

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Thursday, March 15, 2018

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Mayor Frank Janakovic called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Reverend Sylvia King offered the invocation, and a moment of silence was held for Officer Justin Green who passed away March 10, 2018. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Janakovic noted an Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation matters was held prior to the meeting.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (5).

Mayor Janakovic noted the absence of Mr. Williams and Mrs. Stanton due to a re-scheduled meeting conflict.

Curt Davis, Interim City Manager, and Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor, were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the February 14, 2018, Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Britt and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,  
Mr. Vitovich (5).  
Nays: None (0).

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, HONORS, RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

Marie Mock, Deputy Mayor, read Proclamation 2018 - MS Awareness Week into the record as follows:

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis is a neurological disease of the central nervous system affecting 2.3 million people worldwide.

AND WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Pennsylvania Chapter, has reported that in our state more than 24,000 people are living with MS and that the disease generally strikes people in the prime of their life

between the ages of 20 through 50. And the cause and course of the often debilitating symptoms of MS remain unknown and no cure currently exists.

AND WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has committed for more than 70 years to a world free of MS heightening public knowledge about an incite into the disease.

AND WHEREAS, since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been the driving force of MS research relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment and a cure and has invested more than \$90 million in groundbreaking research.

AND WHEREAS, funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fueled \$42.1 million in funding, 380 research projects at the best medical centers, universities and other institutions throughout the U.S. and abroad leading to many breakthroughs in the treatment of MS.

AND WHEREAS, stopping MS in its tracks, restoring what has been lost in any MS forever is the mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and one that all Americans in Pennsylvania should support.

AND WHEREAS, the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS and expressed its appreciation to the dedication the national Multiple Sclerosis Society, Pennsylvania Chapter, has shown towards creating a world free of MS.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Marie Mock, Deputy Mayor, representing Frank J. Janakovic, Mayor of the City of Johnstown, do hereby proclaim March 11 through 17, 2018 as MS Awareness Week and do commend and observe to all our citizens, I encourage all Pennsylvanians to learn more about Multiple Sclerosis and what they can do to support individuals with MS and their families.

Mayor Janakovic presented a proclamation to the cast and crew of the musical production 42nd Street at Johnstown High School. He stated, many years ago in honor of the 42nd Street musical, the street between Osborne Street to Suppes Street was renamed 42nd Street.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, addressed Council with regard to Resolution No. 10, a resolution adopting a code of conduct for members of

City Council. He suggested that Council assure that the code of conduct as proposed is one of honesty and decency and not one to infringe on free speech.

He referred to an article in Our Town noting a national study reflecting an infringement on freedom of speech. Mr. DeBartola encouraged Council to consider its vote, any added stipulations, and the enforcement of code.

Lance Ross, The Freight Station, 20 Matthew Street, Johnstown, addressed Council with regard to updating the noise ordinance. He voiced his concerns with bands scheduled to perform soon. Mr. Davis referred to Resolution No. 4 on Council's agenda. If the resolution passes, paperwork will need to be submitted to the PLCB.

#### REPORT BY THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER

Curt Davis, Interim City Manager, reported that John Rosenthal, the new director of the Department of Community and Economic Development, would be starting on April 9, 2018. He provided a brief summary of his professional background. A luncheon may be held to meet the new director.

Mr. Davis stated Mrs. Stanton submitted photographs of inlets in need of repair before the paving starts.

A meeting was recently held to commence the process for rewriting the Johnstown comprehensive plan in order to provide access to State funding.

Mr. Davis stated two of five groups that responded to an RFP for assets evaluation would attend a meeting on March 19, 2018.

He reported that tax liens for \$265,000 were much higher.

The Interim City Manager noted Council would need to discuss whether to accept a one percent, 30-year loan offered by DEP. A three-year extension with regard to the sewage update was also requested. DEP suggested a letter requesting the extension be submitted.

Mr. Davis stated Vison 2025 requested to submit a grant application for the Army Corps of Engineers' Silver Jackets Program, which will be on the April agenda for consideration. The program will focus on the river, access to the river, blighted properties around the river, and the potential for the development of parks and housing along the river in the downtown and Hornerstown areas. Additional information will be provided in the future.

He stated three new Johnstown police officers would be coming onboard in April 2018.

The Ohio Street sewer project will soon commence, and detours will be in place.

#### REPORT BY THE MAYOR

Frank Janakovic, Mayor, contacted Tom Prestash at PennDOT with regard to the audio crosswalks as requested at the last meeting. Areas on Main Street are being considered for installation of the same.

The Mayor noted a grant application recently completed for the Mayors' Institute on Opioids. He was optimistic Johnstown could be one of six cities chosen. Training for the mayors will be held in Boston for two days.

Mayor Janakovic noted a recent meeting with Intuit, a new business software and financial company located in Westwood. Intuit expressed an interest in helping the City by way of low interest loans, financial support and trainings.

Mayor Janakovic noted his attendance at the recent Good Will Good Guys Leader Luncheon and the Alleghenies Ahead Steering Committee meeting. He also attended the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner, which featured guest speaker Olympic Gold Medalist Joey Cheek. He also attended the Penn Highlands open house in February and the Annual Boy Scout Dinner honoring Penn Highlands President Walter Asonevich.

The JARI Growth Fund provided 16 loans throughout the Johnstown area. Vision 2025, the Chamber of Commerce, and Discover Downtown groups are working together to improve Johnstown.

#### REPORT BY THE CITY SOLICITOR

Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor, reported the Ethics Commission training was held on February 15, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. A printout of a PowerPoint presentation will be available to Council members.

#### COUNCIL UPDATES

1. Planning Commission Minutes of March 7, 2018 have been submitted.

NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS

Mr. Vitovich commented that Public Works was running three shifts, which include snow plowing, salting, sweeping the streets, patching potholes, and addressing inlets. He stated the demolition of blighted and dilapidated homes in Prospect has commenced.

Mr. Britt reported that he, Mrs. Mock and Reverend King followed up on a complaint with regard to an open door on a property located at 657-659 Main Street.

Reverend King and Mrs. Mock have been working on recreation opportunities for various neighborhoods. Reverend King stated that the United Neighborhood Group would meet on March 22, 2018, at the Christ Centered Community Church. The current Prospect Store will become a youth community center with an event scheduled to be held on April 7, 2018, from 5:00 to 9:00. A Kernville community meeting will be held at the YWCA on April 12, 2018.

Mrs. Mock reported that former Pittsburgh Penguin Tyler Kennedy provided insight with regard to improvements to the roller hockey rink at Roxbury Park. Donations have been received, a Community Foundation Fund was set up, and in kind construction services are pending. Mrs. Mock noted that basketball courts are in the planning stages for Prospect and Kernville.

Mrs. Mock and Reverend King met with Pastor Knipple in Woodvale to discuss making a playground up in that area. Vegetable gardens are being considered to be planted by Maple Avenue Bridge. Mrs. Mock stated Pastor Knipple and the Woodvale area are eager to get more involved in the community.

Councilmember Mock noted several groups in the Hornerstown area also want to get more involved in their area.

The West End Improvement Group will sponsor a Trash-to-Treasures yard sale on April 7, 2018, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Britt discussed a bike rally scheduled in the near future where all children are welcome to attend. He noted a cookout for kids would also be held. Mr. Britt stated Chief Johnson was aware of the event.

Mayor Janakovic commented on the receipt of a large donation of plastic edging for gardens. The Mayor contacted Pat Pecora at UPJ and the City Manager with regard to a free clinic for the kids in the spring.

The Mayor stated the Free Health Clinic across from City Hall would be sponsoring a press conference on March 21, 2018, to help those with health-related issues.

Reverend King invited all to attend the Fourth Annual Peace to be held on Friday, May 4, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READ

BILL NO. 4 OF 2018, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 5210, TITLED: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, DESIGNATING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL, THE CITY MANAGER, AND OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS, PASSED FINALLY ON OCTOBER 27, 1993 AND AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NOS. 4654, 4693, 4731, 4894, 4880, 4902, 4908, 4991, 5015, 5024, 5034, 5042, 5055, 5058, 5069, 5177, 5194, AND 5199, BY FURTHER AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ARTICLE II - ELECTED OFFICIALS - COUNCIL ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES AND ARTICLE IV - CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE UPDATED PROCEDURES AND IMPROVE EFFICIENCY IN CONDUCTING CITY BUSINESS.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mr. Britt seconded the motion.

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

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich  
Mr. Britt (5).

Nays: None (0).

Mayor Janakovic requested that a workshop be held regarding the matter.

BILL NO. 6 OF 2018, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND RATIFYING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, BUREAU OF NARCOTICS INVESTIGATION AND DRUG CONTROL, AND THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN PROVIDING FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MUNICIPAL DRUG TASK FORCE

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PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE  
THROUGHOUT PENNSYLVANIA TO COORDINATE NARCOTICS  
INVESTIGATIONS, ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTION  
ACTIVITIES.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mr. Vitovich seconded the motion.

Ms. Benjamin clarified that the effective date would be January 1st, 2018.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Britt,  
Mayor Janakovic (5).

Nays: None (0).

BILL NO. 7 OF 2018, AN ORDINANCE OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 5245 PASSED FINALLY ON DECEMBER 13, 2017 CITY OF JOHNSTOWN BUDGET TO AMEND THE 2018 BUDGET TO PROPERLY ALLOCATE GRANT REVENUE AND EXPENSES RELATING TO THE BROAD STREET SEWER PROJECT AND STATE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION OFFICE (SHPO) HISTORICAL SURVEY, TO ALLOCATE POLICE SALARIES AND POLICE PREMIUM PAY DUE TO CHANGE IN CONTRACT, TO ADJUST FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/CITY CLERK POSITION IN THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT, TO REALIZE THE SHORTFALL OF REVENUE FROM THE RECREATION FUND AND TO REALLOCATE FUNDS TO REFLECT LACK OF RECEIPT OF THE 2018 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mr. Britt seconded the motion.

Ms. Benjamin explained as an amendment to the budget, and that currently there was a requirement in the Administrative Code that indicates that any additions or deletions must be very specifically be stricken in order to ensure its compliance. She requested a motion to amend Bill No. 7 to reflect all deleted items in strikeout font and all new added items in bold font.

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

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Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic,  
Reverend King (5).  
Nays: None (0).

BILL NO. 9 OF 2018, AN ORDINANCE OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 5246 PASSED FINALLY ON DECEMBER 13, 2017 CITY OF JOHNSTOWN 2018 WAGE AND SALARY ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2018 WAGE AND SALARY ORDINANCE TO BE PAID ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND BUREAUS OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE THE DAY AFTER FINAL APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mr. Vitovich seconded the motion.

Mr. Davis provided an additional explanation of the bill.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King,  
Mrs. Mock (5).  
Nays: None (0).

#### ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READ

BILL NO. 13 OF 2018, AN ORDINANCE SPECIFICALLY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 4723 PASSED FINALLY APRIL 25, 1995 AND KNOWN AS THE "MECHANICAL OR ELECTRONIC AMUSEMENT OR MUSICAL DEVICES" TO REVISE AND FURTHER ESTABLISH SPECIFIC DEFINITIONS CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT USES IN THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mr. Vitovich seconded the motion.

Mr. Davis noted this was not a bill to bring slot machines into the city. He explained that there is an existing ordinance regarding slot machines, but the language was not the proper language and could be challenged by vending machine



companies. Ms. Benjamin explained the bill was consistent with the state definitions for these types of video game machines.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King,  
Mrs. Mock (5).  
Nays: None (0).

## RESOLUTIONS

### Resolution No. 10064

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DCNR) GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPANDING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AT THE SOMERSET STREET PLAYGROUND AND THE PROSPECT PLAYGROUND TO INCLUDE BASKETBALL COURTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUTH OF JOHNSTOWN.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. Reverend King seconded the motion.

There was further discussion regarding the resolution. Mayor Janakovic requested that the condition of the Minersville Playground also be reviewed.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,  
Mr. Vitovich (5).  
Nays: None (0).

### Resolution No. 10065

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE CONTINUATION OF POLICE SERVICES WITH THE JOHNSTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE SOLOMON, PROSPECT,

COOPERSDALE AND OAKHURST COMMUNITIES UPON REVIEW OF  
THE CITY SOLICITOR.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. Mrs. Mock seconded the motion.

Ms. Benjamin reviewed the matter and stated the agreement attached to Resolution No. 2 was actually attached to Resolution No. 3. To ensure the proper resolution was with the proper agreement, she recommended another motion to amend Resolution No. 2 to attach the Solomon, Prospect, Coopersdale and Oakhurst Communities Agreement and to adopt it as amended.

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

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,  
Mr. Vitovich (5).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10066

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN  
ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT FOR CONTINUATION OF POLICE  
SERVICES WITH THE JOHNSTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE  
VINE STREET, FULTON I. CONNOR AND TOWN HOUSE TOWERS  
UPON REVIEW OF THE CITY SOLICITOR.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. Reverend King seconded the motion.

Ms. Benjamin reviewed the matter and recommended a motion to amend Resolution No. 3 to attach the Vine Street, Fulton I. Connor and Town House Towers agreement and to adopt it as amended.

Reverend King made a motion to adopt the resolution as amended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich,  
Mr. Britt (5).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10067

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, SUPPORTING A PETITION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD (BOARD'S) BY THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 20 MATTHEW STREET FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN'S NOISE ORDINANCE FOR THE BOARD'S REGULATIONS THAT EXPIRED ON OCTOBER 5 OF 2017.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Vitovich seconded the motion.

Mr. Davis explained that Mr. Ross at The Freight Station, hosts outdoor bands that play past 10:00 p.m., which is a violation of the City's noise ordinance. If Council passes this resolution, the resolution can then be sent in to the PLCB for approval to allow the bands to play outside past 10:00 p.m. and that each neighbor will be given a chance to respond.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Britt,  
Mayor Janakovic (5).

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10068

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3 MILLION FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO FACILITATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. Mrs. Mock seconded the motion.

Mr. Davis explained this resolution related to a road to Rosedale that the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority would like to develop.

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Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic,  
Reverend King (5).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10069

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER  
AND CITY SOLICITOR REVIEW AND ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR  
THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LOCUST STREET  
PARK AS DESIGNED BY REAL DESIGN LANDSCAPE  
ARCHITECTURE AND FUNDED BY THE COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Vitovich seconded the motion.

Mayor Janakovic noted this resolution related to the construction of a playground.

Mr. Davis suggested amending the resolution to state, with the contingency that the Solicitors talk and work the agreement out. He also noted the budget for the project is \$44,000, and the Community Foundation Grant was approximately \$8,000 less than that.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King,  
Mrs. Mock (5).  
Nays: None (0).

Ms. Benjamin suggested that the motion be amended to make it contingent upon the Solicitors' review. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,  
Mr. Vitovich (5).  
Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10070

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO

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SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EXECUTE TASK ORDER NO. 44 TO THE EADS GROUP, INCORPORATED, FOR THE DESIGN, BIDDING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE SALT STORAGE SHED UPGRADE PROJECT.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the resolution. Mrs. Mock seconded the motion.

Mr. Davis stated the shed was located at the City Garage in Cambria City.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King,  
Mrs. Mock (5).

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10071

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH DOREEN R. BABISH TO TRANSFER \$16,603.59 IN ESCROWED FIRE INSURANCE PROCEEDS RELATIVE TO THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1127 VIRGINIA AVENUE IN JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Vitovich seconded the motion.

There was discussion regarding the resolution.

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock,  
Mr. Vitovich (5).

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10072

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC AND MUSEUM COMMISSION UNDER

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THE 2018 PHMC KEYSTONE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by  
Reverend King and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich,  
Mr. Britt (5).

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10073

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF THE  
CITY OF JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL.

Mr. Britt made a motion to approve the resolution. Mrs. Mock seconded the motion.

Ms. Benjamin explained the Code of Conduct as a guideline primarily directed  
towards concepts, including demonstrating and respecting kindness and  
maintaining civility, being polite, and that it does not in any way address  
content of speech.

Mayor Janakovic commented that Code of Conduct pertains to professional conduct  
at Council meetings.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Britt,  
Mayor Janakovic (5).

Nays: None (0).

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Vitovich referred to a Planning Commission appointment tabled at the last  
meeting.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to remove from table. Reverend King seconded the motion.

Mayor Janakovic commented the position was going to be advertised. After further discussion, the position will be advertised and then discussed at the next meeting.

There was discussion regarding whether there was a policy in place with regard to removing someone from a commission due to absenteeism. Ms. Benjamin explained that Council has the authority to remove any members of commissions as long as there was a majority vote. There will be further discussion regarding the matter at the next meeting.

Mr. Vitovich withdrew the motion to table. Reverend King withdrew the second.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT-NONAGENDA ITEMS

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, reminded Council about the 2013 crime report and that Council voted to create a Johnstown Crime and Violence Commission. Mr. DeBartola questioned why the commission was abandoned.

He stated that if Council got together five years ago to create this commission, that maybe it could set a date to have a joint meeting with the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority, Johnstown Housing Authority, and City Council to discuss crime, blight, poverty and drugs.

Mr. Britt inquired if Mr. DeBartola's main concern was to have a meeting to discuss existing problems or whether he had a solution to ongoing problems. Mr. DeBartola stated he took the time to contact Representative Rothfus, state senators and county commissioners who were willing to attend a meeting to discuss solutions and implement policies and laws.

Mayor Janakovic reminded Mr. DeBartola that there was a Drug Task Force, that Council was submitting an application for a grant to deal with opioids. He stated the Vison 2025 group as well as nonprofits were working throughout the City to deal with the issues. The Mayor met with every individual that Mr. DeBartola mentioned.

Mayor Janakovic reiterated that those with public comments need to sign up before 6:00.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.