

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Mayor Janakovic called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

Mr. Arnone, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King,  
Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (6).

Absent: Mr. Britt (1). Mr. Britt was absent due to medical reasons.

John Trant, Interim City Manager; Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor;  
Steven Goldfield, Senior Counselor at Public Resources Advisory Group and  
Principal of Municipal Advisor Solutions; and Kathy Pape, Esquire, McNees,  
Wallace and Nurick were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Juana Jefferson, 735 Robb Avenue, Johnstown, had concerns about the area where she lives and neighbors who live next to her. She commented that she should not have to worry about paying any more rent or not being able to be accepted into the neighborhood because the rent is too high, yet there's nowhere else to go. She stated, as a taxpayer, that the "City has let her down."

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, asked the City not to go through with the proposed sewer sale. He indicated, by selling the sewer lines, the City would be creating a monopoly. He asked Council members to "think about what they are doing by selling assets off." Mr. DeBartola asked members to "prove that they care, vote no."

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READ:

BILL NO. 11 OF 2020, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION TO INCLUDE OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION OF SANITARY SEWER FACILITIES AND TO EXTEND THE TERM OF EXISTENCE OF THE AUTHORITY TO A DATE FIFTY (50) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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

Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King,  
Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (6).

Nays: None (0).

BILL NO. 12 OF 2020, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, (THE CITY) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE SALE OF THE CITY SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM TO THE GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY (THE AUTHORITY); AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE AUTHORITY; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF PENNVEST LOANS AND DEP CONSENT ORDER BY THE CITY TO THE AUTHORITY; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE CITY TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE ORDINANCE AND THE SALE OF THE CITY SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM TO THE AUTHORITY AND THE ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF THE PENNVEST LOANS BY THE CITY TO THE AUTHORITY; AUTHORIZING INCIDENTAL ACTIONS; RESCINDING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; RECOGNIZING SEVERABILITY; AND STATING THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone.

Ms. Benjamin explained, in order to update and memorialize the final version of Bill No. 12, a motion was needed to amend the Asset Purchase Agreement with the final updated version of said Asset Purchase Agreement, Exhibit A, previously distributed to Council in advance of this meeting and made available to the public for review.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to amend the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,  
Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone (6).

Nays: None (0).

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the ordinance as amended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock and passed by the following vote:

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

Mayor Janakovic made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Reverend King. There was no vote taken on the motion to adjourn.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.