able to come in from Maynard Street, it is designed to catch the interstate traffic coming in from South Williamsport. Right now you can't get in to the site except for the light, you will be able to get off of Maynard Street and go right. Mr. Knarr explained the traffic pattern. An additional design is reviewed by the Bureau codes and our Engineer.

Bryan Dinges, Sheets, Inc. speaking to the landscaping, we lay sod and we irrigate all summer long, lawn care maintenance and the sod is in immediate effect as opposed to grass. It will look very nice on day one.

Mrs. Katz asked when does this start and what is the timeline?

Mr. Dinges answered it is still to be determined by the process and by going through the city, and so far so good, your staff has been great to work with. With a good outcome we will move this up sooner and we are cognizant of the college timing and a lot of our customers come from there, so we would ideally like to have the bulk of the downtime this summer and try to get it open as quickly as we can for the Fall.

Dr. Williamson asked for vote on the entire project.

The lot consolidation/land development was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, Dr. Williamson voted yes. Mr. Noviello was absent

Ordinance Amending the Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances Providing for the Specific Areas of City Government Which will Operate Within the Various Departments[\(first reading\) Bill# 1710-18](#)

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance in first reading.

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

Ms. Page stated this is an ordinance authorizing an amendment to the administrative code providing for the specific areas of city government in which we will operate within the various departments. As advised by our Finance Committee during our meeting on Tuesday, a revision was made to change River Valley Transit to Williamsport Bureau of Transportation, DBA River Valley Transit. This amendment is brought forward because the administration is reviewing to update sections within the code of Williamsport for the codified ordinances. This was prepared in consultation with solicitor Lubin. It was reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Mr. Allison stated we reviewed this in Finance and mostly in the original ordinance, the old ordinance stated there was only Finance, Recreation and Public Works were under contracted services. We got into a discussion about the Director of Administration and Director of Public Safety, and is there a job description for those positions. They could be filled by someone and it would be a paid position but the responsibilities revert to him (the Mayor). We did have a director of Public Safety under Mary Wolfe administration and this particular person belonged to different organizations in the State and was active

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and he had conducted training sessions and made sure that he oversaw those areas that affected each one of those departments. It is just a question of what it means to have a person in that position and what does it mean if you don't have a qualified person in that position, by experience, and by education, and by training. It is not just the title to be filled by someone because in actuality the responsibilities of those positions aren't really realized if that is just the title. Since we are passing a law and amending the law it is important that we have that discussion about these three department heads. So this is all in consideration of how the city can be best run.

Mrs. Katz stated that Mr. Nichols talked about Mary Wolfe administration's that took an approach to re-organize and went from four to three Directors. Mr. Nichols explained how it was run before. Mrs. Katz asked about the importance of these titles.

Mr. Lubin stated once the Mayor appoints a department head, they do the duties of what is assigned by the mayor. In cases when there is no department head, the mayor is the department head. He is in charge of all the departments if there is no department heads, and there are only three departments.

Mrs. Katz stated that this ordinance has been changed since we saw this in Finance,

Mr. Lubin answered that they are moving engineering from Community Development to the Department of Administration, that is the reason to put it under the entity.

Mrs. Katz stated but it is going under department that has an (a) and now it is showing as a Sub-head.

Mr. Nichols stated there was a difficulty there because John Grado being here so long held two positions and he was engineer and director of public services, as well as director of community development. So it was the mayor's decision to go back to the model where the engineer was Public Works, and he felt it was a mistake or typo,

Dr. Williamson stated since there is a typo do we have to make an amendment?

Mr. Lubin stated both of the changes are part of the first reading., So the motion on the floor includes the changes related to RVT and to the typo.

Mr. Nichols stated hopefully there's not a lengthy discussion about job description, etc. all of the responsibilities as directors, they are just spilled by the employees and all the different departments. All the things that the director of administration was doing, the mayor does some of it, and he delegates the rest.

Dr. Williamson stated so to clarify, under the changes there are three departments, the Administration, Public Safety, and Community development, but each of the sub departments, none of them have a department head, except for Community and Economic development. So most of the department heads don't have a director other than the mayor. By taking on the responsibilities, the mayor is in the position to directly supervising many more people than if there were three cabinet heads.

Mr. Nichols said he does have some responsibilities but he assigns the department heads who they are responsible to. The job descriptions we have, says in the last line says anything else that you are assigned.

Mrs. Katz stated she is still bothered by the engineering, knowing how the engineering department was working with John Grado, knowing how the funding was done before, she is having difficulty understanding this.

Ms. Page stated that was actually approved during the budget sessions when the Assistant General Manager of Public Works was consolidated with the engineering position, and it was made into one.

Mrs. Katz answered so the person who has the most experience with engineering would be Rebecca. Adam has a different sort of expertise. So how is this working, who is in charge of who?

Mayor Campana answered the general manager is in charge, and that is Adam Winder.

Mrs. Katz stated well, Adam does not have the qualification in a lot of different areas.

Mayor Campana stood up and apologized for being tardy for the Council meeting and stated it is Holy Thursday and he was with his family. He stated you have that in other positions, Adam is a manager and he is overseeing things. You could say that in other departments, saying in mechanics, maybe the general manager doesn't have a lot of experience in mechanics but he is still overseeing. He stated just like his position, he oversees the departments.

Mrs. Katz stated for the past several years in Public Works, John Grado presented things and she felt that Adam could not present these things.

Mayor Campana replied, that is correct and she has autonomy over things due to engineering and the expertise, but ultimately she has to answer to somebody, and she answers to Adam who is the General Manager of Streets and Parks. That is the way it has been working and he believes it is working pretty well. At the same time we are multitasking and saving dollars. And we have to do that. If you look at other cities, they have so many more employees in their offices. He gave an example of Finance that most cities have six or seven people. He stated there have been some questions about a Public Safety Director, he is not the only Mayor in the city's history that has decided to save money by not having a Public Safety Director. The Public Safety Director actually came about under Mary Wolfe, it cost the taxpayers \$100,000 in benefits and salary. He named the Mayors that have done that. He gave handouts to Council about his experience in taking on a role...he pointed out his qualifications, he has a doctorate degree in education and coursework in criminal justice, political science etc. He was on City Council for 12 years. During this time, crime rate has decreased, and we do have a wonderful new police chief. He stated he was coached by a gentleman that deals with leadership, and by a Secret Service agent. He continued to name the people who he has worked with. He was appointed by the Pennsylvania governor to serve under the municipal police officers education training commission and has spoken to fellow mayors. He meets with all his department heads who speak to him about issues. He made comparisons of other cities.

Mr. Allison stated he was sorry that the mayor could not be here for the beginning of the discussion because they made it clear that nobody is advocating for a public safety director. What Council wanted to know was by ordinance....

Mayor Campana stated he has known in the past that several council members of the city has stated that we need a Public Safety Director.

Mr. Allison stated what we wanted to know because we are passing a law do we have one on the books that doesn't mean anything. When we had our codified ordinances reviewed we had a lot of that fluff taken out which we don't need words in there that are ineffectively in use. Since this was brought up we felt it was a good time to approach that particular part of the ordinance and see just what it meant. We also feel hundred thousand dollars is a lot of money and this is into you or anyone in the administration, multi-testing does save money if it is done well. If it isn't done well, you end up spending more money and you

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have more problems, so there is that aspect of it too. So his question is, do we even need that in the ordinance, having the different Directors.

Mr. Lubin answered he would leave it in because different Mayors could want different things and also for organizational chart purposes. He explained the purpose and his recommendation.

Mr. Lubin continued as Mayor, he is in charge of the administration, currently Mayor Campana does not believe that these two positions should be filled. But it may come a point that he would decide to fill these two positions, so if you carry a department head, it was carried with this charter since 1972. This is not anything unusual currently.

Dr. Williamson asked if for some reason, the mayor cannot be reached, and there's a city emergency, so does this suggest that the next person in charge is Stephanie Young?

Mr. Lubin stated obviously in the event of an emergency, it would be the acting Mayor.

Dr. Williamson also asked it seems like we have casually used the word department heads, and sub departments, and under sub departments we may have individual positions....

Mr. Lubin stated but the concept under the Third Class City Charter Law is the director.

Dr. Williamson asked about the IT position and does it naturally fall under anything?

Mr. Lubin answered maybe under Human Resources, but it is up to the Mayor.

Dr. Williamson stated who does Chris Cooley report to? Mayor Campana stated the Administration. **Dr. Williamson made the motion to add number six information technology, Mr. Allison seconded it.** Dr. Williamson asked for a vote on the motion to amend.

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

Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, Dr. Williamson voted yes. Mr. Noviello was absent.

Ms. Miele asked out of curiosity, if we are going to retain these positions, even if the mayor has chosen not to fill them, they should have job descriptions. Mr. Allison agreed. So if those positions have given roles and they are being shared out, then the descriptions of those roles should exist so we can be sure under whose doing what. So if at some point, Mayor Campana or another Mayor would decide if he wants to appoint someone for two directors?

Mr. Lubin stated he can appoint anyone he wants to those positions....

Mr. Lubin stated he can appoint whomever he wants for Directors. There was a discussion about the title of Director of Administration and what Ms. Miele was concerned about who would be in charge if that one Director would not be able to take charge. Mr. Lubin stated he will look up the Third Class City Code and get back to everyone on Council about the next in line in charge of the City if the Mayor or his director could not perform the duties of Mayor.

Mr. Allison stated we did pass this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Henderson stated on Section 3, the end of the paragraph reads, the Director of Community Development is hereby amended to read as follows. So that phrase should probably be taken out. **Mr. Henderson made a motion to replace those words with are as follows. Dr. Williamson seconded it.** Dr. Williamson asked if there were any comments or questions on the amendment.

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

Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, Dr. Williamson voted yes. Mr. Noviello was absent.

Dr. Williamson wanted to clarify that job descriptions be updated and distributed, it will help us to know who is responsible for what and when.

Mayor Campana stated the administration would be glad to provide those job descriptions in the next 60 to 90 days.

Dr. Williamson asked for a vote on the ordinance in first reading.

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

Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, Dr. Williamson voted yes. Mr. Noviello was absent

Resolution #8758

Resolution Authorizing the City of Williamsport to Award a Contract for the Purchase of 1 MCI Compressed Natural Gas Transit Vehicle

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

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

Mr. Nichols stated this is to finalize the purchase of a CNG bus from a Penn Dot Grant in the amount of \$525,000 which is substantially less than what we would pay for this type of bus. This is considered a demo bus and there was 50,000 miles on it. We are recommending this bus for all our needs as well as our emergency needs. We now have a vehicle that has a larger capacity to it, and some of the routes we have are going to save operating dollars because this will reduce the need for a second bus. The finance committee did review this.

Ms. Miele stated Finance did review this and forwarded this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. There was a lengthy discussion about RVT's fleet and the good thing is we won't have to purchase any buses next year. We have additional funds from the Bill that was signed into the law and the federal government finished the year with a funding package called a TIGER grant that has a lot of legs to it that we could utilize these funds. Miss Nagy was looking into exactly what the TIGER funds will cover.

Mr. Allison stated we were informed that we have six more buses to go to complete our fleet of CNG buses.

Mr. Nichols stated there's an incredible amount of money that can be saved with CNG fleets. There are 29 systems on board to make the conversion. This bus should last about 20 years. We still have a 1996 bus in operation.

Dr. Williamson asked for a vote on the resolution.

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

Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, Dr. Williamson voted yes. Mr. Noviello was absent

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Certificate of Appropriateness – HARB

All items are recommended for approval.

Item 2. Stonehurst Group LLC

948 West Third Street

- A. Install new 2 sided metal business sign on the existing first floor front sign bracket. New sign to be 3' x 4' Colors: Dark Navy and gold lettering or Dark Navy and Ivory lettering

Item 3. HoschAnn Property LLC

414 Walnut Street

- A. Prep and paint exterior. Colors:
Palace Green CW-520 Body
Governor's GoldCW-395 – Trim & Shutters
Black Accents (wrought iron)
- B. Repair window glass, glazing and wood as needed using same materials.
- C. Install hanging carved sign over Walnut St entry. Palace Green background, gold lettering with black accent. Estimated 1' x 5' size. See attached sample.
- D. Install ornamental metal straight arm sign post, with a bracket, similar to attached drawing. Black finish. Est 5'height

Attach 2 sided wood or metal sign. Palace Green background, gold lettering with black accent, and a shadow logo in the background. Est. 3' x 4' size

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion and second.

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

The certificate of appropriateness for HARB were carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, Dr. Williamson voted yes. Mr. Noviello was absent

Accept for filing

Veteran's Memorial Park 02/5/18

ERC 01/22/18

HARB 03/20/18

Dr. Williamson asked for motion and a second.

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

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

Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes. Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes, Dr. Williamson voted yes. Mr. Noviello was absent

Announcements

There will be an executive session immediately following this meeting in the matter of personnel. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 7:30 PM, in City Hall Council Chambers. (Enter through the police department at rear of building for meetings after 5:00 PM.)

Upcoming Meetings:

Friday, March 30	GOOD FRIDAY – CITY HALL CLOSED
Monday, April 2	12:00 PM Planning Commission
Tuesday, April 3	3:30 PM ERC Meeting
Wednesday April 4	4:00 PM Charter Commission
Saturday, April 7	2:00 PM Government Study Commission*
Monday, April 9	4:00 PM Recreation Commission
Tuesday, April 10	1:00 PM Finance Committee
	2:30 PM Public Works
	3:30 PM Public Safety
	6:30 PM Citizen's Corp
Thursday, April 12	7:30 PM City Council Meeting

*Government Study Commission is held at Susquehanna Law Group, One West Third St., 2nd Floor

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Room]

Dr. Williamson asked for comments from members of Council.

Mrs. Katz wanted to remind everyone that John Markley is still looking for donations for Memorial Park and dedication bricks or blocks.

Dr. Williamson asked if there were comments from members of the administration. There were none.

Dr. Williamson asked for comments from the general public.

Mr. Phan, 922 Vine Ave. I am a student at Penn College, I would like to address City Council and the police office. I have some grievances about City Council and the Police Dept side. I understand the permit was not issued to us at the house that we were having a party, I wanted to address it because people come from all over to visit these parties, and the police canceled it 12 hours before it was to start. Which I felt was wrong. I was not part of the filing process, however who goes and enjoys it and enjoy seeing past graduates, the police department did show up to close down the event. We agreed basically the police caused a disturbance and disrupted the flow of traffic, shaking pepper spray cans and upholstery tasers, I think they were trespassing on my friends house. I would like to propose a 48 hour notice for people who are denied for a permit process because that was unacceptable. People should be notified so they have time to make other arrangements. Ideally I don't feel this should've happened at all.

Mr. Richard James, 16 W. 4th St. Said he is organizing an event to clean up Williamsport. A couple of days ago he was on the Riverwalk and he saw a lot of trash and so he decided to pick it up. A week

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later he came back in the section near the Maynard Street bridge was filled with litter again. So that's when he recognized the just one person is futile. We are going to need the whole city to engage in this effort. So Earth Day is coming up this April and it will be on Sunday, and the Newberry people will be holding their annual clean up on the 21st. So that's when I got this bright idea to make this citywide. We could have people all over picking up litter. It can be ambitious but it can be done. We could get a jump on all this litter. I have been documenting it for the past couple of days and posting it on Facebook. We have no idea about the amount of trash that is out there. Especially if you are in the car it is hard to see. If you are walking it is a little bit easier and you start to see the trash, cigarette butts, and all kinds of stuff, you would believe it. I am asking for a committee wide, community-based effort and I am inviting everybody in this room to come out and pick up some letter. I decided that it would be good to have a weeklong event. It would be designed for individuals and groups and businesses to pick their best times and their most convenient times to do work. So from April 15 to the 22nd, we are asking people to come out and clean up their yards, clean up their blocks, clean up their neighborhoods from one end of the city through the other. I am working with the Newberry people and I've also talked to the Susquehanna Greenway partnership and they are negotiating as to how we are going to clean up the Riverwalk. I have also talked to the adult probation office and maybe we can get some people that have to serve their community service to help in that regard. At this point this is just an FYI and I hope to be talking to some members of City Council in the next couple weeks. Maybe to Public Safety and some other issues to rounded out. Thank you.

Mr. Scott Miller 822 Tucker St., about a month ago I put in a right to know information about the snow removal and in the last two years not one single property has been cited for failing to remove the snow in a timely fashion which I hoped it would be many but I can't believe there is not a single one. Secondly, I asked Ms. Frank to give you all copies of this article, and put in a nutshell, essentially the Pennsylvania defense environmental foundation, won their case and actually twice I wonder case where money generated from fracking on State lands is to be used for purposes of dikes and Chesapeake Bay cleanups. I hope you will all takes a good look through it because I believe always good to be the first in line with your hand out because it's always good when \$1.1 billion becomes available should Harrisburg decide to give the money back as the Supreme Court has ruled them. The next thing, I read an article where a city they were able to eliminate their Controller's office because they thought that their Finance department and the treasures department could do those duties. And we are talking about giving titles and names of who does what. It was my understanding through the scuttlebutt that Peg Woodring was not going to run for another term, I kinda hope she does, but if she does not it would be the ideal time to eliminate that office completely and it would save the city over \$100,000, maybe \$100,000 isn't much to you, please make checks payable to Scott Miller. The next thing I want to touch on, in government, what is a lie? How is misuse of public funds defined? When does it become theft? The analogy I make is the state raised the gas rates to fix the roads, when they did that we say we have to pay the state police with that new tax money. I hope that we get rid of that new gas tax, not fix the roads and I guess we never had State Police before we had that gas tax, I am just using that as an analogy, but I think it's a valuable thing to look at inasmuch as I do remember this governmental body increasing property taxes to pay for the Dyke in the levee repairs. And that money was going to be saved up and then I read in the paper that we don't have that much money from that tax as was said to be, when does it become my money? The last thing, I have a camera on my cell phone, I want to have the streets and parks people here, I am told we are supposed to have that program or we can go around and report potholes. I know they will get an extensive list from me and I want to make sure that there's no reason that potholes are not fixed in a timely and professional manner when it hits. Thank you and have a wonderful Easter.

Adjournment

Dr. Williamson asked for motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by **Mrs. Katz** and it was **seconded by Mr. Allison**.

Motion was carried by a **unanimous at 9:15 PM** "ayes".

Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank, City Clerk