

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, December 8, 2021

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business.  
Mayor Frank Janakovic called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Reverend King offered the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the public hearing immediately preceding this meeting.

Mayor Janakovic introduced Sara Williams as the new Administrative Assistant.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

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

Dan Penatzer, Interim City Manager; Alex Ashcom, Assistant City Manager; John Dubnansky, Economic Development Director; Richard Pritchard, Police Chief; Robert Statler, Fire Chief; Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor, were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Britt made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2021; Public Hearing Minutes of October 28, 2021; and Special Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich 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

Councilman Dave Vitovich was commended for his many years of service on City Council and as an employee of the City of Johnstown.

Mr. Vitovich thanked Council members for sharing their wisdom and commented that Mr. Penatzer reminded him of a "man on a mission" and was appreciative of that.

PUBLIC COMMENT-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, addressed Council regarding the Rescue Plan applications. He congratulated Mayor Janakovic on winning the

election but Mr. DeBartola commented that his message is resonating with City residents. He asked that those members of Council, who were reelected, to take the issues he referred to more seriously.

He talked about the Main Street design team, which includes city residents Melissa Komar and Bill McKinney, Alex Ashcom, John Dubnansky, Melissa Radovanic, non-city residents, and Mike Artim, city business owner. He commented that "not a single person of color" was appointed to the team.

## REPORTS

### CITY MANAGER:

Dan Penatzer, Interim City Manager, read a statement into the record disclosing a loan applicant's city employment, and the statement reads as follows:

The City of Johnstown is considering entering into a contract with Tony Penna under the CDBG Economic Development Rehabilitation Program. Mr. Penna wished to publicly disclose that he is the recreation director for the City of Johnstown, thus regulations require the City to provide public disclosure of expenditures, which may constitute conflict of interest.

Mr. Penatzer stated this notice was published as a requirement of the program.

The City Manager noted that there are now 16 committee members. Mr. Vitovich requested that a representative with ADA from one of the towers downtown be on that committee. Mr. Penatzer will provide further information regarding that matter at next month's meeting.

### MAYOR:

Frank Janakovic, Mayor, reported that he attended the Veteran's Day luncheon at Richland Fire Hall and thanked the Salvation Army for organizing the menu.

He noted his attendance at last night's chamber mixer at the Stadium Pub supporting the Millrats, Flood City Football Team, the Tomahawks and collegiate baseball league.

He thanked those who attended the recent downtown Johnstown Christmas Market, and offered a special thanks to Amber Berezansky and Jacob Zerby who arranged the event.

Mr. Janakovic wished congratulations and best wishes to Nancy Cushing on her retirement.

The Mayor and many Councilmembers attended a conference with Senator Bob Casey and other dignitaries at the train station where a \$24 million grant was announced for renovations to the station, Inclined Plane, Transit Center and the Main Street greenway. Governor Wolf, Senator Toomey, Congressmen Joyce and Thompson, Senator Langerholc, and Representative Rigby also supported the projects.

Mr. Janakovic noted his attendance at the regional partnership. He presented a proclamation at the recent renaming of the Haynes Street Bridge to the Harry M. Plows Memorial Bridge.

He attended the Christmas Crawl and the tree lighting in Central Park. He offered special thanks to the Discover Downtown group who started this annual tradition.

The Mayor is currently working with Senator Langerholc and Representative Rigby on legislature to continue the LST tax and exit Act 47.

He also noted his attendance at the Veteran's Day Parade.

CITY SOLICITOR:

Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor, noted a public hearing was recently held on Bill No. 13 of 2021 setting forth the 2022 City of Johnstown Budget earlier this evening at 5:30 p.m. She stated the budget was made available for public inspection and was duly advertised for final adoption this evening. All other matters that would need to be addressed on the agenda would be done at the time they are presented.

CITY ENGINEER:

Mr. Penatzer was asked to report that the project on Fairfield Avenue is ready to proceed with regard to the change order. Pipes and manholes are on order and the project would commence as materials are received, probably around the March timeframe.

NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISONS/COUNCIL UPDATES:

Reverend King noted her attendance at the recent Veteran's Day Parade and Harry M. Plows Memorial Bridge ceremony. She commended Mr. Arnone on an "outstanding job".

She is part of the Cambria County Planning Commission and works with the citizens of Prospect as it concerns the plan for the William Penn Corridor.

Reverend King noted her attendance via Webex at the recent 1889 Housing Symposium. She also attended the Kernville community meeting and stated those residents are again hosting an annual holiday house-decorating contest and thanked the Tribune for publishing an article concerning the matter.

Reverend King noted that she and Mr. Britt met with Senator Casey before the event at the train station. She stated Senator Casey had "made it a point" to reach out to more African-American citizens in the community.

Reverend King announced that JARI is offering a 435-hour computer support specialist certificate-based training program at no cost to eligible City residents. This would offer a graduate 29 credits towards an associate's degree. The program is scheduled to begin February of 2022 and noted that preference is given to residents of the housing communities first.

She noted that on December 18, 2021 Christ Centered Community Church will host a Christmas Giveaway, including clothes, toys, and shoes. On December 25, 2021, the church will host its 12th Annual Community Christmas Dinner.

Reverend King indicated that she and Mr. Dubnansky have been talking to the Women's Health Center regarding assistance for homeless people. Funding is available for the matter.

Reverend King commented that at one time JHA was to allocate funds to the City for homelessness. There was further discussion regarding the matter. Mr. Vitovich commented that the help center would welcome any new or used clothing.

Mrs. Mock noted her attendance at events already mentioned by other Councilmembers. She commended Reverend King and Mr. Dubnansky for working with the homeless. Reverend King commented that just because you want to help a person does not necessarily mean that person wants to be helped. There was further discussion regarding an incident that occurred involving a homeless person.

Mr. Vitovich thanked Public Works for assembling the Christmas Village and Christmas tree in Central Park and encouraged all to visit the site.

Mr. Arnone provided statistical information related to the population of the public housing communities. He reported that as of November 30, 2021, the total population of the public housing communities was 2,613. Section Eight voucher holders total 883. This amounts to a total of 3,496. Currently 46 percent of the people living in poverty within the City of Johnstown are being assisted.

He reported that the Pitt Johnstown School of Nursing students are visiting multiple JHA communities this month to educate residents on the different topics on health and wellness.

JHA agreed to pay the City of Johnstown over \$300,000 for security to help keep the community safe.

Mr. Arnone, Council's representative on the GJWA, reported that in November a Committee of the Whole Meeting was held for members to discuss surcharges that would be charged to properties that have not passed sewer lateral pressure testing. He stated, starting January 1, 2022, the GJWA will implement a \$25 per month surcharge for any property that is noncompliant. Only those property owners, who have a formal contract with a licensed contractor, will be given an extension. He stated a copy of the contract must be filed with the GJWA, that a contract that exceeds the 12-month extension period will be assessed a retroactive \$300 charge as of January 1, 2023. Letters will be sent out within the next several days.

Mr. Arnone reported that since taking ownership of the sewage system, the GJWA performed over 800 successful pressure checks and the Authority must continue to eliminate storm water from the sanitary system.

He thanked Council and City staff for participating in the recent Harry M. Plows Bridge Dedication.

Mr. Britt thanked Jared and Public Works for their efforts and hard work to make the downtown Central Park so festive during this Christmas season.

He noted his attendance at the recent Veteran's Day Parade and the Harry M. Plows Bridge Dedication and stated he was "honored to be there".

Mr. Britt attended the soft opening of Corojo's Cigar Shop on Washington Street and commented that it has a very relaxing atmosphere.

Councilman Britt and Reverend King met with Senator Casey prior to the recent event at the train station. He stated the Senator had heartfelt concerns about the City of Johnstown and its involvement of the minority.

Mr. Capriotti reported that he attended numerous events this past month including the Downtown Lightup Night and echoed comments regarding the impressive work by Public Works and the Fire and Police Departments.

Mayor Janakovic clarified that the RAISE grant of \$24.5 million has specific target areas, but the \$30 million through the CARES grant will be spread across the City from nonprofits to businesses to individuals to houses to purchases downtown and across the City.

He stated there were issues with playgrounds noted on Facebook and asked Mr. Dubnansky to clarify the matter. Mr. Dubnansky noted that he is currently working with the state with regard to exploring finance options for all the City's parks and playgrounds. A playground contractor went around to all the sites to assess them with regard to making improvements. A meeting is scheduled in January 2022 with PA DCNR regarding the projects.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve the Planning Commission Minutes of November 3, 2021 and Civil Service Board Minutes of November 15, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

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

Nays: None (0).

#### PETITIONS

None.

#### ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READ

BILL NO. 13 OF 2021, 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 OPERATIONS OF THE VARIOUS FUNDS, BUREAUS, DEPARTMENTS, THE PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE AND THE PENSION FUND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FUND

SECTIONS AND THE RESPECTIVE FUNDS "BUDGET EXHIBIT  
DETAILS".

- A. GENERAL FUND
- B. LIQUID FUELS FUND
- C. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
- D. CDBG FUND
- E. STATE HOME FUND
- F. UDAG FUND
- G. STATE GRANT FUND
- H. AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT FUND

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

Ms. Benjamin had noted earlier that a public hearing was held prior to this evening's presentation of final adoption and was available for public inspection.

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).

BILL NO. 14 OF 2021, 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 JANUARY 1, 2022.

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

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

BILL NO. 16 OF 2021, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF  
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PART FOUR -  
TRAFFIC CODE, CHAPTERS 482 AND 484 ORD 4320 PASSED 11-22-83;  
ORD 4393 PASSED 9-10-86; ORD 4668 PASSED 7-13-94; ORD 4713  
PASSED 2-22-95; ORD 4753 PASSED 9-11-96; ORD 4760 PASSED 12-30-  
96; ORD 4790 PASSED 11-12-97; ORD 4843 PASSED 12-22-99; ORD 4851  
PASSED 3-22-00; ORD 4857 PASSED 5-24-00; ORD 4883 PASSED 4-24-  
02; ORD 4888 PASSED 6-12-02; ORD 4918 PASSED 9-24-03; ORD 5048

PASSED 12-18-09; ORD 5216 PASSED 12-26-16 AND ORD 5217 PASSED 12-29-16 AMENDING PARKING RULES AND REGULATIONS.

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

Reverend King requested that this be publicized in the newspaper so everyone can be aware this will start January 1, 2022. The City Manager noted the matter would be published in the newspaper and would be placed on social media but will not start until sometime in February 2022.

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).

BILL NO. 17 OF 2021, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE SALE OF THE CITY'S CLEAN FILL DISPOSAL SITE LOCATED IN THE 20TH WARD OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN TO THE GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY (THE "AUTHORITY") AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE CITY TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE ORDINANCE AND ANY/ALL ACTIONS INCIDENTAL TO SAID SALE AS REFERENCED IN THE AGREEMENT ENTERED BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve. Mr. Vitovich seconded the motion.

Mr. Arnone commented that all residents would be charged \$2 less for the sewage fee due to the GJWA taking over the site. This would result in a quarter of a million dollars annually to the consumer.

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).

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READ:

BILL NO. 18 OF 2021, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN AS ADOPTED VIA



ORDINANCE NO. 4654 ADOPTED OCTOBER 27, 1993 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 5196 ADOPTED FEBRUARY 25, 2016 AND ORDINANCE NO. 5255 ADOPTED JULY 11, 2018 AND SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 223 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES ADDRESSING "CITY MANAGER" TO ELIMINATE A RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT AS PERMITTED BY THE AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN APPROVED VIA REFERENDUM ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve. 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. 10478

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS AND TAKE ANY/ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY IN THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS FIREFIGHTER PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FROM THE WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP.

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

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

Nays: None (0).

Resolution No. 10479

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AND TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE AN AGREEMENT WITH INTRIGNIA INCORPORATED TO SUPPLY THE OFFICE SPACE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE JOHNSTOWN SMALL BUSINESS SUCCESS CENTER.

Mayor Janakovic requested that Council remove this resolution from table as well as the one following for further discussion.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to remove both from table. The motion was seconded by Mr. Britt 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).

Mr. Penatzer noted that two responses to this RFP were received. Mr. Dubnansky explained the review process of the two responses. He noted that the RFP was released on November 25, 2021 and that as a result, two proposals have been received, one from Zing Realty and another from Intrignia Incorporated, with Intrignia being a slightly better proposal. He explained how that determination was made.

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

Mr. Dubnansky explained this first resolution is for the acceptance of the funding directly from Intuit to the City and the City to contract with Intrignia to provide the funding to implement the project.

Resolution No. 10480

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AND TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE AN AGREEMENT WITH INTUIT FOR THE FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHNSTOWN SMALL BUSINESS SUCCESS CENTER.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve. Mr. Vitovich seconded the motion.

Mr. Penatzer clarified that the \$250,000 from Intuit will be received by the City and then spent over a period of time and will remain on the books for that period

of time. There was further discussion regarding the matter. Mr. Capriotti suggested that it be specifically detailed how the money is being spent.

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. 10481

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO MAKE ANY/ALL LINE ITEM ADJUSTMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2021 TO BRING SAID LINE ITEMS INTO A POSITIVE BALANCE, SUBJECT TO A LIMIT OF THE AMOUNT OF TOTAL EXPENDITURES BUDGETED FOR THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR.

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

Resolution No. 10482

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO INITIATE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO ELIMINATE THE RESPECTIVE 2021 CITY OF JOHNSTOWN OPERATING BUDGET DEFICIT BALANCES, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY, BUDGET EXHIBIT (A) AS DETAILED HEREIN.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich 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. 10483

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS  
TO THE FY 2019, FY 2020 AND FY 2021 CDBG PROGRAMS.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnone  
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. 10484

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO  
EXECUTE AND TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO  
EFFECTUATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JOHNSTOWN HOUSING  
AUTHORITY FOR THE PROVISION OF POLICE SERVICES FOR THE  
SOLOMON, PROSPECT, COOPERSDALE AND OAKHURST  
COMMUNITIES CONTINGENT UPON FINAL REVIEW OF THE CITY  
SOLICITOR.

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

Mr. Arnone noted the amount for police services is \$304,403, which is 2 percent  
higher than the previous year.

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).

Resolution No. 10485

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,  
PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO  
EXECUTE AND TAKE ANY/ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO  
EFFECTUATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JOHNSTOWN HOUSING  
AUTHORITY FOR THE PROVISION OF POLICE SERVICES FOR THE  
VINE STREET, FULTON CONNOR AND TOWN HOUSE TOWERS  
CONTINGENT UPON FINAL REVIEW OF THE CITY SOLICITOR.

Mr. Arnone made a motion to approve. 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).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Roving Meetings

Reverend King requested that Council consider roving meeting in the future by holding monthly meetings throughout the City on quarterly basis. Ms. Benjamin suggested further discussion of locations and dates, accessibility for public attendance, court reporter availability and other issues that would need addressed if other locations were considered. Mr. Penatzer discussed his concerns regarding the matter.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Comprehensive Plan Update

Mr. Penatzer noted the draft of the plan is completed and has been placed on the City's website for review and comment. Mr. Dubnansky added that comments have been received from a variety of sources, including those made by the Planning Commission. He stated information would be finalized by the end of next week and provided to the Planning Commission for approval and presented to Council possibly at the January meeting.

2. City Manager Search

Mr. Penatzer stated Council would hold an Executive Session immediately following this meeting regarding the City Manager selection process.

3. Property Maintenance Ordinances

Mr. Penatzer noted there are five or six property maintenance ordinances, which need updated, especially the one addressing abandoned vehicles. All will be presented at next month's meeting.

4. Rescue Plan Applications.

Mr. Penatzer noted that preliminary thoughts on the process for accepting applications were presented at the last meeting and that staff would be reviewing with Council that process. He stated applications will be accepted beginning in January 2022.

Alex Ashcom, Assistant City Manager, referred members to a handout for further review while he provided an update regarding three ARPA fund application processes, including home ownership and home repair program, small business and nonprofit assistance and nonprofit programs. He referred to a press release that will be placed in social media and advertised in the newspaper.

He discussed the nonprofit program application, which incorporates four different areas of funding.

Mr. Ashcom stated the home ownership program begins January 3, 2022, and will be ongoing until funds are exhausted and offers up to \$10,000 towards the first purchase of a home in the City of Johnstown. The residency requirement is two years. There was further discussion regarding that requirement. Mrs. Mock suggested a residency requirement of five years. Reverend King suggested three years. Credit scores for first time purchasers were also discussed. Mr. Penatzer asked that questions regarding the matter be submitted for further discussion during the February meeting.

Mr. Ashcom highlighted requirements for the small business and nonprofit assistance programs. He noted this program allows up to \$25,000 for expenses and losses due to the pandemic and includes payment or reimbursement of rent and mortgage, utilities and payroll for essential employees for up to three months. He discussed additional requirements for the program.

Mr. Ashcom highlighted funding for the nonprofit program, which includes \$1 million to combat food and security in the City, \$1 million to address childcare issues, \$135,000 to establish public access locations throughout the City and \$2 million to support qualified funding. There was further discussion regarding capping the program at \$100,000. Mr. Penatzer suggested that some Council members meet with staff for further discussion of the guidelines.

Mr. Penatzer commented that per Attorney Barbin, the Authority is fine with the clean fill site agreement, which will be discussed further at the January meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Public Works.

No Report.

2. Police Department

Richard Pritchard, Johnstown Police Chief, reported that a Life Saving Award would be presented to Officer Melissa Nagle who on Thanksgiving Day saved an infant who was choking. Mrs. Mock suggested the award be given at next month's Council meeting.

Chief Pritchard noted two out of five applicants tested today.

3. Fire Department

Robert Statler, Johnstown Fire Chief, noted oral interviews would be held on December 17, 2021, and then would go before the Civil Service Committee for final approval. He noted no pending retirements and that it had been a quiet November.

4. Community Development

John Dubnansky, Economic Development Director, reported that to date nine event applications had been given out totaling \$561,325 and four or five are currently being reviewed. Ten business loans have been given out totaling \$1.3 million plus, 55 sewer lateral assistance grant projects, 16 owner/occupied building rehab projects, 323 building permits have been issued to date, 97 buildings have been condemned this year and 1,472 property maintenance violations were issued. He stated this information would be captured in a year-end review report on the City's website and social media.

Mr. Penatzer noted that Chris Mock would be giving a Codes Department report starting in January 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Christine Dahlin, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Pitt Johnstown, who specializes in ornithology, animal behavior and wildlife management, was before Council to discuss her application for a chicken-keeping permit, which was denied. She asked that Council broaden eligibility to keep urban chickens within the City. She provided members with a detailed description of permitting requirements

for other cities within Pennsylvania. She discussed the benefits of chicken keeping.

Dr. Dahlin also noted that she runs communit teams which is an after-school program in the Solomon Homes housing community and asked that organizations be given extra time to prepare an application for nonprofit grants. There was further discussion regarding the policy for keeping chickens in the City. Mr. Dubnansky will review the matter.

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8:15 p.m.

Reorganization Meeting scheduled for January 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Next scheduled Regular Council Meeting scheduled for January 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.  
and will be held at the Conference Center.