

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Mayor Janakovic called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Reverend King offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members of Council were present for roll call via telephone:  
Charles Arnone, Ricky Britt (via telephone) Mayor Frank Janakovic, Reverend Sylvia King, Marie Mock (via telephone), David Vitovich (6).  
Absent: Michael Capriotti (1). Mr. Capriotti was absent due to work.

John Trant, Interim City Manager, and Robert Ritter, Finance Director were also present. Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor, and Deborah Grass, Act 47 Coordinator, were also present via telephone.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, had comments regarding the 2021 budget. He inquired if next year's budget had a line item for the City of Johnstown Ethics Board. If it did not, he requested to please include it. Mr. DeBartola noted Mayor Janakovic's wife being employed by Mark Pasquerilla as being a conflict of interest.

He talked about receiving meeting minutes from the Greater Johnstown Regional Partnership in response to a Right to Know Request. He quoted from statements made by the Mayor on May 1, 2020. The City is expected to have a deficit of a few million dollars this year, and Mr. DeBartola stated that he never heard that said publicly. He said the exact opposite during his State of the City address. He asked for clarification.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN

Interim Manager Trant noted, at the last workshop, the budget was discussed line by line. Changes were made after the meeting, and Council received a revised version reflecting those changes.

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READ

BILL NO. 26 OF 2020, AN ORDINANCE ESTIMATING THE AMOUNT OF REVENUES TO BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FROM VARIOUS SOURCES AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES FOR THE OPERATION OF VARIOUS FUNDS, BUREAUS, DEPARTMENTS AND

PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE AND THE PENSION FUND OBLIGATION OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FUND SECTIONS AND THE RESPECTIVE FUNDS "BUDGET EXHIBIT A" DETAILS.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Reverend King and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (6).  
Nays: None (0)

BILL NO. 27 OF 2020, AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND WAGES TO BE PAID ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND BUREAUS OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone (6).  
Nays: None (0)

Resolution No. 10353

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HDH GROUP, INC., D/B/A HUB INTERNATIONAL FOR HEALTHCARE AND EMPLOYEE BENEFIT CONSULTING SERVICES TO DESIGNATE THE HDH GROUP, INC., D/B/A HUB INTERNATIONAL AS THE CITY BROKER OF RECORD FOR ITS HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN AND TO TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAME SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND FINAL APPROVAL OF THE CITY SOLICITOR.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich,

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Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt (6).  
Nays: None (0)

Mayor Janakovic commented that in regard to the City and the deficit, that would be determined. We may wind up showing a deficit, but most would depend on the taxes coming in for the third and fourth quarters of this year and receipt of COVID money. He noted he may have been misquoted, but it cannot be determined at this time whether the City will be facing a deficit.

#### RECESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2020.