

**WARREN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 9, 2019 – 6:00 PM**

OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Cashman presided over the April 9, 2019 Special Meeting of Warren City Council in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members present and responding to roll call were: Mayor Maurice Cashman, Gregory Fraser, Paul Giannini, Philip Gilbert, Richard Kolcharno, John Lewis, and James A. Zavinski, Sr. Members of City Staff present were Nancy Freenock, City Manager; Brandon Deppen, Chief of Police; Michael Holtz, DPW Director; Teena Leary, Assistant City Clerk; and Andrea Stapleford, City Solicitor.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Cashman welcomed all visitors. Present were:

Steve Blume	Doug Hearn	Darryl McKown
Pauline Steinmeyer	Aaron Stearns	Bruce Swanson
Ray Zydonik	Dale Honhart	Karen Davis
Mark Davis	Ashley Hordusky	Devon Swatt
Stacey Gross	Sierra Berkhaus	Melissa Turk
David Bauer	Pat Evans	Piper VanOrd
Jeff Eggleston, Warren County Commissioner		
Josh Cotton and Brian Ferry, Times Observer Reporters		

Mayor Cashman stated that the purpose of the meeting was to address the question of whether a conflict of interest occurred in regard to the vote on the PennDOT Roundabout Maintenance Agreement. Mayor Cashman then stated that Council would adjourn to Executive Session. *(The Executive Session was held in the First Floor Conference Room).*

At 6:17 PM Council members returned to Council Chambers and Mayor Cashman reconvened the Special Meeting.

Mayor Cashman stated, "We adjourned to Executive Session to review the legal opinion provided by the City's legal counsel regarding the potential removal of Phil Gilbert from City Council and/or voiding Mr. Gilbert's vote regarding the Roundabout and Maintenance Agreement that is to be located at the Pennsylvania Avenue and Market Street intersection. Council will not be taking any action as a result." The Mayor then asked if any visitors wished to speak regarding the matter.

Josh Cotton, Times Observer reporter, asked what element of the Sunshine Law would permit the Executive Session to be held. Ms. Stapleford, City Solicitor, stated that, in addition to the provisions of the Sunshine Law, there is also case law which provides for attorney-client privileged information to be discussed in executive session.

Brian Ferry, Times Observer reporter, inquired if there was a decision made during the Executive Session as Council returned to the floor "knowing what your answer was." Mayor Cashman responded that Mr. Lewis stated that he would not pursue the matter any further.

ADJOURNMENT

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