



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

**ANTHONY C. TRUSCELLO
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Wednesday, March 5, 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 the minutes of the February 5, 2025 Planning Commission meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

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.

City Manager Martynuska reported on waiting for ServPro to complete cleanup of hazards. He noted that they did go to a federal warehouse in Harrisburg where equipment and industrial dehumidifiers may be purchased. City Manager Martynuska stated, since the remediation effort was performed with the drainage system, there have not been further reports of water in the basement. The odor had also dissipated. City Manager Martynuska reported that City Council does have \$660,000 in ARPA funds that have not been allocated. City Council has approved the use of these funds for upgrades to City Hall, some for the Public Safety Building, and some to the City garages. A contractor recently visited under the technology company, Pitbull, to look at a city-wide access system. The goal is to connect the three fire stations, City Hall, and the City garage into one system to make it more mainstream and

secure. Further discussion followed regarding the construction and it was determined the work would be under separate contracts. Discussion was also held regarding additional available properties.

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.

City Manager Martynuska noted the comprehensive plan and reported on doing very well with Rothschild's. He added that several meetings have occurred with stakeholders. Information has been provided to reach out to additional potential stakeholders. It was noted that there have been discussions of them coming to review the gathered information within the coming months, but again this was not yet definite. City Manager Martynuska mentioned that Cambria County Planning has been aggressively reaching out and involved in meetings with the Rothschild's in reviewing the plan from the requirements. The Planning Commission requested additional information about the gathering meeting, the goals, and would also like to attend.

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

City Manager Martynuska reported on several meetings over the past couple of weeks regarding the project. He stated the FTA brought it their attention that the Central Park project and the Main Street project cannot be down simultaneously. This was due to the FTA monies for transportation. The City had to go onto the website and separate the information to provide a point of delineation or demarcation. The Central Park project will move forward first since it is being funded with ARPA money that has to be spent by the end of 2026. Mr. Martynuska noted that the consultants WSP got together and had several conference calls with them. They have also been in contact with FTA. The path is moving forward and much input has been received. City Manager Martynuska hoped that construction will commence on Central Park before mid-summer due to environmental issues. He anticipated it would be completed before the end of 2026. If the FTA allows, the City may be able to start Main Street in a remote location and work their way up. They are comfortable with the infrastructure and have had several conversations with RDM. City Manager Martynuska noted signing off on John DeBartola's permit to use the conference center in June, but he will also have the option to move it to Central Park if needed. Central Park will be open to anybody that desires to use it until they turn a blade of grass on construction.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

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

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT:

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