

**MINUTES
HAZLETON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

Call to Order: Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 via ZOOM Teleconferencing. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Barletta-present; Colombo-present; Mundie-present; Sacco-present; Perry-present

Minutes of Previous Meetings: The minutes of the January 26, 2021 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously.

Presentations/Proclamations/Communications: Elaine Curry- Presentation on a resolution for the City of Hazleton Condemning Hate and Bias.

Curry thanked city council members for allowing the Hazleton Advisory Council, of the PHR, to present a resolution for council to put on their agenda and vote on. Curry said there are a few circulating copies of the resolution and wants to make sure council has the most recent copy to sign.

Curry read the resolution. She said it is simple.

Curry said this is the resolution they want city council members to sign. Curry stated there are several Hazleton Advisory Council members here tonight: Ameria DelaRosa, Bob Childs, Alesia Childs, Susan Luna, Emmanuel Martinez, and Gary Lawler- Vice Chair. She said this resolution “came out of” COVID. Curry said this is a statement of “who we are” in Hazleton due to COVID. Curry said this statement is not saying that council has done anything, or has not done anything, but is an affirmation to council, leaders of the community, that they are setting the tone for the community, and wants everyone treated with dignity and recognize their humanity. Curry said they are “setting the stage” that the citizens of the City would replicate, what they believe in, also. She said they do not want them to have any bias to other members of the community.

Atty. Sean Logsdon asked Curry who is requesting this ordinance to be passed. Curry said the Hazleton Advisory Council along with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. Curry stated Atty. Logsdon asked Curry to speak with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. She said she spoke with some of the people they deal with at the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. Curry said Centre County has already passed a resolution, and theirs looks different from Curry’s. She stated Carlisle is passing other resolutions and theirs are much more stringent than hers. Logsdon asked if the resolutions were requested by the PHRC or their committees. Curry said yes. She said they are asking all advisory councils to try to get resolutions, from their leaders, that deal with COVID. Curry said it is, sometimes, it is not what people see “on the surface”, but she recently went onto social media, and it is a little startling the comments out there. She said Hazleton has made a lot of progress, but they still need to continue. Curry said they are asking council, as the leaders, for the residents to follow their leadership. Logsdon asked if any local municipalities, i.e.-Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, or Reading, have passed resolutions. Curry stated Allentown is the closest to Hazleton, but they have not passed anything yet. She said Allentown is much bigger than Hazleton. She said Hazleton is easier to reach than Allentown. She said anyone could do a search to Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and see all the Advisory Councils there. She said they do not work alone. Curry said Tameka Hatcher and Chad Lasater, Head of the Pennsylvania

Relations Commission, are working with her group. She said they are aware that they were bringing this to city council. Curry said they were very proud and supportive.

Atty. Logsdon said he and city council will take this under further advisement. He said he appreciates Curry coming to the meeting. Curry said if city council members want to speak with other members, they are on the line tonight. Perry said Curry did a good job for being the spokesperson for them.

Curry thanked all for taking this under consideration.

Bid Opening: None

Mr. Perry announced that Hazleton City Council had an Executive Session meeting on February 8, 2021, regarding possible litigation, on ZOOM Teleconferencing, and at City Hall in Council Chambers.

Courtesy of the Floor (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY): Mark Rabo, 1st Street, Hazleton, spoke of Ordinance 2021-2- Eminent Domain. Rabo asked if there was a decision in the Eminent Domain issue for the City in terms of the private properties. He said there needs to be further exploration on this.

Rabo also spoke of Ordinance 2021-3- An Ordinance Amending a Portion of the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (PA UCC), Act No. 45-1999. Rabo said this should be tabled and needs to be a notification to the state, specifically Labor & Industry, with a public hearing before voting on this.

He said regarding Ordinance 2021-4- Amending Ordinance 2013-8, Defining and Prohibiting Sound/Noise Disturbance and Providing Penalties for Violations, the previous police chief said there needs to be instrumentation purchased because during the daytime, people are "out and about". Rabo said there is going to be louder noise at nighttime.

Rabo spoke of Ordinance 2021-5- An Ordinance Requiring Snow and Ice be Removed from the Sidewalks and Other Walkways in the City of Hazleton and Regulations on How Snow and Ice May Be Removed. He said in 2020, this should have been discussed with the snow ban ordinance because there will be problems with nowhere for people to put the snow. He suggested putting this on a WORK SESSION meeting agenda.

Rabo spoke of Resolution 2021-9- Requesting Approval for Disability Retirement for Officer Michael Colasurdo. He thanked Colasurdo for his service, as a police officer, and wished him well.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

(1ST READING)

Ordinance 2021-2 An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Filing of a Declaration of Taking and Proceeding in Accordance with the Applicable Provision of the Eminent Domain Code of Pennsylvania (1st **READING**)

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Sacco.

On the Question:

Perry said this ordinance was previously tabled and this answers Rabo's question.

Atty. Logsdon said Atty. Rinaldi is on the call, tonight, and is counsel for the developer. He said what he wanted to do, with council tonight, is to discuss the two proposed areas of condemnation. He said these areas were reviewed at the last council meeting. He stated there is a smaller proposed condemned area, 4,593 square feet, right off of State Route 309, near Buttonwood Street. Atty. Logsdon said there is a larger proposed area of condemnation, 69,909 square feet, not along Route 309, but further back. He stated there is a development proposed for this area and there has been a request, made by the developers, for the City, to commence these eminent domain proceedings. He said the City has this power, but the City needs to consider the public purpose, behind the eminent domain action, because, ultimately, the City would be filing this. He stated it is not unusual for land developers or any other private parties to request a municipality to exercise its powers of eminent domain. He said there would be an agreement, in place, regarding costs and is a legal proceeding and could require experts and testimonies. Atty. Logsdon said it is not uncommon, for third parties or developers, to come to the governing bodies to ask for these things, as well. He said the City needs to work within the boundaries of the Third-Class City Code, Optional Plan Law and Eminent Domain Code with the state.

Atty. Logsdon said discussing the proposal for this, the larger proposed area is an old mine area. He stated there is a proposed stormwater pump station and would re-direct the flow that is going nowhere. He said it is going into mine shafts and it is a disaster, "back there", in terms of environmental impact. He stated the pump station would be placed in there and different conveyance lines that would be put in. Atty. Logsdon said all of this would be put in by the developer and conveyed to the City. He said, as part of the taking, there used to be a landfill in this area. He stated there are certain environmental liabilities that would carry forth to the municipality for old mines or landfills that would be back there. Atty. Logsdon said in this situation, because the developer is taking "the lead", in terms of developing this, and putting their project there, they would be alleviating the City the responsibility of the work they would have to do anyway. He said the public purpose connected to the mine/landfill reclamation, environmental impacts and the proper disposal of the stormwater or sewage, or "God only knows what", would be the public purpose behind this piece of taking. He stated the second portion of the taking is the smaller, 4593 square foot portion, that is right off State Route 309. He said there will be a road placed that would go through the proposed project area. He said the reason this request is being made is because Route 309 is a state road and, PENN DOT, through their applicable department, is requiring a right-hand turn lane be put there at Buttonwood Road. He said this right-hand turn lane cannot be put there until this piece of the property is condemned. Atty. Logsdon stated this right-hand turn lane would go by the development, itself, and a street that cars would traverse. He said this would end up, on the other side, at Route 924, in Hazle Township. Perry said this would be by the salt shed on Route 924. Atty. Logsdon said in order to create this road as a thoroughfare, this would, ultimately, "waggle through" the development, and the developers could comment as to the path, but it would end up in Hazle Township, on Route 924, and would be used as a turning lane. He said whatever portion that would become part of State Route 309, they are requesting a little larger of the proposed condemned area because there would be a working set-back area that they needed here to create the turn lane. He said anything that is not used would be turned back over. Atty. Logsdon said the right-hand turn lane would be needed to construct the road that would traverse near the proposed warehouse, project area and end up on 924. He said, based on this, that would be a public purpose in creating this thoroughfare. He said these are the two proposed areas. He stated, procedurally, what would happen now, is council considering this tonight. Atty. Logsdon said he will make sure this is advertised for adoption, either the second or third readings, if it would go to a full three readings and take public comment and a hearing. He stated, procedurally, this would be done next. Atty. Logsdon said there is a proposed agreement, in place, on how the City would handle this. He said the City's name would be going on the caption. Atty. Logsdon stated then the City would file a declaration of a taking, serve the appropriate parties, and the parties would do "what they are going to do". He stated the City has an agreement, in place, and this would not bankrupt

the City in terms of getting into a large-scale legal issue here. He said, from his analysis, the City has the public purposes that are required. Atty. Logsdon said this is the first step to getting to a third reading, advertise the public hearing, and filing the eminent domain action, the “taking” action.

Perry asked what the City’s liability and costs if it would be the City’s property. Atty. Rinaldi said the only thing would be the convenience system to handle the stormwater. He said the point, of discharge, for the City’s stormwater, is a 7-foot pipe that “daylights” right beyond the Route 309 entry. He said this is a 7-foot pipe that collects the City’s stormwater or combined sewer overflow and just discharges onto the current site right now. Rinaldi stated they are willing to accept the responsibility to pipe this into a system they will create. He said this system, they are estimating, will be between \$3,000,000- \$5,000,000, collect this, pump it into their station, and discharged to the Cranberry Creek which has not flowed for approximately 50-60 years. Rinaldi said they are taking stormwater that is going nowhere or feeds into the acid mine drainage that creeks through the property. Perry said this liability is the City’s and would be costly if this was not done. He stated, environmentally, this is a great idea and something that has been “horrors” for a long time.

Perry asked if the properties, on either side of the road, is Hazleton Creeks. Rinaldi said no. Perry asked if they would make a roadway into the property. Rinaldi said they cannot cut off access into the site. He stated access would have to be given into their site whether PENN DOT allows another entry way, off Route 309, before the main entry way, or an access off the main road, which is Buttonwood. Perry asked if they are not leaving them with no access to their properties. Rinaldi said no, they cannot do this. Perry said it is a benefit, to them, in the long run, and is cleaning up an area, that is a disaster, right now. Perry stated this is a “win-win” for everybody.

Barletta stated all city council members questions have been answered with emails. Perry said he appreciates the explanation and the map. He said a lot of questions have been answered.

Mundie asked Atty. Logsdon if there is a mechanism, for the City to be reimbursed, in 30-60-90 days, due to the City being in ACT 47 and “strapped for money”, as expenses become due. Atty. Logsdon said he is setting up an escrow account in terms of the agreement. He said an escrow account money would be placed with the City and what is spent would be replenished. Mundie said the City, would then, draw from this. Atty. Logsdon said yes. Mundie said he is okay with this and is great. Perry said they will clean up this area and is a benefit to the community. He said the plans are amazing and will open up the area to development all around it. Mundie said he agrees with Perry. Mundie stated it will be an amazing place that will attract businesses, jobs and other things along this area. He said businesses might be opening up when there is some traffic there and “people going in”. Mundie said it would be great for the area. Perry asked Rinaldi if the traffic flow is going away from the City. Rinaldi said yes. He said their plans are for the 424 interchange with Route 309 and main points, of entry, coming out of Buttonwood onto 309, making a right going towards 424, out to the interchange, onto 81 north or south. He said at the entry point, on the Hazle Township side, there is access out to 924. He stated, at the traffic signal, at the PENN DOT salt shed, is easy access out to 81. He said there is no reason for the trucks to turn into the City. Rinaldi said they want to get to access the highway as quickly as possible. He said it is narrow on the other side of the train trestle there. Rinaldi said their flow is for their trucks to move out as easily, as possible, onto to 309 heading south.

Perry thanked Rinaldi and the engineer in giving council insight on this. He said this was very helpful. Barletta asked Rinaldi when the City will see “some movement down there”. Rinaldi stated his client would like to see, “some earth moving”, beginning the first quarter of 2021.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mundie-yes; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

ORDINANCE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY ON 1ST READING

Ordinance 2021-3 An Ordinance Amending a Portion of the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (PA UCC), Act No. 45-1999 (**1ST READING**)

Presented by Sacco. Seconded by Perry.

On the Question:

Perry asked Atty. Logsdon to answer some questions. He asked if this is something the City has not done. Atty. Logsdon stated the City started this in the first quarter of 2016, Mayor Cusat's first term, and it has been a "long haul" with a little confusion. He stated the City is now on the right track. Atty. Logsdon said they had the City's building code inspector look at this. Atty. Logsdon stated the City needs an official public hearing, PENN DOT needs to be involved and Labor & Industry. He said this is the first reading, of the ordinance, and wants to get approved, get it advertised, get everything "squared away" with the state and bring it back for the second and third readings. He said this was reviewed by all the City's professionals and building code people. He stated it was "run by" Mr. Mandak, Charlie Pedri, and Tino Nocchi. Atty. Logsdon said they will make sure it was done after all these years. He said this will be inserted into the codification, as well. Perry said this is, definitely, needed.

Barletta said this was in 2018 and the public hearing needs to be done first. She said this was tabled. She asked when the public hearing will be. Barletta said this needs to be sent to the department and then this notice, at least 30 days prior, notifying the public, to let them know what they are doing. Atty. Logsdon said this could be tabled but is trying to be proactive and staying "ahead of the game." He said if council passes this, on first reading, using the ACT 45 provisions, and following all of this, before the third reading, the City may fit it "all in" and may take 90 days. He said the City would have to be flexible with the second and third readings. Perry said these dates do not mean much. Barletta asked if the City would have to wait until they have the second or third readings. Atty. Logsdon said yes. He stated this is something that would not be on the agenda for a second reading. He said it could be tabled now. Barletta stated, "either way, they would wait no matter what". Perry said it is long time from 2016 to 2021. Barletta stated this was also done in 2018.

Mayor Cusat said he wants to see what city council moves forward with. He said as long as council passes this, they could do the rest of the process. Mayor Cusat stated if they do the rest of the process first, then come back with the list, and council states they do not want this, then they have to start over. He stated if they pass the first reading, and they are on the same page, he knows council agrees with these, there will be no "circling back". Perry agreed. Barletta asked what Pedri's input is on this. Mayor Cusat said he, Pedri, Atty. Karpowich, Brian Mandak, Tino Nocchi, and Atty. Logsdon worked on this last week and put this list together. He said it is, now, up to council to agree and then after they get their list and councils list, combined, they could start moving forward with the hearing and the state. Barletta said the only major change, she sees, is all fences and retaining walls going back to 3 feet for permits. Atty. Logsdon said correct. He said he will just "run down" all the proposed changes. He said he wants city council to be comfortable. Mayor Cusat said the reason to make the exception is because the City already accepted the UCC book. He said, currently, the City is making exceptions to the ordinance that was passed. Barletta agreed. She said the City is exceeding what the City adopted. She stated exceeding the PA UCC requirements and would require permits for all alterations, to all residential buildings, except painting, papering, tiling, carpeting and any other work. She asked if residents need a permit for everything else. Atty. Logsdon said yes, Subsection B-8. Perry asked if residents need a permit

for putting windows in. Barletta said yes, and also for siding. Perry also said roofing. Barletta said this is the only one that is “up in the air” for her. She said the rest are good for her. She said every piece of work, done on a resident’s house, needs a permit. Perry said there is always the contention of what residents need a permit for. He said if people did not know, they just did it. Perry said, now, they should ask before it is done. Atty. Logsdon said they get a lot of questions, in the Code Department, with residents saying, “hey, my neighbor does not have a permit”. He said this will give the City some guidance on what the residents need a permit unless you are doing, “this, this and this”. Barletta asked if the residents would need a permit for everything. Atty. Logsdon said with the exception of the before mentioned. Barletta said as long as they sat down and talked about this, with the Code Department, then it is okay. Perry stated there are alterations, and then “in the next one, repairs”. He said this seems a little redundant. Mayor Cusat said repair for a broken window, changing out the same size window, and the same alterations. He said people, “take one window and make it three windows. Perry said they see a lot of things happening that should not. Mayor Cusat said they are similar. Perry said this gives the Code Department a stronger rule. Mayor Cusat said it is trying to help with communication with a loss of communication with people. Atty. Logsdon said was not discussed to hurt people, financially, or for revenue. He said this went to the building code inspector and to Donny. Perry agreed. Barletta asked what size fence a resident needs a permit for. Mayor Cusat said the book “might have said” 42 inches. He said, in 2018, a couple contractors, came in, and contributed to the list with their recommendations. Barletta said the City still needs a public hearing on this.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mundie-no; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

ORDINANCE PASSES 4-1 ON 1st READING

Ordinance 2021-4 Amending Ordinance 2013-8, Defining and Prohibiting Sound/Noise Disturbance and Providing Penalties for Violations (**1st READING**)

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Colombo.

On the Question:

Atty. Logsdon said to briefly “run this down”, for council, this is a brand new first reading ordinance, they have been going through the code book, quite extensively, through the codification process, and went through the noise ordinance. He stated the noise ordinance is very important, and everyone is vested in every single person. Atty. Logsdon said they were looking at the construction noise issue and it appears that the City “blanketly” banned all construction, and is a defined term, between 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., Monday through Saturday, and completely banned on Sundays and all holidays. He said, with this ordinance, they “switched this up” that it would give, a resident, an opportunity for a good purpose, to come to City Hall and request to perform work during this time period. Atty. Logsdon said the permission granted must be narrowly tailored to be able to complete the project and cannot exceed 30 days. He stated it is not meant to be a nuisance or inconvenience for the public. He said this is a little of “an out” where they could request the permit and give the City the compelling reason for the construction operations to be performed at nighttime. He said he is not in the construction business, but they were “kicking around” the different things that may need to be done at night. Atty. Logsdon said it will be narrowly tailored as to why it needs to be done at night. He said he knew they will come to City Hall, knows what they are doing, knows where they are and cannot exceed 30 days. Atty. Logsdon stated this is not a “blanket” permit for

someone to work at night. He stated this is the basis of what they were thinking when they put this together. Perry asked if this includes utilities as water. Mayor Cusat said, right now, if it is not an active emergency, UGI, sewer and the water departments cannot do any work. He said if they want to go out and do paving and patching, they cannot do the work until 7 a.m. He said if the City employees want to go and start early in the summer, this states they cannot start early. Mayor Cusat said they cannot start patching holes and paving prior to the times. He stated, in the summer, he is looking for extensive paving projects, this year, and they cannot finish in 2020. He said they would not be able to work late and could not have two shifts come in. He said this for the HCA Department. He said there is a lot of stuff that needs to be, moved around, in 2022, by the utilities. He said they will be on a tight timeframe because of paving. Perry asked if they would have to wait to call someone if there is a water main break. Mayor Cusat said if it is an emergency, they could do it. But once the emergency is repaired, they would need to stop and come back the next day. He said they would need to come to the City and state what work needs to be done. He stated the permit would last 30 days. Barletta stated if it is an emergency, this work could be done, but for anything else, it would need a permit. Mayor Cusat said if the water main breaks, it gets patched and is done but asks when the emergency stops. Barletta asked if this is only for tools and equipment used in construction for drilling and demolition. Mayor Cusat said if someone comes to the City and wants to build a house for 24 hours a day, obviously, the City would not give them a permit. He said if there was an "Indian" summer and is "one million degrees", a resident cannot pour concrete during the afternoon. Mayor Cusat said if they want to start at 5 a.m., the City could give them a permit to work at 5 a.m. or after the "sun goes down" for a couple hours. He said you cannot have concrete drying at that rate. Barletta asked if there will be certain locations with someone in the middle of a residential area wanting to do this. Mayor Cusat said the resident would need to come to "plead their case". Barletta asked to who, to council? Mayor Cusat said to him and the Code Department because city council does not meet on a regular basis. He said they would petition, to the Code Department, first, and then the mayor would sign-off on this.

Roll Call: Barletta-no; Colombo-yes; Mundie-yes; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

ORDINANCE PASSES 4-1 ON 1st READING

Ordinance 2021-5

An Ordinance Requiring Snow and Ice be Removed from the Sidewalks and Other Walkways in the City of Hazleton and Regulations on How Snow and Ice May Be Removed (**1st READING**)

Presented by Sacco. Seconded by Barletta.

On the Question:

Atty. Logsdon said what prompted this was the City got rid of the Quality-of-Life Ordinance, and with this, went the whole snow and ice removal portion of the ordinance. He said this is a "quasi-Quality of Life Ordinance" geared towards snow and ice removal. He stated he made some amendments after he sent this out to council. Atty. Logsdon stated he sent this out to the city clerk and will have it circulated, to council, before the next reading. He said there are only amendments in terms of the penalties, provisions and a particular section regarding removal of ice and snow, from vehicles parked, on City streets. He stated he may have gotten carried away, in terms, with removal of snow or ice from vehicles parked on City streets. He said he needs to show this to Mayor Cusat. He said a resident cannot knock the snow, off a car, and push it onto the City street. He said it

cannot go any closer than the center line of the street. Atty. Logsdon said it has to fall “where it lies” or remove it “where it lies” but remove it onto their property. He said the snow cannot be put in the middle of the road unless putting on their property, and it will remain “where it lies”. Atty. Logsdon said he also put a section, in the ordinance, where placing objects, in City streets, to reserve a parking spot, is prohibited and, in a way, creates an exclusive parking area for any person. He stated he knows this is a “social norm”, but the City is not endorsing this. Perry said he saw a child’s toy out on the street. Mayor Cusat said, currently, if this happens, the resident will be cited for rubbish. He said the City does not know who put it there, and just because it is in front of a house, it does not mean they did this. He stated the person needs to get caught. Perry asked if this area was in the Quality-of-Life Ordinance. Mayor Cusat said yes, but this ordinance is much more extensive. He stated the Quality-of-Life Ordinance stated the resident needs to shovel, their sidewalk, within 24 hours. If they do not, it would be a \$50.00 fine. Mayor Cusat said if the City wanted to cite someone for throwing snow, the City cited the resident, with a “NOV” and no ticket. He stated this is an ordinance fine, now, and the City would recognize the money. He said the snow cannot move into the driving lane. Perry asked if the City could assume it was the residents if the snow is in front of their house. Mayor Cusat said the City would need to see the resident do it. He said if the snow stays on your parking lot, it needs to stay on your parking lot. If it is on your sidewalk, it needs to stay on your sidewalk. He stated the resident cannot snow blow it any closer, to the center of the road, or the driving lane. He said they needed to add, the part with the vehicles, the vehicle is parked, on the street, which is not the resident’s property. Mayor Cusat said this snow cannot be moved any further. He said this snow needs to be piled either before or after the resident’s car. Perry asked if this is a safety concern more than making money. Mayor Cusat said yes. He said the City is spending so much money, on overtime, to clean the streets, and “five minutes later, it is snow blown back onto the street”. He stated, the “powdery” snow, when “ran over” turns slippery, and then have to scrape it. Perry said a plow driver plowed the street, but when he did, plowed half of it on the street, and it blocked the street. Mayor Cusat said residents have a tendency to do their parking to snow blow it straight across the street and “push it” right across. Perry stated people are walking on the streets and getting hit by cars. He said this is very dangerous. Mayor Cusat said they put a lot of time into this ordinance and it covers everything. Barletta said this is “crazy” to have to put one, in place. She said she thought this is common sense to have to shovel your sidewalk. She asked if this is a state law. Perry said some people may not be able to do this. Barletta stated, when she grew up, that people had to shovel a pathway for people to walk.

Barletta asked about the measurements. She said this ordinance states it cannot be less than 24 inches. She stated she did not know, while the City has ADA sidewalks, if the City needs to have these measurements. Barletta said she does not want more work on this but does not want, to say, the City of Hazleton is not recognizing ADA compliance. She does not know if it is the best to put the measurement in or not less than so the City does not get “bound up” with someone who has an issue. She said they could “come after the City”. Mayor Cusat said it is hard. He said if a resident has a grass sidewalk, like some council member has, is still considered a sidewalk, and it still needs to be shoveled. He stated ADA cannot “really” walk on it. Barletta asked if “not less than 24” is okay. She asked if the City needs to put a measurement “out there” or the resident needs to clean their sidewalk. She stated some resident’s do not have wide sidewalks. Mayor Cusat said some residents have 8-foot sidewalks. Barletta said, “some do, some do not”. She said she does not want to “jam” the City up. Perry asked if the size of a shovel is 24 inches. Mayor Cusat said 18 inches is a “shovel-width”. Barletta agreed. Mayor Cusat said most snowblowers are 24 inches. Barletta said driving around and talking to some residents, “deep in the City”, they said they are doing a “shovel pass”, but now, they need to do more. Mayor Cusat said she could lower it to 18 inches. Barletta asked council if they should do a shovel size. Sacco asked if they could use the word “passable”. Mayor Cusat said he is a little wider than some people. He said they could change it to 12 or 18 inches. Barletta asked if “passable” is too grey. Atty. Logsdon said “passable”

may be too grey. He said, asked, if the City is endorsing a 24-inch path that a wheelchair cannot get through and excluding anyone who uses a wheelchair. Mayor Cusat said this is a minimum, not a maximum. Barletta said some residents, where they live, would have to go more onto the sidewalk, of the street, then on the curb, to get to 24 inches, or more up to the grass. Mayor Cusat said it could be changed to either 16 or 18 inches, a shovel-size. Barletta asked what other council members think. Mayor Cusat said 16 inches is wide enough for a seat at a baseball game, and most people could walk through this. He stated as long as the word "minimum" is left in there, then the City is okay. He said this is up to council members. Mayor Cusat said he has a 24-inch snow blower.

Barletta said the other ordinance, for the fee, was not less than \$50.00 and this ordinance states not less than \$100.00. She asked if they mean \$50.00 or \$100.00. Atty. Logsdon said this ordinance states, "not less than \$100.00 and no more than \$350.00" for each offense. Atty. Logsdon said they could talk about this, too, and was not sure if he went "too high or too low" and does not know what council feels about this. Mayor Cusat said when they did the codification, he said they want the City to put everything uniform, in Chapter 1, Article 1, for "catch-all" fines. Perry asked if \$100.00 is a standard penalty. Mayor Cusat said he thought it was \$300.00-\$1,000. Barletta asked if \$50.-\$350.00 is okay. Mayor Cusat said they could put anything they want in there. He stated when the City, makes this chapter, and comes back to change it, they will make a separate scale, and change by resolution, for the future. He said they should fill something in there, for now, and then they could make it through the rest of this winter with whatever they decide now. He said, for the codification, they will "tighten it up" with all fines, fees and costs. Mayor Cusat stated this will be addressed, sometime, in the summer.

Barletta made a motion, to amend, not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$350.00. Mundie seconded this. She said she wanted to make another amendment and asked if this needs to be separate. Mayor Cusat said yes.

#1 Motion to Amend:

Presented by Barletta. Seconded by Mundie.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mundie-yes; Sacco-no; Perry-yes.

MOTION TO AMEND PASSES 4-1

Back on the Question:

Barletta made a second motion to amend not less than 16 inches. She said some residents have very small sidewalks. She stated they would need to go onto the road, curb or grass. Mundie seconded the motion. Perry said they have a second from changing from 24 inches to 16 inches wide.

Frank Vito, Department of Public Works Director, said he is "all for" the ordinances and the one throwing the snow onto the street. He said, currently, the City is telling people to keep the snow on their property. Vito stated with the amount of snow, right now, people are fortunate to get a path to their front door. He said it is difficult to get a path on their sidewalks. He said some side streets have 5-6 feet "high" snow piles and the streets are, tight enough, the way it is. Vito said if they want

to have the residents keep the snow, off the street, personally, it is better on the sidewalk so the resident could get into their property. Vito stated they are telling them to open up 16-inch paths, on sidewalks, but there is 5-6 feet on them. Mayor Cusat said this storm was an exception with the snowfall. Vito agreed. He said they need to open up a sidewalk with a 3–4-inch snowfall. Mayor Cusat said they are more worried about main streets with children walking to schools. Perry said it was a normal response to this storm that was “off the charts”. Mayor Cusat said they are talking about a normal snow event. He said, currently, they are not going to call the Code Department to a look on a side street. Vito stated some of the Code Department employees do not know what they are doing. He said the residents, currently, are “up against it” the way it is. He said there is no parking right now. Vito said he is happy to see them have a path to their front door. Mundie agreed with Vito. He said this snowstorm was extraordinary and he and his “whole crew” did a fantastic job. He said this ordinance might create a problem. Vito said they need to be careful with this ordinance. He said they may want to put the number of inches and if the City gets an abnormal amount of snow, then no one will bother them. He stated people cannot worry about shoveling a path when they cannot find a place to park. Perry concurred. He said this snowstorm was extraordinary and unusual and they are not putting this in because of the recent storm and, he does not think, they should go out tomorrow. Mayor Cusat said Atty. Logsdon did go into depth in the ordinance and it states, “where clearances allow”. Perry said this is not a “money-making” operation. Atty. Logsdon said there is a little more flexibility here. He said, “such pathways shall not be less than 16 inches, in width, where clearances will allow.” He said if someone does not have the ability to do this, they will not be forced to. Mayor Cusat said there is a whole paragraph, in the ordinance, about this. Barletta said hearing, Mr. Vito, talk about this, she feels better to have a smaller amount, for them to shovel.

#2 Motion to Amend:

Presented by Barletta. Seconded by Mundie.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mundie-yes; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

MOTION TO AMEND PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Roll Call (ON AMENDED ORDINANCE):

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mundie-no; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

ORDINANCE PASSES 4-1, AS AMENDED, ON 1st READING

(2ND AND 3RD READINGS)

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2021-9

Requesting Approval for Disability Retirement for
Officer Michael Colasurdo

Presented by Barletta. Seconded by Colombo.

On the Question:

Perry thanked Officer Colasurdo for all his work. He asked if he was here for 20 years. Mayor Cusat said he was injured, while working, and has been a slow recovery, for him. He said it was deemed that he is unable to be a police officer. Perry asked how long he was here. Mayor Cusat stated about 12-14 years. He said he is a real good guy, and put "everything into it". He said he had a couple, of incidents, throughout his career. Perry said they could never thank him enough for all his service. Barletta concurred. She thanked him for his service to Hazleton. Mundie said he was a great officer, and the City will miss him. Sacco thanked him for his service. Colombo thanked him and wished him the best. Perry asked Mayor Cusat if the police are down "another officer". Mayor Cusat said the police department will be down to 41 officers. Perry said the police department goes, "up the ladder, and then down". He stated this is what happens with a longer career with injuries.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mundie-yes; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

RESOLUTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 2021-11

A Resolution of the Council of the City of Hazleton, A Municipality of the County of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Approving the 2021 Luzerne County Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Sacco.

On the Question:

Atty. Logsdon said he put this on and was requested by Luzerne County. He said they passed it on January 12, 2021 and they are asking all municipalities to pass, a resolution, for the same.

RESOLUTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 2021-13

Appointment to the Sewer Authority- Frank George

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Colombo.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mundie-yes; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

RESOLUTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 2021-14 Appointment to the Sewer Authority

Presented by Colombo. Seconded by Sacco.

Roll Call: Barletta-no; Colombo-yes; Mundie-no; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

RESOLUTION PASSES 3-2

Resolution 2021-15 Appointment to the Hazleton City Authority

Presented by Sacco. Seconded by Colombo.

Roll Call: Barletta-abstain; Colombo-yes; Mundie-yes; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

RESOLUTION PASSES 4-0

New Business: Perry made a motion to nominate Frank George to “put him back” on the Hazleton Sewer Authority. Colombo seconded this. Atty. Logsdon asked Perry if he wants to take public comment. Perry said yes, and it is open to the floor for public comment.

Mundie said he is okay with this but asked Atty. Logsdon if they need to suspend the rules because it was not on the agenda. Atty. Logsdon said this is correct, and a step that was missed.

Perry made the motion to suspend the rules and go off the agenda. Colombo seconded.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mundie-yes; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

MOTION TO GO OFF THE AGENDA PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Cusat said Perry needs to make the motion on what he wants to do and then have public comment. He said the public will not know what he is talking about.

Perry said he made a motion to retain Frank George on the Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority. He stated Colombo seconded this.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mark Rabo, 1st Street, Hazleton, asked if council will have any other appointments to go off the agenda. Perry said possibly, “there could be more”. Mayor Cusat said, “as of now, no.” Perry said, “as of now, no.”

Roll Call (Frank George): Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mundie-yes; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

**RESOLUTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
(SEE RESOLUTION 2021-13)**

Colombo said he would like to propose that Rocco Formica goes on the Hazleton Sewer Authority. Perry stated the proposal is for Rocco Formica for the second Hazleton Sewer Authority appointment. Sacco seconded.

Barletta asked if someone else is nominated, do they have to wait, or could they do the name, too. Perry asked if someone could be added after council votes on this person. Barletta said if they have two names and puts someone else up, do they have to do them at the same time or do they vote, and "go off again" because it was not on the agenda for nominations. Mayor Cusat said if someone makes a motion to open the floor to fill the spot. He said if they allow this, to go through, then both seats are filled. Barletta said she would like to make a nomination. Perry said they did not fill this one up, yet. Mayor Cusat said there is only one seat left. Rabo stated, "parliamentary inquiry". Barletta said, normally, it is on the agenda, nominations are made, and then vote. Mayor Cusat said she is correct. Barletta asked if she could be involved in the discussion. Mayor Cusat said he is "side-barring" with Atty. Logsdon. Atty. Logsdon said the way the motions were formulated where it should have been to make a motion to open up nominations for the Hazleton Sewer Authority seat, "Mr. X and Mrs. Y", and whoever would get the majority, of the votes, would get the seat. Sacco asked if they could do this now. Perry said they already did it a different way, and did not open it up for anybody, but for a specific person. Atty. Logsdon stated unless Colombo rescinds the motion. Mayor Cusat said, if not, then it has to be voted down. Perry said they are already at the point of seconding the motion. Mayor Cusat said Colombo would have to vote, and if three no's "came up", then go to the second way. Sacco said they could put their names up and vote on them as long as Colombo rescinds the motion. Atty. Logsdon said this would be the easier way. Mayor Cusat said correct.

Colombo rescinded the motion.

Mayor Cusat asked if someone wants to make a motion to open the floor, for nominations, for the second vacant seat, for the Hazleton Sewer Authority. Barletta said she would do this and make a motion to open the floor for nominations. Mundie seconded this. Mayor Cusat said the floor is open for nominations.

Colombo nominated Rocco Formica. Barletta nominated Vince Fayock.

Atty. Logsdon said there will be a roll call on the first nominee. Perry asked who they will be voting on first. Atty. Logsdon said Mr. Formica was the first nominee. Mayor Cusat said if the first nominee gets three "yesses" then "he is in". Barletta concurred. She said then the second name dies.

Mundie said he has nothing against Mr. Formica, but he is already on a Hazleton Authority board. Mayor Cusat said he is, currently, on the Civil Service Authority board but there are many people who serve on multiple boards. Perry stated there was a council member who was on the Hazleton Water Authority. He stated if he is voted in, and there is a conflict, then he would be the one not to take the seat or to resign the other seat. Mayor Cusat said he would have the option. Perry asked what the conflict would be. Mayor Cusat said he does not know if there is. He said he knows there are many people on multiple boards. He stated it is up to the nominee, the person getting the seat, to make the choice. He said there is nothing, in there, to resign from the other seat to get nominated for this. He said it is not like an election that is in a charter. Atty. Logsdon said he does not believe that it is a board that there is an "adherent" conflict like the Zoning Hearing Board or the Redevelopment Authority. Perry agreed. He said he sees this conflict.

Roll Call (Rocco Formica): Barletta-no; Colombo-yes; Mundie-no; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

**RESOLUTION PASSES 3-2
(SEE RESOLUTION 2021-14)**

Perry asked if council wants to open up the nominations for the Hazleton City Water Authority. Mayor Cusat said he needs to open up the floor, for nominations, for the Hazleton Water Authority. Sacco seconded the motion. Mayor Cusat said Perry then needs to open up the floor, for comments, for the Hazleton City Water Authority.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mark Rabo, 1st Street, Hazleton, asked who is it going to be.

Mayor Cusat said council will take nominations. Rabo said they need to announce the name and then allow for public comment. He stated this is the procedure.

Mayor Cusat said the floor is open for the Hazleton City Water Authority.

Sacco nominated Joseph Zeller III. Perry nominated Chris Puza. He said Puza is a newer one.

Rabo asked if this is the time for public comment. Mayor Cusat said Perry will close nominations. Perry stated, "nominations closed".

Rabo said he is kind of confused on how the process goes, but nevertheless, he said there is an application process and applications filled. He asked if the candidates were discussed, by city council, prior to these nominations. Rabo said he is not just talking about the HCA but the appointments that were also made. Perry said city council members each got a list and could inquire about a candidate, individually, with applications and resumes. Perry said they came to the city clerk and they have them from last year. He stated the applicants could have removed their names or could add. He said they had the opportunity to do this and look at them. He said the applications are similar to Luzerne County's except for interviews and the City does not have, the size, to interview applicants. Perry said any appointment, in Luzerne County, is not paid. He said city council does not communicate and get together to read resumes. Mayor Cusat said there is no deliberation.

Rabo said no one gets paid, in Luzerne County, except for the Board of Assessment Appeals. Rabo asked if this is going to be a person who served, with Mayor Cusat, beforehand, with one of the names who served with Mayor Cusat in a project. Rabo asked if this is a conflict issue. He stated he is asking Atty. Logsdon his opinion. Atty. Logsdon asked Rabo to repeat his question. Rabo said the person did a playground project and was done while he was, either, on council or his first term as mayor. He asked if it would be a conflict issue. Mayor Cusat asked Rabo if this was with his first Hazleton Revitalization Project in 2011. Rabo said, he believes, it was when he was on council. Mayor Cusat said he does not know where Rabo "is going with this", but he started a Hazleton Revitalization Program, in 2011, with Chris Puza, where they worked on the James Street Playground and raised money for other playgrounds. Mayor Cusat asked if this is what Rabo is talking about the Revitalization fund. Rabo said yes. He asked Atty. Logsdon if this is a conflict of interest and to make this clarification. Atty. Logsdon stated Mayor Cusat is not appointing him or voting on this. Rabo said no, not because of the appointment, but the project that was done. He said if nobody had anything to do, with the project, in the City, but if no one did anything or project, that impacted the City, then he would not say anything. Rabo said if it had to do something with the City parks, playgrounds, or anything else, then he would say something. Mayor Cusat said, in "full disclosure", both candidates, that were nominated, were part of his Revitalization's. He stated Chris Puza was part of the original one in 2011. He stated Joe Zeller is, currently, part of his Revitalization organization, and both have worked on City playgrounds. Rabo stated Zeller is working, for the City, under this for Revitalization, for playgrounds, and is a City employee. He said he checked to see

if Zeller could serve or if any City employee could serve on the Hazleton Water Authority board and did not see anything in terms of this. Rabo asked if there is anything, in terms, of fundraising, that would impact an ethical conflict. Atty. Logsdon stated to Rabo, "this makes more sense". He said, in his initial opinion, would be no and does not see one. He said if Mr. Puza would get the seat, he would have the opportunity to check with the Ethics Commission. Atty. Logsdon stated he does not see one. Rabo said the reason he is asking is because he does not want the City to get into trouble. Atty. Logsdon said he does not see a conflict.

Barletta stated she will abstain because she has a relative that works at the Hazleton Water Authority.

Perry stated he will vote with the majority, but he did not want him to be part of it, because he works for the City. He stated there are other citizens, out there, but it is "beyond that".

Roll Call (Joseph Zeller III): Barletta-abstain, Colombo-yes; Mundie-yes; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

**RESOLUTION PASSES 4-0
(SEE RESOLUTION 2021-15)**

Old Business: None.

Perry said they will go back to the agenda.

Comments from the Audience: Mark Rabo, 1st Street, Hazleton, said he has one comment and two questions. He said his comment is at a recent Luzerne County meeting, it was said that the U.S. Department of Treasury awarded \$9,200,000, second round, from the CARES ACT, for rental assistance and for utilities. Rabo asked if Zeller and Mayor Cusat would work with Mr. Riley "up at" Luzerne County Community Development Office to notify City residents of this announcement and they could apply for rental assistance. He said Sam Galski could get this into the Standard Speaker for the City residents to get help for rental relief.

Rabo asked if people are shoveling their snow, to get it off the sidewalk, and deposit it on their property line, in between houses, if this would be a violation. He said this was asked, to him, by his neighbors. He also asked if there is loose, powdery snow, that is put on a snowbank, and it blows into the street, people cannot control how "the wind blows", would this be considered, a violation, even though they put the snow "well-behind" the street. Rabo stated the winds get to be very chaotic, 20-30 miles per hour, and this should be stipulated in here. He said people would, then, not fear, that there would be citations, given, for loose, powdery snow, in the street.

Rabo also reminded council about the loose garbage discussion.

Mayor Cusat said he will answer, these two questions, because they are safety issues. He stated wind blowing, any snow, would be a natural cause, and would not be any type of violation. He said piling snow, between properties, is not a problem, for the City, but may dangerous if someone's house catches on fire and blocking access, for the fire department. Mayor Cusat said this would be his only concern if a resident has an older house with a 24-inch walkway, in the Northeast section of the City, where it is close and dangerous. He said this would not be a violation, according to the ordinance, because the snow is still on your property or your neighbor's property. He said it may be a neighbor dispute but not a violation of this ordinance. Atty. Logsdon said this is why this ordinance, clearly states, your property, and are not

dealing with grey areas that some neighbors, may say, they could pile the snow on the property line, and then, “all of a sudden”, there is a problem. He said the ordinance states “your property”.

Comments from Mayor: Mayor Cusat thanked Officer Colasurdo for his career. He said he fought, through a lot of injuries, to make it as far as he did. He said he was a great guy.

He also commended the DPW Department for their exceptional work in the recent snowstorm. He said it was brutal and just as brutal as the March 2017 snowstorm. Mayor Cusat said the City handled this very well. He said the City did not have to call in much “outside” help. He said they did just as good as any other municipality with all the roads they had to cover. Mayor Cusat stated the police department and Code Department gave out 600 tickets. He said they towed a lot of cars, and people need to realize the City is not “playing around” in the next storm. He stated they will be “yanking cars out” especially with a heavy snowstorm. He said cars will be removed prior to plowing.

He wished everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day.

Comments from City Administrator: Lynch said his office continues to work on upgrading the Accufund system and the establishment of a new database. He said he will be sending out the January reports and they will say, “the status, they have, of them.” He said it may include narratives to try to “bind it all together” for them.

Perry asked Lynch if he could get Desman to join, with a presentation, at the next city council meeting for the City of Hazleton’s Parking Assessment. Lynch said sure. Perry said the city clerk will get out, the copies, to Mary Malone. He stated they could listen to this, also. He said it would be helpful for the City citizens to hear all of this and is important. He said it was very well done. He said the city clerk will also send a copy to Mayor Cusat and Ralph Sharp. Perry stated there will have their presentation next week.

Comments from Council: Mundie asked Lynch how the City is doing with refinancing. Perry said Lynch still needs to get the 2018 audit. Lynch concurred. He said the audit is about 97% done. Lynch stated then, they could clear their “QC”. He stated he needs to have a status update with Ryan and then “search it out” once the audit is done.

Mayor Cusat said the City needs to put out the RFP for the 2021 audit now so the City could take their time. Perry agreed. He said they need to be diligent. Mayor Cusat said they need to pass a resolution to put it out for bid. Atty. Logsdon said he needs to “check this out” and does not know if the City did this in the past. He said he does not think it is necessary. Perry said the City is not done with the 2018 & 2019 audits. Mayor Cusat said the City is three years behind.

Colombo thanked the Hazleton Police Department, and everybody involved, in “tagging” the cars to make DPW’s job a lot easier. He said DPW did an outstanding job and the City was fabulous. Colombo said people were able to travel the City streets. He said the Hazleton Fire Department was “out” doing fire hydrants in case of a fire and the need to get access to the fire. He also thanked the City residents for continuing to follow the COVID-19 procedures and following social distancing. Colombo said residents continue to maintain wearing their masks. He said this needs to be continued so this virus could be conquered.

Colombo wished a Happy Valentine’s Day to all.

Mundie said his vote against Rocco Formica was because he is on the Civil Service Authority. Mundie said he is doing a great job there and hopes he stays there and does both. Mundie said there is a lot of work on the Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority. He said his “no” vote is to hope a lot of people will serve on

boards and not have people do multiple boards. He said he knows Rocco will do a great job. Mundie said the DPW Department, Vito, Mayor Cusat and the Hazleton Police Department did a good job in the recent snowstorm. He said the Hazleton Heights and “inside” the City was great, and they did an amazing job. He said it is not easy when the City has a 2-foot storm. He said if there is another snowstorm, of any consequence, the City may have to haul the snow out. He asked Mayor Cusat if there is a contingency. He said they used to haul, the snow, in back of the Public Works Department and dump it, anywhere, they could on empty lots. He said he does not know if Vito is ready for this contingency and should be ready. Mundie said if it stays cold, and the City gets another 1-foot of snow, the City is in trouble.

Mayor Cusat said the City has been hauling snow for six days now. He said the City is still hauling. He said they just finished Alter Street, and doing Broad Street today, and doing the housing authorities starting Thursday. He stated Poplar Street is done. Mundie asked where the employees are putting the snow. Mayor Cusat said at the Hazleton City Dog Park, behind DPW, and anywhere they could find room. Mundie said when his father was the head of the department, he would ask people who had a vacant lot if they could dump the snow there. Mayor Cusat said they are also using his vacant lot, up in the Heights, to dump snow, and save on hauling costs.

Mundie thanked Mr. Colosurdo for doing a great job. He said it is unfortunate he had to leave due to his disability. He stated it is not an easy job, and many times, gets injured and has to leave. Mundie stated it is a hard job working in the police and fire departments. He wished him well.

He also wished everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day.

Barletta wished all the newly elected Hazleton City Authority, water and sewer appointments, congratulations. She said, “best of luck”. Barletta said there is “nothing against” Rocco but put Vince Fayock “up” because he was already on the Hazleton Sewer Authority and it was going great for them. She said putting Frank “back on” thought it would be good to put Vince back on, also. She also wished Rocco, “best of luck”, and also wished Zeller congratulations.

She also wished everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day.

Sacco extended her gratitude to Officer Colasurdo for his service and dedication to the City. She said when people are usually running the “other way”, the police department, from Brian “right down the line”, is a very good force. She also thanked her father, Vito, as they all “jumped on board” and is biased. She said personally, she sees, on the “flipside”, behind the scenes, what goes into pulling “this stuff off”. Sacco said she sees what Mayor Cusat goes through in making citizens safe and what the police chief, goes through, to make sure everything is good. She said they have a good crew here. Sacco stated the City is very fortunate and blessed, through COVID-19, and in general everyday business. Sacco said Leshko says it the best with, “one team, one family”.

Perry “echoed” her comments with the police always out there and dealing, currently, with snow disputes. He also said the fire department is always “out there” for them. He said the DPW Department, with the small crew Vito has, does an amazing job. Perry stated the City needs to be thankful that they have their own police, Fire, and DPW departments within the City. He said it is an “endless, thankless job” as they are out all hours. Perry said they still get complaints. Perry thanked the citizens in helping each other in the recent snowstorm in getting paths for their neighbors. He thanked Gary Perna and Mayor Cusat for getting council and all back into Council Chambers. He said there may be more ZOOM callers than normally would be here. He said they may, eventually, open up City Hall to all, but maybe people would not want to come. He said it is still a “work in progress” and thanked everyone for being at this meeting.

Comments from Junior Council: None.

Adjournment: Perry motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.