

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Mayor Janakovic called the meeting to order at 5:59 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. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (7).

Daniel Penatzer, Interim City Manager; Alex Ashcom, Assistant City Manager; Robert Ritter, Finance Director; Richard Pritchard, Police Chief; Bruce Graham, Gibson-Thomas Engineering; Jared Campagna, Public Works Director; Robert Statler, Fire Chief; John Dubnansky, Economic Development Director; and Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor, were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone and passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0).

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Charlene Stanton, 184 Sell Street, addressed Council regarding Bill No. 11 and Resolution Number One. Mrs. Stanton urged Council to vote no to Bill No. 11, the amendment of the vacant structure ordinance. She noted the current amendment requires a \$300 registration fee and, if passed, Bill No. 11 would require property owners to maintain vacant lots that they are already maintaining.

Mrs. Stanton suggested that Council vote no to Resolution Number One. She noted the City should not be donating money to Vision 2025 for community improvements but should be using that to fix existing problems, hiring more

seasonable help for Public Works, for rat extermination in the West End or to fix the collapsed flood channel walls.

It was clarified that the intent of Bill No. 11 is regarding vacant, property code violated properties that have not been maintained. It was suggested that Mrs. Stanton remain at the meeting as there would be further discussion regarding that matter.

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, addressed Council regarding the agenda. He complimented Mr. Penatzer for explaining what is being voted on and offering recommendations.

With regard to Resolution Number One, Mr. DeBartola expressed disappointment that the City would be giving money to a nonprofit and referred to it as a "scam".

Mr. DeBartola commented that by passing Resolution Number Three, the HUD/CDBG Funding 2021, the City would be bringing more poverty to Johnstown.

With regard to the appointment to the Johnstown Housing Authority, Mr. DeBartola was concerned that the same people were being appointed. He asked when Council would start appointing new people who will "make a difference" and "not just vote yes and do as they're told".

REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER:

None

MAYOR:

Mayor Frank Janakovic thanked the AAABA Committee and the Oldtimers' Association for their annual AAABA Parade, Tournament, housing the teams noting it to be one of the most successful tournaments held in a long time. He offered special thanks to George Arcurio, the President of the Oldtimers' Association and all of its members.

Mr. Janakovic noted his attendance at the check presentation in the amount of \$5,000 to the Johnstown Police Department Canine Division at one of the AAABA games in memory of Officer Krupa who had recently moved to Texas

and was killed tragically. A special thank you would be sent to the family for that contribution.

Mayor Janakovic noted his attendance at the recent National Night Out festivities.

Mr. Janakovic noted that he, Reverend King and Mr. Britt attended the 10,000th COVID-19 free vaccine event distributed by Highlands Health Clinic. He offered a special thank you to Rosalie Danchanko for taking the vaccine out to the community.

Representatives from First Energy and JARI hosted a meeting of local business leaders to launch a legacy City program to assist with planning.

CITY SOLICITOR

Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor, explained that ordinance offered by the City for purposes of proposing an amendment to the Home Rule Charter was timely submitted to the County Election Board for placement as a referendum on the November ballot.

Ms. Benjamin stated, as referenced during the Public Comment period, Act 55 of 2021 was passed in order to implement certain amendments as made in the Sunshine Act which will go into effect on August 29th of 2021 and requires change to the process for public meetings. She stated agendas would now need to be posted to publicly available websites and other specified locations 24 hours in advance of the meeting. General prohibition making changes to the agenda after they've been posted within that 24-hour period subject to certain exceptions that are included within the law relating to emergencies or other issues that are not feasible. And further providing for a process to be followed, that you do have to utilize one of those exceptions, post an amended agenda one business day following the meeting.

She noted these changes were not expected to have too great of an impact on Johnstown City Council as it pretty strictly adheres to the agenda once distributed and posted to the public but it will become effective August 29, 2021 and the City would then be prepared to monitor those exceptions if and when a potential change arises.

CITY ENGINEER

Bruce Graham, Gibson-Thomas Engineering, presented for further discussion two sets of before and after photographs to Council of the Clean Fill Site. He

reported the contractor, Erickson Equipment, would be formally requesting additional funds in the amount of \$50,000 for additional materials and labor for problems on the project which had not been seen previously. Mr. Penatzer commented that after discussing the matter with Mr. Graham and Mr. Campagna, that none of them think it would be in the best interest of the City to continue to operate the site after this project. Mr. Arnone commented that the dump site is being prepared to be a usable dump site in the future and would meet all DEP and Cambria County Conservancy requirements.

Mr. Graham commented that the GJWA has gone over what is involved in the sewer project in the Central Business District and noted a couple locations where the existing sewer line does what is called a "belly" or a "dip", where the line comes across and then drops down and comes back up and fills up with solids which blocks the line and needs to be jetted or cleaned. Mr. Graham noted the only way the matter can be resolved is by Option Three as presented to the GJWA which discusses turning that into a storm water line, and per the contract, once the sanitary sewer is removed from the line, it would be considered a storm line which reverts back to the City. He referred members to drawings of the line for further discussion of that location located right in the middle of Johns Street and Main Street. Mr. Arnone commented on the matter. Mr. Graham estimated the cost of the project to be approximately \$400,000.

Mr. Graham noted that locations on that area of the street would need to use grinder pumps which would be the responsibility of the GJWA but that after the manufacturer warranty expires, ownership would be transferred to the homeowner or business. He indicated that other options are being considered and would provide further information at future meetings.

NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS

Mr. Capriotti stated he was contacted by a resident of the Eighth Ward who was having issues with low hanging tree branches and went ahead on his own accord and cut the branches down and wanted to thank the person from Public Works who hauled them away.

Mr. Britt commended Ms. Danchanko for bringing the COVID-19 vaccine out to the community.

He also recognized Mr. Arcurio, President of the Oldtimers' Association, for bringing baseball back to Johnstown.

Mr. Arnone provided an update of statistical information relating to the population of the public housing community located within the City of Johnstown.

He reported that as of July 31, 2021, the total population of the public housing communities was 2,642. Section Eight voucher holders total 874. This amounts to a total of 3,516. Currently 47 percent of the people are living in poverty within the City of Johnstown.

Mr. Arnone reported the Greater Johnstown School District has ended a successful "Summer in the City" program. And the Housing Authority is moving forward to hopefully having back to school programs at those sites during the upcoming year.

JHA is proud to see the Oakhurst Residents' Council within the Oakhurst Homes.

Mr. Arnone indicated that Mike is in bad health and would not be retaining his position on the JHA. He noted that it is the Board's and JHA's recommendation that a former employee and now resident, Darlette Haselrig, be considered for the appointment to the Board.

With regard to the GJWA, the 2020 Audit has been completed and will require approval. Routine sanitary survey inspections have been completed at the Riverside Plant. The sanitary survey inspection takes place once every three years and a full inspection will be given to the GJWA within the next few months. Intensive chemical cleaning of water filters will take place.

New meter regarding software equipment will be put into operation and will be more efficient. The RDM sewer operations building on Napoleon Street has been completed and should be in use by the end of the year.

There were four SSOs in July. Mr. Arnone noted that most of the infiltration into the system is from prior sewer laterals and laterals being converted and a large portion of the problem will be addressed as upcoming miscellaneous projects.

All reservoirs are full and near capacity. Work on the North Fork Dam Project has been approved and should start soon. Valve replacement at the bottom of the dam continues and should be completed by fall.

Mayor Janakovic commented that it is refreshing to see the new JHA director out and about in the City.

Mr. Arnone commented that once the license reader is tied into the system, traffic can be monitored in and out. He stated, with regard to the sidewalk situation, half of the stone had been removed out and sidewalks will continue to be poured.

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Mr. Campagna noted a new mirror has been ordered for the upper end of Main Street. There were comments regarding the portable speed sign on D Street in the West End.

Mr. Vitovich commended the Public Works two-man crew who prepared and cleaned up Roxbury Park and Sargent's Stadium for the AAABA Tournament.

Mrs. Mock reported the community gardens and flower boxes continue to do well.

A Trash to Treasure sale will be held September 25, 2021 in the West End.

She reported that the Roxbury Civic Group will host the Cambria County Drug Coalition at its August meeting.

Restenciling the light posts at Roxbury Park will be completed. Additional cameras will be ordered for the lower end of the park.

Reverend King commended the Highlands Health Clinic on its 10,000th COVID vaccine. An award was given to the person receiving that shot. Reverend King commented that any homebound person who has not received the shot should contact the clinic.

Reverend King commended Jared and the Public Works crew for work done on Honan Avenue.

Reverend King commented that she and Mrs. Mock attended the recent Roxbury meeting. She stated this group is "one of the best" community groups and applauded their work.

A Kernville meeting will be held August 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Reverend King noted the SEADS Garden Center, formerly the Flower Barn, has taken over ownership of the garden on Franklin Street.

She noted there would be a renaming of the Prospect Bridge in the near future.

Mayor Janakovic reported that it was brought to his attention that the bike trails coming down from the Inclined Plane are being utilized heavily and there is concern that the trails will start to become overgrown. He ask for volunteers to assist in helping to keep the trails open. Reverend King noted the Capture team from Vision will be conducting a highway cleanup in that area on September 18, 2021.

PETITIONS:

None.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READ:

BILL NO. 10 OF 2021, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, ORDINANCE NO. 4964, ADOPTED APRIL 13, 2005 AND AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 5086 PASSED JUNE 22, 2011; ORDINANCE NO. 5119 PASSED JANUARY 23, 2013; ORDINANCE NO. 5139 PASSED NOVEMBER 27, 2013; ORDINANCE NO. 5191 PASSED DECEMBER 9, 2015; ORDINANCE NO. 5256 PASSED JULY 11, 2018; ORDINANCE NO. 5309 PASSED JANUARY 13, 2021; AND ORDINANCE NO. 5314 PASSED JUNE 9, 2021 BY AMENDING ARTICLE VII - SIGNS, AMENDING THE TYPES AND SIZES OF SIGNS PERMITTED IN THE VARIOUS ZONING DISTRICTS.

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

Ms. Benjamin explained this ordinance is regarding the public hearing held earlier this evening recommending changes to the Zoning Ordinance in relation to the size of signs permitted in the commercial/industrial district and to permit projected light displays.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King,
Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone. (7).
Nays: None (0).

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READ:

BILL NO. 9 OF 2021, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING CHAPTER 614 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN TITLED "ANIMALS" BY PROHIBITING HARBORING OF LIVESTOCK OR FOWLS. (Tabled)

Mrs. Mock made a motion to remove from table. 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, Mr. Britt (7).
Nays: None (0).

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve as read. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

Mrs. Mock commented this would not eliminate anyone housing chickens but would require that the chickens be housed and allowed to roam in a sanitary condition.

Ms. Benjamin explained this bill would require a motion to amend Bill No. 9 to reflect changes included in the version of the bill distributed with Council's packet which supports responsibility with the City department rather than Council and to adopt as amended.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Britt.

There was further discussion regarding the bill.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich,
Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti (7).
Nays: None (0).

BILL NO. 11 OF 2021, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 1480 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN TITLED "VACANT STRUCTURES", ORDINANCE NO. 4810 ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 9, 1998 AND AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO 4855 PASSED MAY 10, 2000; ORDINANCE NO. 4987 PASSED APRIL 12, 2006; ORDINANCE NO. 5083 PASSED APRIL 27, 2011; ORDINANCE NO. 5190 PASSED DECEMBER 9, 2015; ORDINANCE NO. 5221 PASSED FEBRUARY 8, 2017; AND ORDINANCE NO. 5302 PASSED NOVEMBER 18, 2020 CLARIFYING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "VACANT STRUCTURE" AND "VACANT PROPERTY".

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

Mr. Dubnansky explained the current ordinance neglected vacant properties and there was currently approximately \$50,000 in the vacant property account to help eliminate some of the code violations as payback to the City for the work being done to maintain those lots.

There was further discussion. Mr. Penatzer suggested the matter be tabled for further revision.

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

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

Nays: None (0)

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 10440

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,
PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING A CONTRIBUTION TO VISION
TOGETHER 2025 (Tabled).

Mrs. Mock made a motion to remove from table. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich.

Mayor Janakovic commented that Vision 2025 has committees and groups working on various issues collectively throughout the City. Reverend King commented that the Vision give out grants to help clean up parts of the City and grants are also given to neighborhoods for projects. Mr. Penatzer noted the Vision group is made up of individuals with the same goals in mind and stated it is a good group to support.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0).

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

Yeas: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mrs. Mock (5).

Nays: None (0).

Abstentions: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King (2).

Resolution No. 10441

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AND TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,950,252.00 THROUGH THE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND TO BE USED FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MAIN STREET EAST MULTIMODAL GARAGE AND MAIN STREET GREEN STREETS DESIGN AND ENGINEERING LOCATED IN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Britt.

Mr. Dubnansky stated, by combining the needs at the Main Street East Garage and the Main Street Greenways Project, an application can be submitted for the amount as noted, and \$1 million of the \$1.2 million matching funds could potentially come from the American Rescue Plan.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10442

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE FY 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS (HOME) PROGRAMS APPLICATIONS.

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

There was further discussion.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10443

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,
PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING A REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN AMTRAK AND THE CITY FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH
STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS NECESSITATED BY AMTRAK'S
PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE JOHNSTOWN TRAIN STATION.

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

Mr. Dubnansky had discussion with regard to planned improvements to the train station including the pedestrian platform and the underground tunnel. He noted that Amtrak would reimburse the City for the cost to increase the size of the storm water pipe. It was noted that the cost for the total renovation would be \$25 million.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10444

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY
MANAGER TO SIGN A MUNICIPAL WINTER TRAFFIC SERVICES
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR WINTER
SERVICES FOR THE 2021-2022 WINTER SEASON EFFECTIVE DATE OF
OCTOBER 15, 2021 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2022.

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

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

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10445

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE JOHNSTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR PURPOSES OF FINANCING CERTAIN STORM SEWER REPLACEMENT AND REHABILITATION WORK TO BE PERFORMED ALONG FAIRFIELD AVENUE AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND ANY OF HIS DESIGNEES TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAME.

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

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

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10446

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND/OR ANY OF HIS DESIGNEES TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS AND TAKE ANY/ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO REDEEM THE \$19,000,000 CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT THAT WAS COLLATERAL FOR THE \$19,000,000 LOAN FROM FIRST SUMMIT BANK TAKEN TO FUND THE PENSION FUND. THE PROCEEDS OF THE CD WILL BE USED TO PAY OFF THE LOAN. THE REDEMPTION OF THE CD AND CLOSING OF THE LOAN WILL TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2021.

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

Mr. Penatzer explained that the City saved a considerable sum of money on what would have been due on both last year's and this year's MMO. He noted that more interest is being paid on the loan than what is being earned on the CD.

Mr. Ritter suggested the loan be paid off in September to satisfy the conditions of the pension plan which would save the City the significant difference in interest. There was further discussion.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti,
Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King (7).
Nays: None (0).

NEW BUSINESS

1. Roxbury Creamery Subdivision

Mr. Penatzer explained a minor subdivision and subsequent merger involving the same lot has been approved by both the local and county planning commissions for parcels located at 114 and 116 Derby Street.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to grant final approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic,
Reverend King, Mrs. Mock (7).
Nays: None (0).

2. Appointment to the Johnstown Housing Authority

Mr. Arnone explained that this particular appointment has to be a resident of one of the properties.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve Darlette Haselrig for the appointment to the Housing Authority Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Britt and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic,
Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (7).
Nays: None (0).

OLD BUSINESS

1. Zoning Ordinance Amendment

This matter had been tabled previously but was placed on the agenda as a reminder. There would be further discussion at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONAGENDA ITEMS

Peter Fedash, 717 Cypress Avenue, Moxham, had concerns regarding feral cats. He commented that a building housing the cats was demolished and the cats

"scattered" and moved to another location. He stated the Humane Society would not offer any services and asked Council for assistance in the matter.

Mr. Arnone commented that if this involves a violation of a Section Eight property, he would make sure the problem would be taken care of. Mr. Penatzer suggested that Mr. Fedash contact him by telephone regarding the matter.

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, applauded Councilman Capriotti for inquiring how the \$20,000 contribution to Vision Together 2025 would be spent. He stated Council needed to know how the money would be spent before voting to approve.

Mr. DeBartola referred to a letter from Mr. Jack Williams sent to Council August 9, 2021 regarding whether the mayor has the power to appoint police officers. He asked Ms. Benjamin to comment on the matter.

Ms. Benjamin explained that the matter will be reviewed to make sure Council is appropriately apprised of the proper practice to be followed.

Mayor Janakovic commended Chief Pritchard and the police department for their efforts in acquiring the six new police officers appointed to the force.

Mayor Janakovic noted for the record that a mayor does not appoint police officers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.