

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 27th, 2023

City Council met in a special meeting for the purposes of taking action on a zoning map amendment for Mom's House of Johnstown, Inc. The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Frank Janakovic.

The following Council Members were present for roll call:

Rev. Sylvia King, Mr. Britt, Ms. Huchel, Mr. Capriotti, Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Arnone

Absent: None

The following City staff members were present: City Manager Ethan Imhoff, Assistant City Manager Alex Ashcom, and Executive Secretary Sarah Williams.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

John DeBartola, of 1197 Bedford Street, reiterated his comments during the previous public hearing supporting the requested zoning map amendment change for Mom's House of Johnstown, Inc. He called City Council to action to approve the change.

Della Csesoki of 125 Spring Street spoke again in support of Mom's House of Johnstown, Inc's requested zoning map amendment. She informed Council of her opinion that the reuse of the facility at 1339 Franklin Street would be far better than the dilapidated garage that sat on it previously.

AGENDA ITEM:

MOM'S HOUSE OF JOHNSTOWN ZONING MAP AMENDMENT REQUEST

Councilor Arnone motioned to remove Bill 1 of 2023 from the table. The motion was seconded by Councilor King. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mr. Capriotti, Ms. Huchel, Mayor Janakovic, Rev. King, Mr. Arnone, Mrs. Mock

Nays: None (0)

Councilor Arnone motioned to approve Bill 1 of 2023 for first read. The motion was seconded by Councilor King. During discussion, Councilor Mock suggested that a middle ground may be found in rezoning Mom's House as C-2. City Manager Imhoff noted that the issue was not on the table this evening and Mom's House would need to reapply for such a designation separate from this request.

Councilor Huchel noted that while she did support the mission, objectives, and services of Mom's House, she still believed that R-1 was the wrong fit for the property and as such would be voting against the bill.

Councilor Capriotti echoed Councilor Huchel's statements, adding that while he was supportive of the work performed by Mom's House, and for the children and families that use those services, R-1 was not the proper zoning designation for the site. With no other comment from Council members, a vote was taken.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Rev. King, Mr. Arnone, Mrs. Mock

Nays: Mr. Capriotti, Ms. Huchel

The hearing was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.