

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 20, 2019

City Council met in a stated session for the general transaction of business.
Mayor Frank Janakovic called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Reverend King offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

Mayor Janakovic, Reverend King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (4).
Absent: Mr. Britt, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Stanton (3).
Mr. Britt was absent due to medical reasons.

Elizabeth Benjamin, Esquire, City Solicitor; Robert Ritter, Finance Director/Acting
City Manager; John Trant, Jr. of Strategic Solutions; and Mr. Wagner were
also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John DeBartola, 1197 Bedford Street, Johnstown, addressed Council regarding Bill
No. 40 of 2019. He asked Council to ensure that leadership did not keep
"turning over" and requested that Council clarify what Bill No. 40 was, what
the City and Strategic Solutions would be offering, and what interim city
manager services means.

ORDINANCE FOR FINAL READ

BILL NO. 40, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING
ISSUANCE OF ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES OF 2019,
IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
\$7,250,000 PURSUANT TO THE ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA KNOWN AS THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT, DETERMINING THAT SUCH
DEBT WILL BE NONELECTORAL DEBT OF THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT UNIT; ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE OF
SUCH BONDS, AWARDED SUCH BONDS, AND SETTING FORTH
RELATED PROVISIONS PROVIDING THAT SUCH GENERAL
OBLIGATION BONDS, WHEN ISSUED, WILL BE GENERAL
OBLIGATIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT; FIXING THE
SUBSTANTIAL FORM, DENOMINATIONS, NUMBERS, DATE,
MATURITY DATES, INTEREST RATE, YIELDS, INTEREST PAYMENT
DATES, REGISTRATION PROVISIONS, PLACE OF PAYMENT OF
PRINCIPAL, MATURITY AMOUNT AND INTEREST; AUTHORIZING

EXECUTION OF SUCH BONDS AND AUTHENTICATION THEREOF; PROVIDING COVENANTS RELATED TO PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE AND PLEDGING THE FULL FAITH, CREDIT AND TAXING POWER OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT IN SUPPORT THEREOF; CREATING A SINKING FUND AND A CLEARING ACCOUNT; APPOINTING AGENTS AND PROFESSIONALS; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING SPECIFIED OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT TO DO, TO TAKE AND TO PERFORM CERTAIN SPECIFIC REQUIRED, NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTS AND THINGS; RATIFYING PRIOR ADVERTISEMENT AND DIRECTING FURTHER ADVERTISEMENT; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF EXPENSES; RATIFYING THE PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT; AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT; PROVIDING COVENANTS RELATED TO CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AND COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE; PROVIDING FOR REDEMPTION OF THE REFUNDED BONDS (AS DEFINED HEREIN); AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INSOFAR AS THE SAME WILL BE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to approve. Mr. Vitovich seconded the motion.

Mr. Wagner noted the original ordinance provided a maturity date that runs through October 1st, 2036, that this would shorten it to 2033. There was further discussion regarding the sale of bonds and current interest rates.

Mrs. Mock made a motion to amend Bill No. 40 and adjust the final maturity date on the bonds from 2019 until October 1st, 2033, to insert the date of November 20, 2019 in all relevant spaces requiring a current date and to add the names of current Councilmembers:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Rev. King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich. (4)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Mr. Britt, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Williams. (3)

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve Bill No. 40 as amended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mock and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Rev. King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich, Mayor Janakovic (4).

Nays: None (0).

Absent: Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Williams, Mr. Britt. (3)

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 10233

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING AND ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND STRATEGIC SOLUTIONS, LLC, FOR INTERIM CITY MANAGEMENT SERVICE AND AUTHORIZING ACTING CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAME CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF CITY SOLICITOR.

Mr. Vitovich made a motion to approve. Mrs. Mock seconded the motion.

Deborah Grass, Act 47 Coordinator, suggested that the Council should consider John Trant, Jr., Strategic Solutions, LLC, as the interim city management service. Ms. Grass indicated that Mr. Trant would be in the city two times per week and attend meetings at an hourly rate with the total not to exceed \$8,000 per month. She noted that Mr. Trant would provide experience and skills to work with Mr. Ritter and the Act 47 team. Ms. Grass further suggested that a comprehensive and exhaustive search for a full-time City Manager should begin soon after the first of the year.

Mr. Ritter was currently working to develop the City's 2020 Budget, that there are areas of government where he was not knowledgeable and noted that as an example, he did not have experience with police personnel issues whereas Mr. Trant had.

Mayor Janakovic commented that department heads were doing a great job, but there was a lot of organization needed and all are in support of working with Mr. Trant.

Mayor Janakovic noted he would be meeting with DCED and state representatives to review a more equitable salary to recruit a City Manager.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Janakovic, Rev. King, Mrs. Mock, Mr. Vitovich (4).

Nays: None (0).

Absent: Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Williams, Mr. Britt. (3)

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Thursday, December 5, 2019 - 5:15 p.m. Budget Workshop

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 - 6:00 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, December 19, 2019 - 5:15 p.m. - Budget Workshop