

**WARREN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2021 – 7:00 PM**

OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Cashman presided over the January 4, 2021, special meeting of Warren City Council. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all participation was via the Zoom meeting platform.

ROLL CALL

Members responding to roll call were: Mayor Maurice Cashman, Gregory Fraser, Paul Giannini, Philip Gilbert, Douglas Hearn, John Wortman, and Christian Zavinski. Members of City Staff present were Nancy Freenock, City Manager; Vince DeJoy; Michael Holtz, DPW Director; Teena Leary, Assistant City Clerk; Chad Yuriscic, City Engineer; and Andrea Stapleford, City Solicitor.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Cashman welcomed all visitors. Present via Zoom were:

- Belinda Brohn
- Mark Eberl
- Jane Dunshie
- Unidentified Zoom participant
- Brian Hagberg: Your Daily Local Reporter
- Josh Cotton: Times Observer Reporter

In response to a question from Jane Dunshie, Mrs. Freenock confirmed that the Eagles Crest Project would be the topic for the January 11, 2021, special meeting of Council.

CRESCENT PARK FUNDING

Mrs. Freenock stated that, as the result of internet issues experienced by some Council members, there was some confusion in regard to the December 14, 2020, vote concerning the City's funding of the Crescent Park Improvement Project. Subsequent to the meeting, some members indicated that they did not hear the motion clearly and, therefore, later realized that they did not vote in the manner they had intended.

During discussion, Mrs. Freenock confirmed that the \$175,000 which was removed from the Crescent Park Improvement Project and allocated to the Department of Public Works, with the emphasis to be on paving, would be returned to the Crescent Park Improvement Project. Mrs. Freenock also indicated that the Crescent Park Improvement Project would be placed for bid in alternatives so that the project may be completed in a manner that will not go over budget.

Mrs. Freenock stated that Mr. Holtz, DPW Director, is working with PennDOT in order to put street paving to bid early in 2021 so as to obtain the best possible pricing and, therefore, complete as many street blocks as possible.

Mark Eberl, City resident, spoke in support of the Crescent Park Improvement Project and noted the substantial amount of time the City Street Landscape Committee devoted to providing input regarding the project. Belinda Brohn, daughter of long-time Street Landscape Committee member Paul Brohn, spoke on behalf of her family in advocating for the return of the \$175,000 in funding to the Crescent Park Improvement Project.

Mr. Fraser made the motion to rescind the December 14, ~~2021~~, 2020, vote which removed \$175,000 from the Crescent Park Improvement Project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hearn and carried unanimously.

Secretary's note: The \$175,000 will be reallocated from street paving in the Community Improvement Project (CIP) to the Crescent Park Improvement Project which is also contained within the CIP.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Cashman declared the meeting adjourned.