

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 14, 2020

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Mayor Frank Janakovic called the Public Hearing to order at 5:45 p.m.

Reverend King offered the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited prior to the start of the Workshop held prior to the commencement of this public hearing.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (7).

John Trant, Interim City Manager; Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor; Robert Ritter, Finance Director, were also present.

Opening Remarks by Mayor Janakovic

Mayor Frank Janakovic referred to Ms. Benjamin for explanation of the public hearing.

Remarks by Solicitor Benjamin

Ms. Benjamin explained the public hearing was being held with regard to Bill No. 17 of 2020 as amended at the September 9, 2020 meeting and originally introduced in Council on August 12, 2020. She stated the hearing is being held pursuant to provisions of the Home Rule Charter which requires a hearing prior to any amendment to the 2020 Budget. She noted for the record that all Council members are present along with the Interim City Manager, Finance Director, the City Clerk and herself, the City Solicitor.

Bill No. 17 of 2020 being addressed at this hearing was read into the record as follows:

BILL NO. 17 OF 2020, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 5280 PASSED FINALLY ON DECEMBER 23, 2019 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 5293 ADOPTED JULY 8 OF 2020 TO AMEND THE 2020 BUDGET TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL REVENUE RECEIVED AS PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE CITY SEWER SYSTEM TO THE GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY AND RELATED EXPENDITURES; TO ADJUST THE LINE ITEM AMOUNT IN THE UDAG FUND; AND TO RATIFY AND/OR CLARIFY ADJUSTED WORDING OF

CERTAIN LINE ITEMS AND COLUMN LABELS, INCLUDING WITHIN SAID FUNDS, FOLLOWING PUBLIC NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Ms. Benjamin noted the ordinance itself had budget amendments reflected in attached Exhibits C and G. She noted this hearing had been duly advertised in the Tribune Democrat on September 28, 2020 as occurring on this date, October 14, 2020 at 5:45 p.m. for purposes of accepting public comment.

Mr. Ritter summarized that the amendment shows the proceeds from the sewer sale were being deposited in the Capital Fund and the pension fund was being funded for \$19 million this year. He stated it also shows professional fees for the sewer transaction and \$91,000 for the purchase of two trucks for the Public Works Department.

Ms. Benjamin noted miscellaneous changes to columns to reflect actual dates of adoption and dates of amendment which would be taking place this evening as Bill No. 17 of 2020 is on the agenda for final adoption this evening when Council commences its regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Comments by Staff and Council Members

None.

Public Comment

None.

Ms. Benjamin noted for the record that the ordinance was made available for public inspection and duly advertised in accordance with the requirements of the City of Johnstown Home Rule Charter.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Public Hearing concluded at 5:49 p.m.