

City of Johnstown Special Council Meeting

April 5, 2022, Council Chambers, Public Safety Building, 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frank Janakovic. Rev. King preceded with the invocation. Roll call was announced with Ms. Huchel, Mr. Arnone, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Britt, Rev. King, and Mayor Janakovic present. Mr. Capriotti was absent.

Public Comment (agenda items): John Debartola from 1197 Bedford Street addressed Council with the following agenda items. Mr. Debartola was concerned about the use of funds being designated and expressed that the public should know. He had many concerns about the renovation to the Point Stadium.

Regarding agenda items, John Dubnansky spoke about the three playgrounds for which \$500,000 of DCNR grant funds are being applied - Honan Avenue, Minersville and Roxbury. Pictures and layouts were displayed for review. Mr. Arnone also spoke about the playgrounds and the proper updates for the playgrounds. Mrs. Mock commented on the project for the playgrounds and wanted to know a time frame. She stated she will speak to Jared Campagna further. The mayor also wanted to make mention of the funds for existing equipment accommodating everyone.

A motion was made by Mr. Arnone to adopt Resolution No. 10499 to apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources C2P2 program for improvements parks at Honan Avenue, Minersville and Roxbury. The motion was seconded by Mr. Britt. All council members present voted to approve the motion, 6-0.

The next agenda item was a proposed contract with LMJ Contractors for the construction of a press box, concession area and office space at Sargents Stadium. The mayor had concerns to where the press box would be located, followed Mr. Britt with the same concerns. City Recreation Director Tony Penna spoke to council and informed them in detail to where the press box will be located. Mr. Penna also assured Council that he will be bringing in contractors to assure that the Point Stadium is taken care of.

Councilman Arnone made a motion to approve Resolution No. 10500, a contract with LMJ Contractors to construct a two-story building at the Point Stadium, at a cost of \$283,750. Mr. Britt seconded the motion, and the Council approved the motion on a 6-0 vote.

Public Comment (non-agenda items): Mr. Debartola expressed his concerns to the multiple murders/shootings within the city. Mr. Debartola also expressed concern with the recent closing of Liquid Currency, and the affects of Lucy's, and how the city is targeting the gay community. Mrs. Mock assured that there will be a press conference regarding the recent crime in the city. Mr. Arnone also expressed the distance that a bar can be into a school or church.

The Council adjourned the meeting and entered into executive session for the purposes of discussing public safety and personnel.