



**CITY OF JOHNSTOWN  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
AGENDA**

**ANTHONY C. TRUSCELLO  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Thursday, January 2, 2025 5:00PM**

**Planning Commission**

James Carthew - Chairman  
James White - Vice Chairman  
Laura Huchel  
Donald Buday  
Tomas Casals  
Michael  
Grandinetti

**CALL TO ORDER:  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:  
ROLL CALL:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (LIMIT 3 MINUTES)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Approval of minutes of the December 4, 2024 Planning Commission meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. LAND MERGER – Donna L. Ickes

Surveys by JRT LLC. submitted a proposed subdivision that would merge two adjacent lots of the same ownership, resulting in one 0.25 total acre lot. The proposed land merger has been reviewed and approved by Cambria County Planning Commission. City Staff has reviewed and found no issues with the land merger request.

2. LAND MERGER & BOUNDARY LINE CHANGE – Thomas W. Pawcio/ Thomas & Georgia Leahman

Mash Engineering submitted a proposed subdivision that would merge two adjacent lots of the same ownership and a boundary line change with a neighboring property, resulting in one 0.19 total acre lot. The proposed land merger and boundary line change has been reviewed and approved by Cambria County Planning Commission. City Staff has reviewed and found no issues with the land merger boundary line change request.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**URBAN MURAL PROGRAM**

Mr. Barry Polster has provided a document that outlines and details this program. While suggesting the Planning Commission to act as an Advisory Committee to provide:

- A. Oversee agreement negotiations with property / building owners.
- B. Review designs to determine content of proposed murals and will advise the City of proposed mural projects and the progress made towards their implementation.

**GIS SOFTWARE**

Update on the City's coordination efforts with the County GIS and Steve Kocsis to implement this software.

### PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROFESSIONAL ASSESSMENT

Status of the CJL Engineering Assessment Report. In Addition, City seeking professional assessment of to the two fire stations serving the City. Ash Street and the Westend stations.

### COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Kick-off and commencement of community engagement efforts to begin in the fall of 2024. Stakeholders discussed include Advisory Board, JPC, Neighborhood Leaders and others.

### ZONING OFFICER

Planning Commission has expressed interest in coordinating with City Administration on hiring a Zoning Officer to assist in the process of land development and general planning.

### CITY STAFF REPRESENTATION

Until the position of Assistant City Manager is filled, a member of the Planning Commission to be selected as Secretary. With no volunteers or nominations the planning commission is suggesting the City Administration provide staff for providing secretarial duties for the Planning Commission. A suggestion of hiring a stenographer was discussed.

### ZONING REVIEW

Commissioner Huchel expressed curiosity and requested a review and discussion on the following items:

1. Zoning limitations around artists/makers living in the same building as a retail outlet.
2. Clarity of side lot program, particularly as regards lien (City Taxes) forgiveness.
3. Zoning limitations regarding the sale of animals, does it apply to the adoption of animals?

### CITY LAND BANK

The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority (JRA) is operating the Land Bank for the City. With discussion of current and future funding from the City, an overview was suggested for the Planning Commission to better understand.

### MAIN STREET / CENTRAL PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Final Design and Construction documents to be presented and submitted to the City for final review on August 6, 2024. A Construction Manager RFP to be developed and advertised.

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT - NON-AGENDA ITEMS (LIMIT 3 MINUTES)**

**RECESS/ADJOURNMENT:**

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