

## Johnstown City Council Workshop

Wednesday July 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frank J. Janakovic at 6 P.M. The invocation was led by councilmen Ricky Britt. The pledge of allegiance followed by roll call. The following council members were present. Rev. King, Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Arnone, Mayor Janakovic, and Ms. Huchel. Melisaa Komar from the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority was present along with Debbi Grass and the Act 47 team. The meeting proceeded with Ms. Komar providing Council with an update with the Weatherization progress between the City and JRA. Ms. Komar advised that the program was an ongoing success for the City of Johnstown residents. She explained the overwhelming outcome of the program. They have had 55 successful and completed applications for residents to obtain work done to their homes. She also explained that 5 applications were denied due to applicants not living within the city limits. Pending applications are still in the process of being approved with missing documents. She advised this is the first time some residents are working with a program like this, and JRA is leading them in the right direction to obtain their documentation. She stressed the positive outcome to people coming to City Hall and JRA and provides residents to the other great programs that the City and JRA offers. Ms. Komar also updated council on the Land Bank progression and how they are working closely with the Greater Johnstown School District to ensure success. Demos were also discussed with the progression within the city.

Debbi Grass along with the Act 47 team provided a detailed explanation to council about the future exit plan. She provided financial information and progression the city had made while being a part of Act 47. Debbi made suggestions and consulted council on the future outcomes that comes with the exit. Debbi and her team had minor concerns about lost revenue and provided detailed suggestions to help ensure success for the city of Johnstown. Storm Water issues were discussed in detail, Debbi consulted to council what other municipalities do regarding these issues to help the city. Her team went over in detail what the exit plan will look like by providing a flow chart breaking down all the details.

At this time the Peddlers/ Solicitors Ordinance was presented to council on behalf of Jacob Zerby and John Dubnansky. The Ordinance was present at the June Council meeting. Council stressed they wanted to Ordinance re presented with some changes made to the language of the document. John and Jake presented the changes. Mr. Capriotti stressed the responsibility of the Vendors. To make sure if food was being distributed it was at the right temperature and wanted to know if that was being monitored. The issue did arise again with Vendors setting up on the weekends and not having a permit to do so. Council wanted to know who would issue that documentation on the weekends background checks of the Vendors was discussed to ensure safety of children. Council wanted some more changes to the language of

the Ordinance and will be discussed and represented at the July Council Meeting. Lastly, there was brief Pension Board update that was presented by the Finance Director Robert Ritter. Bob provided and ensured that the pensions were in good shape and have progressed successfully.

Lastly, City Manager Ethan Imhoff provided a short update on the Conference Center and explained to Council a bid proposal came in and he is looking at that closely and will provide more updates in the coming weeks. The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Frank J. Janakovic at 8 P.M. and was followed by an Executive Session.