



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

**ANTHONY C. TRUSCELLO
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Planning Commission

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

Wednesday, February 5, 2025, 5:00PM

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (LIMIT 3 MINUTES)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of the minutes of the January 2, 2025 Planning Commission meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Yearly Reorganization Meeting

Discussion topics will be verifying new members of the planning commission and the terms of existing members. Please see attached Boards and Commissions page for discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

URBAN MURAL PROGRAM

Mr. Barry Polster has provided a document that outlines and details this program. While suggesting the Planning Commission 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. City Manager Martynuska stated that discussions and meetings have taken place with Steve Kocsis with Cambria County GIS. E-mails were also exchanged. Much information has been transferred into the system, but licenses have to be updated. Steve Kocsis will continue to be involved during this implementation of the 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.

Further discussion occurred regarding the status of the CJL Engineering Assessment Report. City Manager Martynuska stated that part of the remediation has been completed, but the work continues. Industrial humidifiers were purchased for the basement, and ServPro will provide a cleanup of hazards. Progress is being made slowly. A meeting will be held with Representative Burns regarding a public safety facility. The decision is still ongoing as to whether the current building would be renovated or a new one built. Offers are still ongoing, and there is

approximately \$5 million in available funding. The current building will require an estimated \$12 million, and there has yet to be a good estimate on a new building. A discussion followed regarding where to build a new building. The sewer connection on the building has been completed. Since the trenching has been performed, there have been no reports of water in the basement. The sidewalk of the building is still in need of repair and has rooms under it. The Commission further discussed the funding and benefits for a remodel versus rebuild. The HVAC system update was brought up. City Manager Martynuska stated that this would fall in line with the decision whether to remodel or rebuild. Improving the air quality and getting rid of the mold in the basement was the first priority.

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.

Art Martynuska stated the data collecting process continues. Lists of contacts have been developed with additional input. Meetings are being scheduled with various groups and community foundations. Some of the groups and foundations mentioned were 1889 and CamTran. A schedule of the upcoming meetings will be sent via e-mail. A survey will be distributed to support this effort.

ZONING REVIEW

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

1. Clarity of side lot program, particularly as regards lien (City Taxes) forgiveness. The inter office memo and form is to be reviewed by the city solicitor.
2. Zoning limitations regarding the sale of animals, does it apply to the adoption of animals?

Refer to the specific zoning designation of the area in question, home based businesses being allowable in certain areas, with the exception of a specific business being a minor/major impact on the area in question. Could also refer to PA Commonwealth law.

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 was advertised and applicants were received.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

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

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT:

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