

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
Wednesday, September 14, 2022

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

Mr. Britt offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members of Council were present:

Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King (5).

Mrs. Mock, Ms. Huchel (2) were absent.

Alex Ashcom, Assistant City Manager; Robert Ritter, Finance Director; and Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor were also present. Robert Statler, Fire Chief, was also in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None.

BUDGET AMENDMENT CONSIDERATION - BILL NO. 14 OF 2022

STATEMENT BY SOLICITOR

Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, Solicitor, stated this public hearing was being convened for the purposes of accepting public comment on a proposed amendment to the 2022 City of Johnstown Budget. And specifically, Bill No. 14 of 2022, an ordinance that was originally introduced on August 30 at a special council meeting and passed for first read at that time by Council and is now appearing on the agenda for its forthcoming meeting later this evening Wednesday, September 14, 2022 for final adoption.

Bill No. 14 of 2022 proposes a budget amendment to transfer \$1 million of revenue received from the American Rescue Plan Act funding, which is currently contained within the sewer lateral fund and via this amendment would be transferred to the loss revenue account per the advice of City auditors in order to make the funds more suitable for use as part of the sewer lateral program.

**BILL NO. 14 OF 2022 AS CURRENTLY PROPOSED, SPECIFICALLY SEEKS TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 5321 PASSED FINALLY ON DECEMBER 8, 2021, AND AMENDED ON JULY 13, 2022 AS THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN ANNUAL 2022 BUDGET TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL**

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES OF THE GENERAL AND AMERICAN  
RECOVERY FUNDS FOLLOWING PUBLIC NOTICE AND THE  
CONDUCT OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING WHICH WAS DULY  
ADVERTISED IN THE TRIBUNE DEMOCRAT FOLLOWING THE  
AUGUST 30TH ADOPTION OF BILL NO. 14 FIRST READ.

As noted, the bill is being considered for final adoption at City Council's regular meeting this evening for purposes of reclassifying funding received under the American Rescue Plan Act that is ultimately intended for use within the sewer lateral program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Benjamin stated for the record that there are no members of the public present to offer any comment this evening, that in the absence of any further comments, the hearing would be adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

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