

MINUTES

HAZLETON CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018

Call to Order: Council met in regular session on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance: A silent moment was taken followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Barletta-present; Colombo-absent; Mope-present; Perry-present; Gavio-present

Minutes of Previous Meetings: The minutes of the March 14, 2018-Regular Meeting were approved unanimously.

Proclamations/ Presentations/Communications: Neil Oberto, Tri-Area Recreation Authority, said he is following-up from a previous presentation given in November, 2017. He said he was discussing, at that time, establishing a recreation commission to serve the needs of the community. He said, currently, the Tri-Area Recreation Authority is an authority in name only. He said the city clerk sent a letter, back in November, 2017, to Hazle Township and West Hazleton boroughs, to see if they were interested in continuing the authority. He said he got no response from them. He said he is asking council to form a commission, to take ownership/management of the Louis Schiavo City View Park, a 22 acre parcel, on the south side of the community. He said there is currently a dog park and a re-activated BMX association, based out of Tamaqua. He stated there will be large, regional race in the summer. He said bikers will be coming from out-of-state. He is asking council to form a commission in taking a leadership role in this area. He said he will offer support for the authority. He stated the 22-acre parcel needs attention. Oberto said Mayor Cusat stated he would like to do something with the land. He said there is water, electricity, and sewer hook-ups on this parcel.

Mope asked Oberto if he wants the authority to be dissolved and then a commission formed instead. Mope asked Atty. Logsdon how to do this. Atty. Logsdon stated he does not know; he needs to research this. Mayor Cusat stated he has reached out to Hazle Township and West Hazleton boroughs, over the last four years, and said they are not interested. Mope said when the parking authority was dissolved, the deeds needed to be searched for what properties were owned.

Oberto stated there were two parcels the authority was responsible for. He said one was called Oneida Junction Environmental Park, on the corner of Route 309 and the Beltway. He stated he did not have anyone to take care of this park. He said it sits on 10.5 acres and owned by the Hazleton Water Authority. He said the 22-acre parcel is owned by the city with a lease agreement. Oberto said he owes the city \$15.00. He stated there still is a bank account

open. He said he still pays the electric bill on the land. Oberto said he wants to dissolve the authority. Perry said he still needs people to be involved if a commission is formed. Oberto said the city employees are cutting the grass on this land. Oberto stated the BMX bikers and dog park is still very active and has been meeting with them. Mope asked if there is a board for the authority. He said yes. Oberto said as a formal group they have not met in several years. He said there were three members, appointed from each municipality, on this board. Mope stated, currently, there is a lease but the other municipalities have not filed the positions on the board. Mope asked Atty. Logsdon if the municipalities need to appoint board members. Mayor Cusat said there is no need for this because there is no interest in the authority. Atty. Logsdon stated it is easier to dissolve the authority. Oberto stated there were several studies done. He also stated the authority worked with DCNR and DEP in reclaiming the land and working with the police department for their training.

Gavio, Perry and Mope thanked Oberto for all his work in the authority. Perry asked if his recommendation is to form an authority. Oberto said when the commission came together, in 1990, the commission recommended an authority be formed because they would have more ability to obtain grants. He said the municipalities allowed this, but would not be assessed for funds. He said all the money came from grants and contributions.

Bid Opening: None

Courtesy of the Floor (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

Dee Deakos, 43 West Mine Street, Hazleton, spoke of Ordinance 2018-10 – An Ordinance Establishing Geographic Information System (G.I.S.) Documentation Fees to Record Certain Permits. She asked how much this system will cost. Mope said she has also asked, but got no response from the mayor. Mayor Cusat said the system was purchased in 2017. He said this ordinance is for charging the \$5.00 fee to defer the cost. Mope asked if the city needs different modules for each department. Mayor Cusat stated there are 4-5 modules currently used now. Deakos asked what the mayor is doing with this GIS system now. Deakos said the city, currently, has financial software that will do this. She said there is no personnel, in the offices, to perform these duties. She stated it is not fair to the residents paying for these fees.

Antonio Rodriguez, 718 Muir Ave., Hazleton, spoke of Resolution 2018-37- A Resolution Approving the Naming Rights and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Hazleton and Greater Hazleton Community-Area New Development Organization, Inc., and Can Do Community Foundation. He suggested the name of the park be Martin Luther King Park. He said he will be disappointed if it is not named this. He said he is asking CAN DO to name the park Martin Luther King Park. He said he has no problem with CAN DO. Rodriguez said the residents need to learn about civil rights.

Grace Cuzzo, 948 James Street, Hazleton, spoke of Ordinance 2018-11- An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2016-13 -Repealing the city engineer. Cuzzo asked if that is a requirement of the third class city code. Mope said this needs to be amended. She stated it is giving the authority of council the ability to make the appointment if the engineer is not appointed by the mayor. She stated it needs to be clarified. She said this is stated in the third

class city code. She also spoke of Ordinance 2018-9- Re-Enacting Ordinances 1931, 1932, and 1933, which Continue in Force and Effect for the Period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, Imposing the Real Estate Tax, Earned Income Tax, Per Capita Tax, and Resident Tax, Respectively. She asked if the per capita tax and resident tax were abolished. Cuzzo stated if these were in place by December 31st of each fiscal year then they would allowed to be continued. She asked Atty. Logsdon if this is legal. Cuzzo said it needs to be reviewed, legally, due to the state “taking this out”. Mope asked Atty. Logsdon to look into this matter. Atty. Logsdon said he will.

Ken Zipovsky, 3 El Camino Road, Hazleton, spoke of the appointment of the city’s director of administration, Daniel Lynch, Resolution 2018-36. He said he is speaking as a private citizen. Zipovsky said he has worked with Mr. Lynch in Mahanoy City. He stated he is the current borough manager for Mahanoy City. Zipovsky said he is honest, contentious, knowledgeable, and fair. He stated Mr. Lynch is a “great” choice for administrator. He said he has experience with ACT 47. He said he has a 2-year lead in this area. Zipovsky said there is “no better fit”. He recommends council pass this resolution.

David Sosar, 338 West 2nd Street, Hazleton, spoke of Ordinance 2018-10- An Ordinance Establishing Geographic Information System (G.I.S.) Documentation Fees to Record Certain Permits. He said this was discussed, at a previous work session meeting, that this will cover the fire and streets departments. He asked how long this will take. Sosar said this needs to be a full-time job. He said council needs to have a list of the items entered into the database. He also spoke of Ordinance 2018-15- An Ordinance of Hazleton, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, Regulating Recreational Vehicles within the City. Sosar stated sidewalks need to be included in this ordinance. He said, in the city, there are minibikes traveling on the sidewalks. Sosar spoke of Resolution 2018-36 Appointment of Director of Administration- Daniel Lynch. He said he has no problem with this resolution. He asked Mr. Lynch, regarding ACT 47, to give an interview with the newspaper as to his experience and his ideas on ACT 47. He stated the residents all “face this together.” Sosar asked Mr. Lynch to be available at all public meetings for any budget, expense reports, or any questions council or residents may have. He said this is the duty of the city administrator. Sosar stated he is “the hub” of the city. He also asked if the check register can be made into a monthly report, (revenue report). He said it gives council a view of where the money is being spent. He said also to break it down into categories of where the money is going.

Krista Schneider, Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress, spoke of Ordinance 2018-13- Regulating Mobile Food Service Establishments. She said the Farmer’s Market that is held downtown has food trucks that come for either 1 to 4 hours. She said this ordinance is written for established food trucks within the city. She said with these fees, these food trucks will not come downtown. She said there needs to be a ‘special events’ section, in this ordinance, for food trucks.

Ricardo Santos, Hazleton, said he is a current food truck operator. He said the city is growing in a good way. He said he has a passion for the food industry. He wants to see residents enjoy his Mexican food. He said it is not easy to have a food truck with the fees and regulations. He said he drives around the city and follows the rules. Santos said if this ordinance is passed, he will

have a hard time operating in the city. He said there are single parents, fathers and mothers, operating these trucks. Santos asked council to help the operators be able to afford their business. Mope asked Atty. Logsdon to check with the Department of Agriculture regarding their recommendations in obtaining a license. Atty. Logsdon said he will.

Mark Rabo, 8 West 1st Street, Hazleton, spoke of Ordinance 2018-10. He said the wording states it will be utilized for parking. He said at a previous meeting, it was discussed this would be used for the storm water project. Rabo said it ties in with the \$5.00 fee. He spoke of the fee imposed on the residents for GIS system. He stated the city could enter into an agreement with the Hazleton Water Authority. He asked with what money was the GIS system purchased. He also spoke of Resolution 2018-37- A Resolution Approving the Naming Rights and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Hazleton and Greater Hazleton Community-Area New Development Organization, Inc. Rabo stated, since 2013, the downtown has received millions of dollars for revitalization. He said he doesn't understand how a company can give money to name a park. Rabo said CAN DO has kept down this city for decades. He said CAN DO only cares about developing outside the city. He said he is against giving CAN DO the name to the park. He also spoke of Resolution 2018-40- Appointment to the Hazleton City Water Authority. He said he hopes council considers new names and faces for these authorities. He said the same people are serving on these boards for years. He said Ordinance 2018-12- Amending Ordinance 2015-16, Regulating Parking with the City of Hazleton and Establishing a Schedule of Fines for Violations Defined in the Various Classifications of Said Regulations. Rabo said this is an amendment to an original parking ordinance. He said it stated that storage would be at the owner's expense. He asked Atty. Logsdon to check into this.

Old Business:

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2018-8 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2017-29- Re-Enacting Realty Transfer Tax Provisions Pursuant to Article XI-D of the Tax Reform Code of 1971, and Authorizing the Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Determine, Collect, and Enforce the Tax, Interest, and Penalties (**2nd READING**)

Presented by Gavio. Seconded by Perry.

On the Question:

Mope said she does not know if this needs to be tabled. Atty. Logsdon said he cannot address this ordinance at this time. He said he needs to research this. Atty. Logsdon said if there is an issue then he and council need to deal with this. Atty. Logsdon said there is no issue with Ordinance 2018-8; the issue is with Ordinance 2018-9. Atty. Logsdon said the ordinance was advertised. Mope made a motion to remove from table.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-absent; Mope-yes; Perry-yes; Gavio-yes.

ORDINANCE PASSES ON 2nd READING

Ordinance 2018-8 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2017-29- Re-Enacting Realty Transfer Tax Provisions Pursuant to Article XI-D of the Tax Reform Code of 1971, and Authorizing the Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Determine, Collect, and Enforce the Tax, Interest, and Penalties (**3rd READING**)

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Barletta.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-absent; Mope-yes; Perry-yes; Gavio-yes.

ORDINANCE PASSES

Ordinance 2018-9 Re-Enacting Ordinances 1931, 1932, and 1933, which Continue in Force and Effect for the Period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, Imposing the Real Estate Tax, Earned Income Tax, Per Capita Tax, and Resident Tax, Respectively (**2nd READING**)

On the Question:

Mope said this is the ordinance that is the problem. Atty. Logsdon said he does not have a problem with this ordinance. Gavio said council needs to remove from table to vote on this ordinance.

Motion to Remove from Table:

Presented by Gavio. Seconded by Perry.

Roll Call (On Motion to Remove from Table): Barletta-yes; Colombo-absent; Mope-yes; Perry-yes; Gavio-yes.

MOTION TO REMOVE FROM TABLE PASSES

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Gavio.

Roll Call: Barletta- yes; Colombo-absent; Mope-no; Perry-yes; Gavio-yes

ORDINANCE PASSES ON 2nd READING

Ordinance 2018-9 Re-Enacting Ordinances 1931, 1932, and 1933, which Continue in Force and Effect for the Period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, Imposing the Real Estate Tax, Earned Income Tax, Per Capita Tax, and Resident Tax, Respectively (**3rd READING**)

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Gavio.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-absent; Mope-no; Perry-yes; Gavio-yes.

ORDINANCE PASSES

Ordinance 2018-12 Amending Ordinance 2015-16, Regulating Parking within the City of Hazleton and Establishing a Schedule of Fines for Violations Defined in the Various Classifications of Said Regulations (**2nd READING**)

Presented by Barletta. Seconded by Gavio.

Roll Call: Barletta- yes; Colombo-absent; Mope-no; Perry-yes; Gavio-yes.

ORDINANCE PASSES ON 2nd READING

Ordinance 2018-12 Amending Ordinance 2015-16, Regulating Parking within the City of Hazleton and Establishing a Schedule of Fines for Violations Defined in the Various Classifications of Said Regulations (**3rd READING**)

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Gavio.

Roll Call: Barletta- yes; Colombo-absent; Mope-no; Perry-yes; Gavio-yes.

ORDINANCE PASSES

RESOLUTIONS

None

New Business:

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2018-10 An Ordinance Establishing Geographic Information System (G.I.S.) Documentation Fees to Record Certain Permits (1st **READING**)

Presented by Gavio. Seconded by Barletta.

On the Question:

Barletta asked Mayor Cusat if there is a contract with ESRI using this software. Mayor Cusat said it is not a company. Police Chief Speziale stated it is a mapping format. He said the company the city uses is Traisr. He stated ESRI is like Microsoft Office. Barletta asked if only the software is being purchased. Mayor Cusat said yes. The city already has the system. Perry asked when it was purchased. Mayor Cusat said it was purchased in late 2016 or early 2017. Barletta asked how many licenses were purchased. Mayor Cusat said, currently, there is one license. He said the price, per year, is \$489.00. Barletta asked if there will be a part-time or full-time employee entering information. Mayor Cusat stated the field officer is directly entering the information into the computer instead of using paper supplies. Mope asked if there is a back-up system in case of power outages. Mayor Cusat stated it is a cloud system. Barletta asked what expenses would be coming out of this system. Mayor Cusat said whatever the module would be. He said there are copies of violations and citations, pictures of business licenses, and anything taken place at a parcel. Mope asked if the software will be set-up and does it need to be designed. Mayor Cusat said it is online. He said it is a map of the city with parcels cut-out. Mayor Cusat said it will show all rental registrations and all information needed by the code department. Mope said there was, in the past, a \$5.00, one-time fee. She asked if this fee is every year. Mayor Cusat stated the fee every year is to cover the administrative costs. Mope said it is part of the employee's job to enter the information. Mope states she is receiving complaints, from residents, that certain city hall departments are not doing their work. She said the employees need to do their jobs.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-absent; Mope-no; Perry-yes; Gavio-yes

ORDINANCE PASSES ON 1st READING

Ordinance 2018-11 An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2016-13 (1st **READING**)

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Gavio.

On the Question:

Mope said this ordinance needs to be amended due to the way it reads. She stated it is saying that the position is being eliminated. She said it is not clarified in the ordinance. Mope said the residents do not know what is being repealed. Atty. Logsdon said Ordinance 2016-13 was the name of the ordinance. She said it should state that council is not repealing the position of engineer, but of council being able to appoint when the mayor does not appoint. Mope stated it needs to be clarified for the public. Mayor Cusat said Ordinance 2016-13 is the name of the

ordinance being repealed. Mayor Cusat said it should be amended and stated to include the entire Ordinance 2016-13 within this ordinance. Mope made a motion to amend.

Presented by Mope. Seconded by Gavio.

Roll Call (On Motion To Amend): Barletta-yes; Colombo-absent; Mope-yes; Perry-yes; Gavio-yes

MOTION TO AMEND PASSES

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Gavio.

Roll Call (As Amended): Barletta-yes; Colombo-absent; Mope-yes; Perry-yes; Gavio-yes

ORDINANCE PASSES ON 1st READING AS AMENDED

Ordinance 2018-13 Regulating Mobile Food Service Establishments (1st READING)

Presented by Barletta. Seconded by Gavio.

On the Question:

Barletta stated Section 2 – License, Permits, and Applications is confusing. She asked if any truck doing business for one day would need to have a business license and a permit. She said it should state, “one day business permit” with the price listed. Gavio said it should be tabled. He stated he would like to get more feedback from Krista Schneider of the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress. Gavio made a motion to table. Perry said even if this is passed, there are two more votes.

Presented by Mope. Seconded by Barletta.

Roll Call (Motion to Table): Barletta-yes; Colombo-absent; Mope-yes; Perry-no; Gavio-yes.

ORDINANCE TABLED

Ordinance 2018-14 Modifying Consolidated Plan For CDBG Program Year 2017 (1st READING)

Presented by Gavio. Seconded by Barletta.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-absent; Mope-yes; Perry-yes; Gavio-yes

ORDINANCE PASSES ON 1st READING

Ordinance 2018-15 An Ordinance of Hazleton, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, Regulating Recreational Vehicles within the City (**1st READING**)

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Gavio.

On the Question:

Barletta asked regarding the penalties and fines, who would pay the fines- the gas station or the ATV driver. Mayor Cusat said the gas station would be responsible for the fine, under Title 75. Perry asked if the fines were from a previous ordinance. Mayor Cusat said it is the same figures from another municipality. Barletta said she is not comfortable “going after” business owners. She stated the businesses can work together with the city instead of getting a fine. Police Chief Speziale stated the problem are the business owners are facilitating this. He said the businesses can put up a sign and display the ordinance in their place. He said the police officers cannot chase the ATV’s. Speziale said it is a big problem. Gavio stated it would be hard to regulate. Speziale said it will be to educate the public, knowledge, and discretion by the police officers. He suggested to amend the ordinance to reduce the fine. Mope said there are many ATV’s in the Heights section of the city. She stated the fine should be lowered, but suggested the police officers use discretion. Speziale said all the officers do is use discretion. He said the officers are trained in discretion. Gavio suggested this ordinance needs to be tabled to lower the fine and discuss this further. Perry said the ordinance can be amended now. Speziale suggested lowering the fine to \$100.00 and also to educate the public. Mope said there is illegal traffic with the ATV’s. Speziale agrees. He said the residents need to know that this will be a deterrent. Perry made a motion to change the fee to \$100.00 and \$200.00 for the second offense. Mayor Cusat said the gas stations have a camera on every gas pump.

Roll Call (To Amend): Barletta-yes; Colombo-absent; Mope-yes; Perry-yes; Gavio-yes.

MOTION TO AMEND PASSES

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Gavio.

Roll Call: (As Amended): Barletta-yes; Colombo-absent; Mope-yes; Perry-yes; Gavio-yes

ORDINANCE PASSES AS AMENDED ON 1st READING

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2018-36 Appointment of Director of Administration- Daniel Lynch

Presented by Barletta. Seconded by Mope.

On the Question:

Mope asked Mr. Lynch to learn the third class city code and optional plan. She said it is different than borough law.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-absent; Mope-yes; Perry-yes; Gavio-yes.

RESOLUTION PASSES

Resolution 2018-37 A Resolution Approving the Naming Rights and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Hazleton and the Greater Hazleton Community-Area New Development Organization, Inc., and CAN DO Community Foundation

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Gavio.

On the Question:

Mope asked CAN DO representatives as to the name of the park. Kevin O'Donnell, CEO of CAN DO, said they have not decided yet as to a name. Mope told him to remember the city of Hazleton as it is a park within the city. O'Donnell said CAN DO started in 1956 in the current Markle Building. He said in 1988, CAN DO grew out of this office. He stated it was best, for the community and "stay one" with the Chamber of Commerce, to reside in downtown Hazleton. He said downtown Hazleton is the "nucleus" of the community. He said CAN DO has offices on Butler Drive in Drums. He said this is why it was decided to build the Renaissance Center on the corner of Broad and Church Streets. O'Donnell said CAN DO purchased the Remember When building and are currently renovating this.

Mope said a lot of the money that went towards the park was obtained from LSA grant money. She said to remember the city resident's when naming the park. Mayor Cusat said the \$50,000 is not the "bulk" of this. Mayor Cusat stated the donation will be \$1,300,000 over 50 years. He said it is not just the naming rights. He said it is also the follow-up with the maintenance agreement. Mope stated it is city property. Mayor Cusat said other parks, in the city, are named after a donator. O'Donnell said he realizes it is city property and CAN DO is not taking title to the property. Mayor Cusat also commended other contributors to parks in the city for their donations. O'Donnell said he is proud to form a public, private partnership with the city.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-absent; Mope-yes; Perry-yes; Gavio-yes

RESOLUTION PASSES

Resolution 2018-38 A Resolution Requesting a PENNDOT Multimodal Grant for the Wyoming Street Corridor – Pedestrian Accessibility and Safety Improvement Project

Presented by Gavio. Seconded by Perry.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-absent; Mope-yes; Perry-yes; Gavio-yes

RESOLUTION PASSES

Resolution 2018-40 Appointment to the Hazleton City Water Authority

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Gavio.

On the Question:

Perry said this resolution needs to be tabled to have all council members present to vote.

Perry motioned to table. Gavio seconded.

Roll Call (To Table): Barletta-yes; Colombo-absent; Mope-yes; Perry-yes; Gavio-yes.

RESOLUTION TABLED

Comments from the Audience: Dee Deakos, 43 West Mine Street, Hazleton, spoke of Ordinance 2018-10. She said there was no discussion regarding the cost. Deakos said since she pays a parking permit of \$40.00/month, she does not know why the fee is being increased. She said the city has the financial software to enter the information. She stated the fee is being increased to \$60.00/year. Mope stated she did not get an answer from the mayor regarding this issue. Deakos stated parking has nothing to do with the G.I.S. system. She stated there are several times where she cannot get a parking space in the city. Mayor Cusat said it is for parking signs, not parking permits. He said the wording is incorrect. Atty. Logsdon said this will be amended at the next meeting. Council stated the ordinance needs to be amended.

Grace Cuozzo, 948 James Street, Hazleton, asked Mayor Cusat the starting salary for the new director of administration. Mayor Cusat said \$72,000 which is less than budgeted. Mope asked what Tom Pribula's starting salary was. Mayor Cusat said Pribula was hired five years ago and doesn't remember his starting salary.

David Sosar, 338 West 2nd Street, Hazleton, said ESRI makes money by every capsule (application) it sells. He said each module is a different cost and its own program. Sosar stated ESRI is like an "umbrella". He said this should not be for any employee to obtain access to the system. He asked who will be handling this information, who will be entering the data, and how

much and how many modules will be needed. Mayor Cusat said employees entering information can only get into certain sections of the program.

Mark Rabo, 1st Street, Hazleton, said Luzerne County wants to pass a \$5.00 vehicle registration fee for county roads and bridges. He said this will be going towards the northern end of Luzerne County. He stated Governor Wolf will put up to \$2,000,000 matching funds for any money generated. He said the matching money will be coming from the gas tax and the vehicle registration fees collected now. Rabo said this is a “double charge”. He said the gas tax money goes towards municipalities without a police force. Mayor Cusat said he has spoken with Luzerne Council council. Rabo suggested applying for LSA grants for the G.I.S. system modules instead of raising the fee. Speziale said the LSA grant money will be used for the ESRI system. He said the ESRI system will build a map as to give police officers where the high crime areas are, quality of life issues, residents who are a high-risk of being a shooter, and residents who are likely to commit a robbery. He said this will be done in two phases. He said it is called the Hoover theory and will let criminals know they are being watched. Rabo asked Speziale if it can be combined with a cops grant. Speziale said there is one cops grant called a Tips (Technology Innovation for Public Safety) grant. He said major cities have received this. He said based on population he has reapplied for this grant in 2018. He said the total of the grant will be \$750,000 and only 6-7 grants are given throughout the country. Speziale said, in 2017, he applied for a ShotSpotter grant.

Antonio Rodriguez, 718 Muir Ave., Hazleton, said he does not want bad people coming to the city. He stated the Hazleton Police officers are doing a great job. He said all the residents need to support Mayor Cusat and city council. He said most criminals are not from Hazleton. Rodriguez said he wants good citizens in the city.

Bob Condrick, 770 Lincoln Street, Hazleton, said he has heard no response from the Hazleton Police Department regarding his recent beating. He said no one has contacted him since this incident. He said Speziale lied to him about offering a reward for this crime. He said he is a law-abiding citizen and a tax payer. He is trying to help the police with kids speeding up his road. He said he wants something done with the speeding cars in his neighborhood.

Ricardo Santos, Hazleton, said there is a lot of money to make on the streets. He said the streets are “polluted”. He stated the owners are entitled to clean up. Santos said the residents need to support the police department. He suggested passing an ordinance stating the streets to be cleaned up every day. He said there should be signs placed, throughout the city, with the rules for the ATV’s. Santos stated crime is going up. He said everyone needs to work together as a community. He suggested better lighting and cameras be placed on the streets.

Comments from Mayor: None

Comments from Junior Council: None

Comments from Council: Mope said Earth Day is April 22. She said the city’s problem with litter will be fixed with the new lids for the garbage containers. She said the city is looking for

volunteers to clean up the litter. Mope suggested increasing the fine for littering. She asked what the current fine is.

Barletta welcomed Mr. Lynch as the new city administrator. She said she hopes to see him at all the city council meetings. She also stated that city council needs monthly expense reports.

Gavio stated the April 11, 2018 city council meeting is canceled. The next city council meeting will be held on April 25, 2018.

Adjournment: Gavio motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned