Thursday, June 05, 2025
7:00 PM
Williamsport, PA

Council Vice President Eric Beiter brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 7:00 PM.at Trade & Transit Center II, 144 W. Third St, Williamsport, PA. This meeting was duly advertised in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette.

Council members present:
Adam Yoder, President absent
Eric Beiter, Vice President
Liz Miele, Councilwoman
Randy Allison, Councilman,
Vincent Pulizzi, Councilman
Jon Mackey, Councilman,
Bonnie Katz, Councilwoman
Absent:
Adam Yoder
Randy Allison
Vince Pulizzi

Also, Present:
Derek Slaughter, Mayor,
Valerie Fessler
Sam Aungst, Fire Chief,
Justin Snyder, Police Chief
Solicitor Austin White
Janice Frank, City Cler, absent
Jamie Livermore
Scott Livermore, S&P
Kris Black
Bill Scott
Members of the public

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes of 05/22/25 were approved upon a motion **by Mr. Mackey and** second from **Mrs. Katz... All were in favor. The vote was 4 to 0.**

Presentations of Fire Promotions ,

Chief Aungst tonight I bring before you the reason promotions within the Bureau of fire and the addition of two new firefighters. The first promotion is assistant chief JJ Lyons. JJ has graduated from high school in a 2003, graduated with an Associates degree in the fire science from Columbia Southern University in 2015, joined the fire service in 2000 as a first-generation firefighter. He is an 18-year veteran of the Bureau of Fire. He was promoted to engineer on August 20, 2010 to Lieutenant on July 28, 2021. Platoon chief on September 1, 2022 and recently promoted to assistant chief of training on May 19, 2025. He has been married to his wife Jessica for 17 years and together they have one daughter, Jolene. The first promotion to platoon chief was Mark Killian, he is not able to be with us tonight due to a prior family commitment and he graduated in 2001 from high school, 2013 graduated with an Associates degree in fire science and a bachelors and fire science - sorry, fire protection from Eastern Kentucky University. In 2021 he graduated the national fire Academy's executive fire officer. He is a 21 year veteran of the Bureau. The next platoon chief graduated from Munson high school and has been involved in the fire service since 1996. He is a nine year veteran with the Bureau of fire. Was promoted to engineer on January 1, 2020. It Lieutenant on December 14, 2022. Platoon chief on May 16, 2025 and platoon chief Delaney has been married to his wife Jess for 20 years and together they have two sons Nick and Jack. First Lieutenant promotion is to Gabe Weaver, Gabe is a 2001 graduate of Williamsport area high school. Has an Associate's degree in nursing from Penn College. He is a four year Army veteran. A nine-year veteran of the Bureau of fire. He was promoted to engineer in June 2021. Lieutenant - his effective date is May 6, 2025. He and his wife have been married for 16 years and they have four children. The next Lieutenant is the tenant John Hunsinger. Johnna graduated from high school in 2014, received an Associate's degree in the power generation from Penn College in a 2018 and just a little note on that power generation degree. It actually came in handy for us when we had the power outage up at the hospital. John was working that night and immediately went with the maintenance crew and was instrumental in pinpointing the problem and working to correct it. Even though it may not be a public safety degree, it is still used in public safety. Johnna joined the fire service in 2010 as a first-generation firefighter and has six years on the job here with the Williamsport Bureau of fire and he was promoted to engineer on July 15, 2021 and was recently promoted to Lieutenant on May 4 of this year. He has been married for just over one year. Lieutenant Justin Dunlap graduated from high school. Was promoted to engineer on July 15 2021 and recently promoted to Lieutenant on May 20. He is married with two children. The new hires, Cody Briand was a 2010 graduate from Jersey shore area high school. It has 16 years in the fire service, graduated with a bachelor of science in forensic science from Penn State University and a bachelors in science in physician assistant from a Pennsylvania College of technology. He has been married for one year. Pretty odd that you would have somebody that is a physician assistant come to be a firefighter, but we are very happy to have him. And then finally, our second higher, Kyle Bauer. Kyle has 10 years in the volunteer service. He graduated 10 years ago tonight from Lowell sock Township high school on his 19th birthday. So today is his birthday. Kyle has been married for four years and they both have one daughter. That's it.

Mr. Beiter: Very nice but what I will say to you gentlemen for those receiving promotions, I'm sure they are well deserved. Chief Aungst has done a wonderful job with that department and I hope you do the same. Mr. Bauer our new hire and Mr. Hunsinger, but I will say to you gentlemen, it is very strange to see young men that my wife, I'm sure taught. I know for sure taught you, but now you are becoming valuable members of this community and we appreciate that very much. Thank you, chief.

Limited Courtesy of the Floor

There was no courtesy of the floor

Ordinance # 6501
An Ordinance Transfer Ordinance #4 (final reading)

Mr. White read the ordinance.
Mr. Beiter asked for a motion and second.
Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz.

Mr. Beiter: This is the transfer ordinance that allows us to make payments to the FTA and we went over this last weekend if nobody has anything to add or questions about it.

The Ordinance was carried in final reading with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Beiter voted yes.
Mr. Allison, Mr. Pulizzi and Mr. Yoder were absent.

An Ordinance Amending Part 15 of the Fire Code Article 1301 International Fire Code

Mr. White read the ordinance.
Mr. Beiter asked for a motion and second.
Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz.
Chief Aungst . What you have in front of you - make sure I have the right one. And ordinance changing the fire code from the 2015 International fire code to the 2018 international fire code. Every time that the state updates their codes to what they have adopted, we have to do the same thing. On the fireside, we cannot do a blanket type ordinance where it says in there, when the state makes the modification, it automatically modifies for the city. I'm told we are not allowed to do that. So this has gone before Austin and - we did not take it before public safety.
Mr. Beiter We did not. Does anybody have any questions they would like to ask chief Aungst about the adoption of the ordinance? Seeing and hearing none.

The Ordinance was carried in final reading with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Beiter voted yes.
Mr. Allison, Mr. Pulizzi and Mr. Yoder were absent

Resolution # 9930
Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the Williamsport Bureau of Fire & Steam Specialist HVAC

Mr. White read the resolution.
Mr. Beiter asked for a motion and second.
Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz.
Chief Aungst Before you as a resolution to enter into an agreement with steam specialties. We recently received a grant to modify what we called the stock room. We transitioned that into a training room. The kitchen area was not large enough to accommodate the people that were being trained and being able to do everything. So we made that change and through another grant we were able to utilize that for the purchase of a mini split, which provides heat and air conditioning to that room in particular. That will not go over $6875. This was brought before public safety and reviewed by Austin.
Mr. Beiter: Mr. Mackey, anything to add from public safety? Mrs. Katz?
Mrs. Katz: I think the chief covered at. These mini splits are wonderful to be able to put wherever you really need them. And having the heat and air conditioning, which you do not utilize that room all seasons. To me, getting the grants for this is important and you are utilizing the space really well at this point.

The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Beiter voted yes.
Mr. Allison, Mr. Pulizzi and Mr. Yoder were absent

Resolution # 9931
Resolution Authorizing a Lease Agreement Between the City of Williamsport & Cutting-Edge Baseball, LLC
TABLED

Mr. White read the resolution.
Mr. Beiter asked for a motion and second.to take if off the table.
Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz.
The resolution was removed from the table with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Beiter voted yes.
Mr. Allison, Mr. Pulizzi and Mr. Yoder were absent
Mr. Beiter: Item has been removed from the table. I believe the mayor is on.
Mayor:. What you have before you is a lease agreement between cutting edge baseball and the city. Also known as the cross cutters and this was tabled last time, Councilman Mackey had a few questions. I believe since then the question has been answered and satisfied, but open to any additional questions or any clarifications there.
Mr. Beiter: I do not have any additional questions, Mayor. Mr. Mackey?
Mr. Mackey Unfortunately we cannot get the questions answered two weeks ago, but the language from how I understood it concerning major league baseball in that contract is because they are part of the draft league, which is part of major league baseball. It has nothing to do with the Little League class a game that is played there because we do not have a contract for that game yet. I wanted to make sure we were not getting in any trouble there. Doug, I talked to Doug and Gabe and we are good to go.
Mr. Beiter: It thank you very much for doing the legwork. If there are no other questions on the item.
Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz..
The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Beiter voted yes.
Mr. Allison, Mr. Pulizzi and Mr. Yoder were absent

Resolution #
Resolution Awarding Construction Services for the Newberry Park Improvements Project to Dave Gutelius Excavating, Inc.

Mr. White read the resolution.
Mr. Beiter asked for a motion and second.to take if off the table.
Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz.
Mr. Scott This is for awarding construction services for the Newberry Park improvements project to Dave Gutielius, excavating. There out of Mecklenburg and they were the lowest bidder. We received three beds. The base bid was $349,177.40. The alternative bid - the ultimate bid was $146,268 and the entire low bid was $540,440. The second lowest bid was $382.90 higher, which is remarkably close. I have worked with Dave Gutielius quite a few times in my career. They are a reputable contractor. So the scope of work at Newberry is - we will regrade a soccer field. There will

be a 12 car parking lot with two ADA additional parking spaces. It will be ADA compliant and we will build two new pickle ball courts at the southeast corner is where they will go and there will also be a paved walking path around the perimeter of the park and also there is going to be a new single-user precast concrete restaurant at that facility there. This project is funded by CDBG grant.
Mr. Beiter: I believe this did go to public safety as well.
Mrs. Katz: Yes it did. I think Mr. Scott really covered everything. With this. We look forward to seeing how the plans proceed. There is going to be a water fountain and there is also going to be a bathroom facility there.
Mr. Scott The ultimate bid is the bathroom. There will be a bathroom with a water fountain on the exterior.
Mrs. Katz Which I think everybody will appreciate tremendously because we have been lacking, as Miss Miele has said, where do you take the kids when they have to go? I think we are all happy that this is coming about in that way. Other than that, we will see what the plans do and how they progress. That is all.
Ms. Miele This fits within the budget we have in CDBG?
The CDBG grant covered the planning end of the construction.
Ms. Miele We definitely have the money for the ad alternate.
Good. Will the rest roomst be four season - we will not be winterizing at?
Mr. Scott The restrooms like Elma Parker, it is just seasonal. There is heat, but we are not going to keep them open in the winter. I don't think Scott wants to keep them open in the winter. He will figure out the security locking. They will not be left open all night. Things like that.
Mr. Scott> We discussed that with , but I'm definitely glad to see us adding facilities to some of our parts because having let my child pee on a tree in a park, I cannot advocate enough for putting restrooms in parks. And I am delighted with the water fountain. What dictated the soccer and pickle ball? I assume Matthew was the pickle ball influence.
It will give us a good mix of users for the park, which I think is awesome, but was there a charrette or anything that people like voted or was it just kind of arbitrary?
Ms. Miele> I don't know if the mayor is still on, but somebody reached out about a soccer club using it for that. Councilwoman Katz and I were talking before the meeting, it is kind of an unused big field. At least get some use with soccer.
That is what I was thinking and it should bring a good mix of users to the park because you have kids, pickle ball court serves an older population. It will be nice. John, you and I do qualify as older now.
Mr. Mackey ll, how are you? Is the walking path made out of bricks?
Mr. Scott No. It will be paved.
>> Oh good. I am curious, I heard you speaking with Councilwoman Katz earlier, do you have any updates on the projects going on? I know there is a lot going on. I think there is a lot of people excited about the stuff happening. If you could, just a quick update.
Mr. Scott Wow, Little League Blvd. is complete. So you go to fourth Street up to Mulberry. The new traffic signal poles are up. You have to finish a concrete sidewalk there and that will be finished. This will get going. Newberry and Elm Park is going to start soon as well. New improvements there. Streetscape, I think we awarded at the last meeting is between Mason and Mulberry and over at Campbell between third and fourth. That will be a streetscape and that will be happening this summer. What else am I missing?
Mrs. Katz: You gave a laundry list.
> That is great. I was just curious, if I remember correctly, Elm Park, there was an issue with the bathroom. We were maybe getting one that was a mistake in return or how did that ever shake out?
Mr. Scott We are basically going with - it is equal to a different supplier instead of the one - that is public bidding process. You put it as an approved equal and as long as it is - we think it is an approved equal, you can do that. This one is and that is what we are looking for. That is the process that has to be manufactured. A couple months actually. That is underway.
The paving projects, we will have two big paving projects that will be coming out to bid shortly. One CDBG and I think we awarded that to some engineering at a meeting or two ago. That will be happening and the liquid fuels paving will be a separate contract and that will be another six or seven streets and that will be coming out to bid - you will probably not see work until after Little League for both of the paving project. That will be throughout the city.
Ms. Miele I'm starting to lose track of which parks we are working. I know Elm and Newberry, are we doing anything in Young's wood and anything going on at Shaw? How are we timing those in terms of trying to have amenities or can we timing them so we have a fair number of amenities available, even if some things are under construction?
>> Young's wood, where trying to get more grant money. Not quite there with the grant funding and we are going through for more. We have a grant, but we need more for what we want to do there. Shaw Park, there was a public meeting last week or the week before. We got more input from the local bike clubs. They told us what they want for the track layout. That will not be built until next year. It has to go through stormwater design and approvals and believe it or not it is kind of late. It will be late to put things out to bid. A project of that magnitude. We would not build that next year.
The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Beiter voted yes.
Mr. Allison, Mr. Pulizzi and Mr. Yoder were absent

Resolution #9933

Resolution Authorizing MOU between the City of Williamsport & Williamsport Waves Swim Team

Mr. White read the resolution.
Mr. Beiter asked for a motion and second.to take if off the table.
Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz.
Mayor . What you have before you is the MOU between the swim team and the city, this is the standard MOU that we do with the waves each year. - - And their daughter Charlie who is one of the - serving as the head coach this year and memorial pool. They had a conflict this evening and are unable to attend, but I did go over it with them. Austin has reviewed it. There has been no changes to any of it. If there are any questions, of course, not tonight, but Chad can answer it. It is the standard one we have done each year for the waves swim team. This one did not go to a commission.

Mr. Beiter : That is correct. It did not. If there are no changes to the agreement that we have it voted on for the past years I will ask.

Not about the agreement. What is the current schedule for the pool this season?

Mr. Allison: It will open Monday and adult swim - I want to say noon-1:00 o'clock and - do you mean the pool schedule or for the waves?

Not for waves.

Mayor: That is what I thought you meant. The pool will be open as of Monday. We were trying to get it earlier, but until this week has been pretty cold. That was sort of out of the question, but we are shooting for Monday and for the pool and the splash pad at Sean Park.

>Mr. Allison Both of those will be open? Okay, got it.

Mayor Summer camp starts on Monday as well.

Ms. Miele: Good. It actually is summer. Who knew? Thanks, Derek.

Mayor: It actually feels like it now.

. **The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.**
Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Beiter voted yes.
Mr. Allison, Mr. Pulizzi and Mr. Yoder were absent

Resolution # 9934
Resolution Authorizing Agreement between the City of Williamsport & the Kapoor Company

Mr. White read the resolution.

Mr. Beiter asked for a motion and second.to take if off the table.

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

Mayor You have before you is an agreement between the Kapoor Company and the city of Williamsport. This is act 111, interest arbitration. We have used Mr. Kapoor - I believe 2020 was the last time we used him for act 111, arbitration with the fire. The contract we ended up not going to arbitration, but again, this year, as everybody is aware, we are in a contract cycle with fire and police. We have to be prepared if we go to act 111 arbitration, Mr. Kapoor handles the economic analysis, economic impact in preparation for the act 111 arbitration hearings. And so I believe he is on the call this evening and this was reviewed in public safety.

Mr. Beiter: That is correct. Mrs. Katz, anything you would like to expand upon?

Mrs. Katz : The only thing I want to say is we hope we do not have to use them at all. That is all there is to it. Keep our fingers crossed. I know Vince has been working hard on the contracts also. Hopefully everything is going to work out fine.

Ms. Miele: This is a company we engage to make the case in the event of a union arbitration that the city financial situation is such that we cannot come to agreement with the union without some sort of concession and we hope we find an agreement and not take this route, but they will be quite useful in the event that we do wind up in arbitration. Thanks.

The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Beiter voted yes.
Mr. Allison, Mr. Pulizzi and Mr. Yoder were absent

Lot Consolidation – Jefferson Pavillion, LLC

Mr. Beiter asked for a motion and second.

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

Mr. Knarr What we have before you is a request from a Jefferson Pavilion, LLC to do a Lot consolidation. They are consolidating 123 lot into their main parcel, which is the apartment complex that they have, in addition to that, there is a city vacated part of Chi Avenue back in 2000. Property surrounds it so they are adding that to that parcel and one of the main reasons they are adding and doing the Lot consolidation is they are looking at putting garages up for the tenants of the apartment building that they have there. It was reviewed by both Lycoming County as well as city planning with a positive recommendation. I bring it before you, before Council.

>> This did not go to a committee meeting. Any questions from members of Council? Seeing and hearing none.

The lot consolidation was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Beiter voted yes.
Mr. Allison, Mr. Pulizzi and Mr. Yoder were absent

Lot Consolidation – Morrone Enterprise, LLC

Mr. Beiter asked for a motion and second.

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

Mr. Knarr What you have before you is a request from Morrone enterprise, LLC to do a lot consolidation. If you remember a year and 1/2 or two years ago, Council approved a demo for the back part of the vacant gravel lot that they currently have there. Just recently they were awarded a demo to the front part of the building and that faces market Street. What they are doing is consolidating all of these lots in order for them to put a parking lot. That will come before Council once it is addressed as far as landscaping and reviewed by entities, but this is the first stage of that process.

The lot consolidation was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Beiter voted yes.
Mr. Allison, Mr. Pulizzi and Mr. Yoder were absent

Subdivision – Staiman Real Estate Holdings, LLC

Mr. Beiter asked for a motion and second.

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

Mr. Knarr What we have is Staiman real estate holding, LLC is requesting a subdivided parcel of the property, which is Lot number one, which will contain 7013 square-foot - that parcel will be added to a different property, Jasper industries, in addition to that will get an easement agreement from the Staiman's in order for them to have rail service.

Again, Staiman is subdividing part of the property that they currently own and it will basically be added to the Jasper industries, in addition to that, there will be an easement agreement that will allow them to have rail access for the deponents that they currently have at their facility. Again, it was reviewed by both County planning as well as city planning and all of the comments have been verified and are correct.

Ms. Miele Is Jasper - the rail service. I am confused by the addition of rail service. Are they adding some sort of services or what is it?

Mr. Knarr It will give them the ability to have different functions as far as some developers they might put in there within the facility. The owner Brian Thompson is here, and again, he has many properties within reach red, 2211 that you see that is doing a parking lot up there. He has done some great things and he has Jasper industries, which is another part of the city, which is continued manufacturing within the area.

The subdivision was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Beiter voted yes.
Mr. Allison, Mr. Pulizzi and Mr. Yoder were absent

Accept for filing
WMWA & WMSA 04/23/25
Controller's Report Feb.2025

Mr. Beiter asked for a motion and second.

Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz.
The minutes were accepted for filing with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, and Mr. Beiter voted yes.
Mr. Allison, Mr. Pulizzi and Mr. Yoder were absent

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday June 19, 2025 at **7:00** PM, **Trade & Transit II 144 West Third St, 3rd t floor,** Williamsport, PA.

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday , June 9	12:00 PM	Planning Commission
Wednesday, June 11	3:30 PM	O&E Pension
Tuesday, June 17	11:30 AM	Public Safety Committee
	1:00 PM	Finance Committee
	2:30 PM	Public Works
	6:30 PM	HARB
Wednesday June 18	9:00 AM	ERC
	10:00 AM	Blighted Property
Thursday June 19	10:30 AM	Zoning Hearing Board
	7:00 PM	City Council Meeting

Comments:
Members of the Public

Mrs. Katz I think we all want to congratulate all of our graduates that are graduating tonight. That is why we have very few people here because several of our administration and also on the Council are at graduation. Congratulations and hopefully all of your dreams come true.

Mr. Beiter: Thank you very much for that, Mrs. Katz. Any comments from members of the menstruation? Mr. Mackey, I apologize. I was not looking.

Mr. Mackey: You are really trying to get us out of here.

Sometimes it seems silly, so formal when it is just the six of us, but do we have any updates on Chick-fil-A and when that will be opened? I only ask that because - I know there are no members from the police department, but Sam, there is already traffic issues on Maynard Street and when that place opens it will be 10 times worse. I wonder if we want to be proactive and reach out to the developers. Find out when this will be open and maybe we can coordinate some public safety, have some police officers down there and helping direct traffic. It will be a nightmare when that place opens. It is already dicey with Wawa as it is. Just something I was thinking about and wanted to get on your radar.

Mr. Knarr> Having a plan will be a good idea because it is going to be rough for a couple of days, at least.
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Mr. Mackey Supposed to be is the key term. If you don't have somebody there telling people what they are supposed to be doing, they are going to do whatever they want. It is just something I thought about today when I was driving down Maynard Street because I saw that they are making a lot of progress on Chick-fil-A. Yeah, one other thing - I know we are not all here tonight, but again, I don't think it is any secret that I have been unable to attend the public safety meetings and I feel like our committee meetings in general - they are now just basically discussions. We are not able to make any official decisions and again, I wonder if it is time for us as a counsel to reimagine what these committee meetings might look like. Maybe consolidating them into one committee, picking a time that might be more conducive - some sort of a rotation maybe so it is not such a heavy lift for two or three of us. Just something I thought I would bring up again because I look at tonight - do we really need to have a committee meeting for a split air conditioning unit? I don't know if the answer to that question is yes. I feel like those are things that we can handle at a regular Council meeting. Anyway, just something I wanted to put out there in the atmosphere again and maybe something we should consider. As we get into the summer. With Little League we will be missing a meeting here or there. That is all I have.

Mrs. Katz I agree with John. Everything done on public safety meeting - first of all, it cost us money because we have to add the captions. That cost us money right there. What was presented at public safety - the conversations were here. In a way, - I don't want to say a waste of time because we did get questions and answers, but those same questions and answers are done here at counsel. Some of it I think is a waste of time and energy. I think all of our time

is very valuable at this point. So I agree with John because everything done at that Council - the committee meeting this past Tuesday really was presented here. That was the same conversation. It is something that I think we could look into.

Mr. Mackey : Bonnie, I will think you and Vince for making that lift because I hate to say it, but the only way I can attend committee meeting is if I take time off of my real job. Not that this is not a real job, but the job that pays my bills and when we are discussing things like air conditioning units, you know, I have to make that decision. Again, stuff like this - we are more than capable of handling here and it might add 10 minutes to the length of the meeting, but you know, we all signed up to be on City Council and if we have to be here some nights until 10:00 o'clock because we are having extra discussion, that is what we have to do. >> Finance I think is where the meat and potatoes are and we have to make sure that everything is running smoothly without because I sit and listen to the finance meetings and there are a lot of questions that do come up but do not necessarily come up at counsel. I have learned, I have watched and for me it has sometimes been an education of what is presented because what you go into and what you read sometimes is not exactly what it is.

There is definitely things - on a Tuesday, hey, can you get us these answers by Thursday? Yeah, that is for sure. We are not doing recreation meetings anymore. Again, call it whatever you want. Call it the committee. Just put the things that really need to be looked at - maybe investigated a little bit before Thursday on that agenda and we cycle through on a rotation. The same three people do not have to do it. Take three months for these and come up with some sort of a schedule. So we are all contributing and we are all taking part because if you did not hear me, I want to say thank you for covering for me because I appreciate it. At any rate, yes.

Ms. Miele> To be honest, I think we need it to be a little more - that we could evaluate the agendas better because I agree there are times when there is really nothing that justifies a committee meeting. I would say that sometimes it is more true than others, but certain committees, the members of them have a bit of a specialization on a given topic. When you send it to public safety committee, it is because someone on the Public Safety committee knows more about that than everybody else would and is better qualified to vet it. I don't have as much of a problem with all of us maintaining separate committees, but we could look at which - - providing a Council meeting. Often times there are things that come up on a Tuesday that you can have a reply for on a Thursday, which makes it easier to vote. Did the cross cutters agreement go before a committee two weeks ago? You know, we might have been able to establish the answer to your question about the cross cutters agreement and avoid tabling it if it had not gone to committee before they came to counsel. You know, I don't know. It goes both ways, but we could look at it harder. Anyway. I would welcome more discussion on it. These guys probably are not that interested.

Mr. Beiter That they did. Any comments from members of the administration? Any comments from members of the news media? I don't see anybody here. I will take a motion for adjournment.

a. Council Comments
b. Administration
c. News Media

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned upon motion by **Mr. Mackey** and a second by **Ms. Katz** Meeting adjourned at **7:45 PM** with unanimous ayes.

Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank
City Clerk