

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 9, 2021

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Mayor Frank Janakovic called the Public Hearing to order at 5:44 p.m.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Mayor Janakovic, Mrs. Mock, Reverend King,
Mr. Vitovich (6).
Absent: Mr. Capriotti (1).

Daniel Penatzer, Interim City Manager; Robert Ritter, Finance Director; Richard Pritchard, Police Chief; Bruce Graham, Gibson-Thomas Engineering; Jared Campagna, Public Works Director; Robert Statler, Fire Chief; John Dubnansky, Economic Development Director; and Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor, were also present.

STATEMENT BY SOLICITOR BENJAMIN

Ms. Benjamin explained the public hearing was being convened for purposes of considering any public comment to be offered on the proposed rezoning of Parcel No. 85-00420700 located on the southeast corner of Third Avenue and Cambria Place. Council will be voting on this ordinance at the regular Council meeting immediately following this hearing. That council meeting takes place at 6:00 p.m. The proposed ordinance amending the zoning ordinance and proposing the rezoning of the parcel was previously presented at the May Council meeting and adopted upon First Read. Following that point, the full text of the ordinance was duly published in the Tribune Democrat on May 27, 2021 identifying the parcel number and the street location at the southeast corner of Third Avenue and Cambria Place and identifying the proposed amendment as one that would duly change the classification of that parcel to a C-2 community business district.

The proposed ordinance itself was identified as Bill No. 5 of 2021 and would be identified as Bill No. 5 of 2021 at the regular City Council meeting. The zoning designation currently assigned to the parcel is a two-family residential zoning designation. The ordinance as presented for purposes of effectuating the amendment states that this zoning designation in particular has been deemed to significantly hinder the potential reuse of the property. An amendment to the zoning map would allow for the immediate development of the property.

It should be further noted that the Planning Commission of the City of Johnstown was provided notice of the City's intention to seek this amendment

to the zoning ordinance and was provided the opportunity to make recommendations. All other public notices of the intention to seek this amendment were provided in a manner as described by the zoning ordinance of the City of Johnstown.

Ms. Benjamin stated, again, the purpose of this public hearing was to accept comments on the proposed amendment to the classification of Parcel No. 85-004-2700 located on the southeast corner of Third Avenue and Cambria Place to render it a C-2 community business district. The Council would be voting on this later on in the regular meeting. Council would accept any public comment to be offered on the proposed change in the zoning classification.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Mrs. Mock inquired if this would be considered spot zoning. Interim Manager Penatzer explained that it was not. It was contiguous property.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Hearing concluded at 5:48 p.m.