

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, May 21, 2015

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business. Mayor Frank Janakovic called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. City Manager Carlos Gunby offered the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

Mayor Janakovic, Mr. Johncola, Mr. Mickel, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich,
Mr. Vizza (6).

Absent: Mr. Gentile.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 11, 2015, April 16, 2015, and May 11, 2015 meetings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickel and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Mr. Johncola, Mr. Mickel, Mrs. Mock,
Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza (6).

Nays: None (0).

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, addressed Council with regard to fairness and politics. Mr. DeBartola referred to the political process as being corrupt. He thanked Council for showing "hypocrisy by professing the aspect of loving fellow humans, but at the same time willing to incite drama by making less than desirable people look bad." He thanked Council for their willingness to hear more than one side. He further expressed his thanks to Council for spending time, personnel and money to find past proclamations in an attempt to discriminate against him. Mr. DeBartola referred to Council "as being silent as the gay community was being bashed by members of Council, who "hoped it would go away," so it would not have to be dealt with. He further noted Council has proven once again "that if you insult somebody, you never have to say you're sorry." He stated a change has to be made in order for the City to move forward. He provided copies of a proclamation letter from Senator Wozniak, a commendation letter from Congressman Rothfus, and a letter from the Human Rights Campaign with regard to the situation created by Council's "bigotry and discrimination." Mr. DeBartola also provided a copy of an ordinance recently passed in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, with regard to the matter.

Mayor Janakovic noted he had no objection to such a proclamation but could not speak for other Councilmembers.

Joe Tremarki, 334 Moore Street, Johnstown, addressed Council with regard to dirt bike noise and speeding in Prospect. He stated the ball field in Prospect has now become "Cernic's second speedway." Mr. Tremarki noted the welfare of children in the area as well as his present medical condition makes it hard to tolerate. He noted since the City police refuse to patrol the area, he will contact the State Police. He also commented on the poor condition of the Prospect playground.

Mr. Tremarki stated to Mrs. Mock that he does not know any names. Mayor Janakovic asked Chief Foust to investigate the matter further.

Dr. Joseph Taranto, 426 Park Avenue, Johnstown, addressed Council with regard to city government and the non-enforcement of the rental inspection ordinance. Dr. Taranto asked that a recent proposal concerning the matter be addressed.

Mr. Gunby noted the codes enforcer does not do inspections and further noted he was not sure if the Housing Authority inspector is BCO certified. Mr. Gunby commented that there are serious deficiencies that need to be addressed first but noted the matter is "definitely on the docket."

REPORT BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Carlos Gunby formally congratulated Melissa Komar on her promotion to Assistant City Manager.

Mr. Gunby noted his attendance at a recent service at the Morrellville Church of the Brethren with members of Council. He noted his participation at the recent peace march. Mr. Gunby thanked Reverend King, Artrell Hawkins, Representative Bryan Barbin, Mike Dadey, the Greater Johnstown School District and members of Council for attending.

Mr. Gunby and Mayor Janakovic recently traveled to Harrisburg to meet with PennDOT as well as DCED to push for increased funding for infrastructure improvements and economic growth opportunities within the City. He noted three available grants that he will be pursuing include the Justice Assistance Grant, a Cops Hiring Grant and a Federal Grant for procurement of body cameras for officers.

Mr. Gunby will also pursue additional funds to obtain updated equipment for the animal control officer.

The City Manager noted he attended a prayer breakfast at the Moxham Lutheran Church on May 12.

Mr. Gunby met with GapVax and Gautier in support of two economical growth opportunities to bring a number of jobs into the city.

Mr. Gunby noted there are two seats currently vacant on the Codes Appeals Board and three expirations coming up in June so a total of five positions will need to be filled in June.

Mr. Gunby stated a date will need to be set with regard to a meeting with DEP for discussion of the consent order and the project status. He invited all Councilmembers to attend.

Mr. Gunby noted that Advanced Disposal will soon be issuing notices to the 1,200 delinquent garbage accounts for the first quarter of 2015. Mr. Gunby commented that beginning the first week of June service will be suspended on those accounts. In response to a question by the Mayor with regard to actions for nonpayment, Mr. Gunby stated that there will be a suspension of service, and upon reinstatement of service, a \$45 ticket will be issued along with the regular garbage fee. He noted that finally delinquent accounts will be sent to the Magistrate for theft of services.

Attorney Andrews noted a meeting with Advanced Disposal to discuss the health and safety situation which occurs when garbage is not picked up. He stated it is the City's responsibility to make sure this issue is addressed.

Mr. Gunby thanked everyone for supporting the City in its efforts to be named Kraft Hockeyville USA. He called it a "great day." Mr. Gunby answered questions from Council.

REPORT BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Janakovic noted his attendance at the YWCA Tribute to Women and congratulated Mrs. Mock for receiving the Yellow Rose Award and Cindy O'Connor, for Goodwill Nonprofit Group.

The Mayor met with elementary students from an Altoona parochial school by chance visiting JAHA and the City Park.

Mr. Janakovic congratulated Discover Downtown and the city employees and volunteers for their cleanup efforts downtown this past Sunday.

Mr. Janakovic noted that he and Mr. Gunby recently attended a regional partnership meeting. He stated their support last year in the amount of \$90,000 helped the City receive over \$14 million in grants.

The Mayor congratulated JWF for transporting a 45-ton, 60,000 gallon environmental tank.

Mr. Janakovic reiterated details of his Harrisburg trip with Mr. Gunby. He also congratulated those who attended the Peace Walk. The Mayor provided mayoral citations, formerly called proclamations, to the Military Spouse Appreciation Group and provided a citation for National Prayer Day. Mr. Janakovic recognized Judge Fleming for helping to create a mental health court for Cambria County to help those dealing with mental health issues.

Mayor Janakovic congratulated Johnstown High School, Christian Home and Bishop McCort for the pinwheel child abuse prevention law to bring to the forefront child abuse and prevention.

Mayor Janakovic thanked Mr. Gunby for the new speaker system.

REPORT BY THE CITY SOLICITOR

David Andrews, Esquire, Solicitor, reported on the process going forward in light of the referendum passage that occurred in the recent election. He stated that once certified, the City will then amend the ordinance that was the subject of the referendum and then will immediately proceed with adjustment. He noted that individuals will be able to speak five minutes on any general matter and ten minutes for any agenda matter. He stated individuals will also be able to sign up to speak up right up until the start of the meeting. Attorney Andrews asked that anybody who signs up in advance or at the time of the meeting to state in their writing what topic or agenda item to be addressed. He stated that the passage of a resolution and ordinance will be posted online as required by the referendum. He noted that once the certification is received from the County, the City will proceed with the ordinance amendment at the next meeting.

Mr. Gunby stated that being there is a significant cost for ordinance codification, a budget amendment will be necessary to address what could be a significant dollar impact over the rest of the year. Attorney Andrews agreed noting that it will be mandatory to proceed in that manner. In response to a question from Mrs. Mock

regarding the cost, Mr. Gunby stated that it could be anywhere from \$100 per ordinance to \$500 or \$3,500 depending on the content.

REPORT BY THE CITY ENGINEER

Andrew Fedorko distributed a copy of his report to all members. He noted that the last of the pipe installation near the intersection of Ash Street and McMillan Street has been completed with regard to the Hornerstown Phase Two Project. With regard to the Roxbury Phase One Project, Mr. Fedorko noted the collapsed storm sewers were repaired on Plainfield and Hammer Avenues, and the streets will be repaved in the near future.

Mr. Fedorko reported that with regard to the Oakhurst Phase One Project, 83 percent of the pipe installation on contract one has been completed and 31 percent on contract two. He stated that two rounds of paving has been completed from North Sheridan Street to Brush Avenue.

With regard to the Woodvale/Prospect, it was noted that 69 percent of the pipe installation has been completed in Woodvale and 55 percent has been completed in Prospect.

It was noted that the funding application has been submitted to PennVEST on May 13th, 2015, with regard to the Morrellville Project. Mr. Fedorko stated that approximately 656 pressure tests have been completed on properties due to transfers or lateral rehabilitation work.

Mr. Fedorko referred to the report indicating the total number of downspout violations.

He reported that Nathan Contracting from Allison Park, Pennsylvania, installed some shoring at the Lincoln Street Garage. He stated that quotes to replace the beam and repair the column are forthcoming from Hyde Concrete and Pennstress.

Mrs. Mock asked if Greenland will be footing the bills for the repairs and the paving of the storm sewers that collapsed. Mr. Fedorko noted the collapse was not Greenland's fault, but stated they did go back and redo the repairs correctly and will be responsible for those footages that coincide with those repairs. There was further discussion with regard to completion of projects with regard to yard restorations and discussion regarding two view ports which are very close to homes. Mr. Fedorko noted that D&M may have to remove a section of the 48-inch storm sewer in Roxbury. They will also address problem areas. Mr.

Fedorko also commented on paving rings that will be installed over manholes.

PRIOR YEARS AUDIT REPORT

Bethany Perrachino reported that Wessel will soon be finished with their audit report and will present a report at the next Council meeting on June 10, 2015. Mrs. Mock requested a more reader friendly, less complex audit report.

Mayor Janakovic congratulated Mr. Gunby and Ms. Perrachino and others on a great job. He stated the City has come a long way.

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF

Chief Anthony Kovacic reported that during the month of May a Lee Initiatives Grant in the amount of \$10,000 was received. He noted the application of five federal grants for breathing apparatus, turnout gear, mobilized equipment, safety trailer. Mr. Kovacic noted there has been no response yet with regard to the Safers Grant. He further noted he will pursue a State Farm Grant to purchase an arson dog. Mr. Kovacic had discussion with regard to the first false alarm billing in the amount of \$500. He expects more to come through the next three quarters. He also hopes to receive money from insurance billing.

Chief Kovacic reported that five firefighters went to Philadelphia for orientation of the federal search and rescue team. He stated that Johnstown had the most personnel per fire department in the Commonwealth.

Chief Kovacic discussed a recent training with Conemaugh Hospital residents which resulted in a \$1,000 donation by Conemaugh Hospital. He noted recent training with CamTran in regard to terrorism.

The Chief reported that so far 40 residential smoke detectors have been installed in conjunction with the American Red Cross.

Chief Kovacic reported on working with the County in regard to a flood litigation plan. He noted an emergency operations plan with regard to the upcoming Showcase for Commerce and further an emergency operations plan with regard to Thunder in the Valley.

Mrs. Mock is interested in organizing a fundraising event for the arson dog if a grant is not available. Chief Kovacic noted a trained arson dog could cost around \$4,500.

Chief Kovacic noted no problems with emergency vehicles getting up the Prospect Viaduct and Dellwood Bridge. He explained that as an emergency vehicle approaches, a siren frequency changes the light.

Mr. Gunby had discussion with regard to the possibility of starting a junior first-aid class in the City.

REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF

Chief Craig Foust reported that some multi-jurisdictional operations are being planned for the City in the near future to address issues with crime and violence. He noted plans are in place with regard to Thunder in the Valley. Chief Foust further noted the Cambria County SERT team was in Pittsburgh assisting DEA, FBI and Pittsburgh Police with serving multiple drug warrants. He stated that in the very near future JPD members will be attending culture and adversity training.

PUBLIC WORKS

Darby Sprincz reported that construction of the Haynes Street Bridge is moving along. He thanked Mr. Gunby for the recent delivery of a new backhoe. Mr. Sprincz stated a number of people showed up for the annual cleanup day at the Point Stadium. He noted that issues with the traffic lights on the bypass are being addressed. Mr. Sprincz reported that patching has been ongoing.

Mr. Mickel thanked Mr. Sprincz for getting the basketball hoops back to regulation height at the Park Avenue Playground.

Mr. Janakovic noted that several volunteers are interested in pressure washing and painting the gazebo in the park. Mr. Sprincz noted he "would be happy to have them."

Mrs. Mock recognized the Gunter Group and the Civic Group who painted the dugouts at Roxbury Park. She noted the volunteers are interested in helping do field work also. Mr. Sprincz commented that a group from Hiram G. Andrews completed some landscaping and plantings and some repair work on the benches/tables at Roxbury Park.

Mr. Gunby noted that NRG did a phenomenal job with regard to artwork at the intersection of Napoleon and Haynes Street.

REPORT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Renee Daly, Economic Development Director, reported Mr. Summits will be applying for a \$75,000 Access Rehab Grant through DCED to help with housing rehab to put handicapped accessible into the houses. Also, Mr. Summits and Mr. Slis will be applying for a \$50,000 Enterprise Zone Grant to help with expenses.

Ms. Daly referred to two ordinances and resolutions on the agenda with regard to the sewage lateral assistance program and the PLCB sound ordinance at 20 Matthew Street (Freight Station). She made reference to the ordinance vacating a portion of Robb Avenue.

Ms. Daly commented that a hearing was held on April 29, 2015, with regard to properties owned by DM Venture. She stated that the City is now subject to receiving \$18,000 in vacant property fees over the next several years. She stated further that as soon as the properties are sold and no longer vacant, the City will pay the \$500 fee back to the property owner. Ms. Daly noted the property owner is moving forward and the property is in taxation. There was further discussion with regard to Ms. Daly's report.

Ms. Daly read the following public notice into the record:

PUBLIC NOTICE, CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT: Notice is hereby given that the City of Johnstown is considering entering into a contract with Devin Helmick under the First Time Homebuyer Loan Program. Ms. Helmick wishes to publicly disclose that she is the niece of an employee of the City of Johnstown which is Katherine Purelli Webb, she's our fiscal officer working in the Department of Community and Economic Development. Thus, regulations which govern the Federal Community Development Block Grant, CDBG, requires the City to provide public disclosure to CDBG expenditures which may constitute conflicts of interest. Accordingly, the City will request HUD to issue an exception to the regulatory conflict of interest prohibition.

Ms. Daly noted the City can move forward with the application as long as there was no objection.

Mr. Mickel made a motion to approve the above application. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Mr. Johncola, Mr. Mickel, Mrs. Mock,
Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza (6).

Nays: None (0).

Mayor Janakovic noted he had a meeting with Mr. Summits with regard to the grants so the project can move forward.

JRA REPORT

Mr. Meske had no report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE/NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Vitovich reported Linda Orlosky, Curt Davis, and James White are the three new members of the Planning Commission. He noted Barry Gallagher was appointed as the President and James Buday was reappointed.

Mr. Vizza asked if Rosalind Brandon would be permitted to put up signage promoting a Young Lungs at Play Program. The Mayor noted he would recognize the organization with a citation.

Mrs. Mock reported she obtained 30 cases of water from both Bittner Vending and McAneny Brothers with regard to the Peace March. She noted installation of cameras in the West End has begun.

Mrs. Mock thanked the EADs group, Turjan Construction, ACRP, Judge Long's Adult Probation Program, Public Works, Moxham Lutheran Church and neighborhood volunteers for a successful neighborhood cleanup which was held in the Moxham and Hornerstown Sections on April 18, 2015. She also thanked the EADs group, Public Works, Adult Probation and neighborhood volunteers for their efforts at the West End cleanup on May 9, 2015.

Mrs. Mock noted the grand opening of the ACRP play center at the former St. Columba School in Cambria City.

Mr. Johncola reported construction of the Prospect Bridge is moving along. He asked residents to be patient.

Mr. Mickel reported the Roxbury Civic Group was involved this past weekend in a number of landscaping and beautification projects at the park. He recognized the John Gunter Leadership Group for work they have done at the park.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Janakovic read into the record the following communications:

1, 2. Planning Commission Minutes of April 1 and May 6, 2015.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johncola and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Mr. Johncola, Mr. Mickel, Mrs. Mock,
Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza (6).

Nays: None (0).

3. Code complaint from Charlene Stanton.

4. Code complaint from Jack Williams.

PETITIONS

1. Petition from Jack Williams and Charlene Stanton calling for a forensic accounting audit of DCED funding.

2. Petition from Jack Williams and Charlene Stanton via Substantial Amendment letter to the City.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

BILL NO. 8 OF 2015, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 5170 WHICH INCLUDE AMENDING THE FY 2014 CDBG PROGRAM TITLED "SEWER LATERAL REPLACEMENT" TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FUND SECTIONS.

Mr. Johncola made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic,
Mr. Johncola, Mr. Mickel (6).

Nays: None (0).

BILL NO. 9 OF 2015, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 5170 WHICH INCLUDE AMENDING THE FY 2013 AND FY 2014 CDBG PROGRAM TITLED "ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT EXPENSES, CODE ENFORCEMENT GRANT EXPENSES,

REHAB DELIVERY GRANT EXPENSES, PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT GRANT EXPENSES AND PUBLIC SERVICE" TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FUND SECTIONS.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickel and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic, Mr. Johncola, Mr. Mickel, Mrs. Mock (6).

Nays: None (0).

BILL NO 10 of 2015, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5165 PASSED JANUARY 14, 2015, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN UNDERUTILIZED, BLIGHTED OR DETERIORATED INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL OR OTHER BUSINESS PROPERTY; DEFINING ELIGIBLE AREAS; SETTING A MAXIMUM EXCEPTION AMOUNT AND EXEMPTION SCHEDULE; AND PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR SECURING AN EXEMPTION.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickel.

Mr. Gunby noted this is another LERTA application request for development of land within the City.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic, Mr. Johncola, Mr. Mickel, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (6).

Nays: None (0).

BILL NO. 11 OF 2015, VACATING ROBB AVENUE BETWEEN HAYNES STREET AND THE VACATED ABANDONED ALLEY FORMERLY KNOWN AS ROBERTS PLACE AT THE REAR OF 306-310 HAYNES STREET IN JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA AS A PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE.

Mr. Vizza made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Mr. Johncola, Mr. Mickel, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza (6).

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Nays: None (0).

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READING

BILL NO. 7 OF 2015, AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, BY THE ISSUE OF A GUARANTEED REVENUE NOTE IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$10,900,000 FOR THE PURPOSES OF AS PER THE PRIOR MEETING.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vizza and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Mr. Johncola, Mr. Mickel, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza (6).

Nays: None (0).

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 9742

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING, EMPOWERING AND DIRECTING THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD TO APPOINT A LIAISON BETWEEN IT AND BERKHEIMER, THE DULY APPOINTED COLLECTOR OF LOCAL TAXES FOR THE DISTRICT FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF SHARING CONFIDENTIAL TAX INFORMATION WITH THE DISTRICT FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Johncola, Mr. Mickel, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic (6).

Nays: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 9743

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN,

PENNSYLVANIA, SUPPORTING A PETITION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD BY THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 20 MATTHEW STREET FOR SUBSTITUTION OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN'S NOISE ORDINANCE FOR THE BOARD'S REGULATIONS.

Mr. Mickel made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitovich and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Mickel, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic,
Mr. Johncola (6).
Nays: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 9744

A DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE GENERAL FUNDS USED TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE JOHNSTOWN CITY WOODVALE OAKHURST INTERCEPTOR REHABILITATION OF STORM WATER SEPARATION IN ORDER TO REMOVE INFILTRATION AND INFLOW TO THE SANITARY SEWER BY REHABILITATING THE COLLECTION LINES AND ELIMINATING THE INTERCONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE SANITARY AND STORM SEWER SYSTEMS WITH FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AUTHORITY.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickel and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic,
Mr. Johncola, Mr. Mickel (6).
Nays: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 9745

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN ACCEPTING THE CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES UPDATED FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 2014 THROUGH OCTOBER 2014 BY AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johncola and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic, Mr. Johncola, Mr. Mickel,

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Mrs. Mock (6).
Nays: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 9746

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE FY 2015-2019 FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN, FY 2015 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, FY 2015 ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS (HOME) PROGRAMS APPLICATIONS.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vizza and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic, Mr. Johncola, Mr. Mickel,
Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (6).
Nays: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 9747

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL TO ASSIGN ROLES WITHIN DOTGRANTS.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mickel and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Mr. Johncola, Mr. Mickel, Mrs. Mock,
Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza (6).
Nays: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 9748

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL AND MODIFICATION OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DOTGRANT OBJECTS.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vizza and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Johncola, Mr. Mickel, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich,
Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic (6).
Nays: None (0).

OLD BUSINESS

1. Land Bank Ordinance

Mr. Gunby stated that Ms. Komar is traveling back from Detroit this evening after attending a Land Bank conference. He noted funding sources continue to come in. There will be further discussion with Attorney Andrews to finalize the matter.

Mayor Janakovic suggested accepting an invitation to a luncheon meeting with Mayor Peduto in Pittsburgh to review the Land Bank process in the Pittsburgh area.

Mr. Gunby noted Ms. Komar received a grant which paid for her trip.

Mr. Vizza commented that neighborhood street light outages should be reported promptly in an effort to keep the areas safe.

Mrs. Mock commented that Council should support equal rights for everybody and noted a proclamation should have already been done. She further commented she will abstain from voting on something "as simple as a proclamation."

Attorney Andrews stated that according to Home Rule Charter the proclamation has to be by a vote of Council. He further stated that nothing can stop any member from Council on making a motion to issue a proclamation by Council on any issue. He noted that can be done tonight or any night.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion in favor of the proclamation. The motion was seconded by Mayor Janakovic.

Mr. Mickel stated he has never been opposed to the proclamation, but noted he continues to be opposed to recognizing that particular event combining adult and teenage entertainment. He noted he is "perfectly happy with proclaiming anything dealing with their organization," but opposed to that particular event.

Mr. Gunby noted there is a standard protocol for proclamations so not everything that was requested may be included but as much information as possible will be included in the proclamation.

Attorney Andrews summarized that the motion is to recognize that the City recognizes equal rights of the LGBT population within the City of Johnstown.

Mayor Janakovic stated, "As we sit here tonight we are making a motion to present that proclamation, and I'd be glad to present it here in Council." He again stated that a proclamation has to have a vote before Council. Attorney Andrews stated that future proclamations should also have a vote before Council.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Mickel, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mr. Vizza, Mayor Janakovic,
Mr. Johncola (6).

Nays: None (0).

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Vizza noted that he, Mr. Gentile and Mr. Vitovich attended an ABATE event, which is an organization that promotes education in biking.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.