

**WARREN CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
APRIL 28, 2014 – 5:30 PM**

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**OPENING OF MEETING**

Mayor Cashman presided over the April 28, 2014 regular 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, Dr. Howard Ferguson, Gregory Fraser, Samuel Harvey, Richard Kolcharno, John Lewis, and James A. Zavinski, Sr. Mrs. Freenock, Mr. Hildebrand, Mr. Holtz, Mrs. Leary, Ms. Stapleford, and Chief Zydonic of City staff were also in attendance.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Mayor Cashman welcomed all visitors. Present were:

- Greg Wilson: City Intern – PSU MPA candidate
- Raymond Pring, Jr.: City resident, 509 Liberty Street
- Pauline Steinmeyer: City resident, 18 Prospect Street
- Dan Ristau: Business Owner
- Brian Ferry: Times Observer reporter

**AGREEMENT: WARREN COUNTY YMCA – MUNICIPAL POOL MANAGEMENT**

(See also 4/21/2014 regular meeting minutes)

Mrs. Freenock indicated that Council's concerns regarding the proposed agreement were addressed and were highlighted within the agreement provided for Council's review.

Mr. Lewis made the motion to approve the Pool Management Agreement between the City of Warren and the Warren County YMCA for management of the Municipal Pool by the YMCA for the 2014, 2015, and 2016 seasons. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fraser and carried unanimously.

Mayor Cashman announced that Council would recess to Executive Session regarding real estate matters and litigation.

Council members returned to Council Chambers at 6:25 PM. Mayor Cashman announced that no action regarding matters discussed in Executive Session would be taken at this meeting.

**PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE WEST PROPERTIES**

There was considerable discussion regarding City-owned properties located in the 200 block of Pennsylvania Avenue West. Included in the discussion were:

- Options for sale of the properties
- Options for leasing vacant land for parking purposes
- Development of the properties as part of the Blueprint Communities Program should the City's application be accepted (see 4/21/14 regular meeting minutes)
- Whether to demolish the two existing buildings prior to offering the properties for sale
- The potential for utilizing the properties to leverage project grant funding including a possible Streetscape II project
- Additional adjacent/nearby City-owned properties which could be part of a large development project

- The possibility of turning the properties over to the Redevelopment Authority as the Authority has funding available to address building demolition and other costs
- A private party has expressed interest in the false façade on the 2 structures

Mr. Lewis made the motion to invite bids for the sale of City-owned properties located on the southeast corner of Liberty Street and Pennsylvania Avenue West.

Following additional discussion, Mr. Lewis withdrew his motion.

#### **PROPOSED PARKING PLAN**

Dr. Ferguson indicated that the Parking Committee is keeping with the same basic plan as previously proposed but with some minor changes. The plan is expected to be sent to the City Manager for review and a meeting will be scheduled for further discussion.

#### **MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE**

Mr. Lewis announced that Pat Walters, on behalf of the Youngsville Veterans' Association, invited the City of Warren to participate in their Memorial Day Observance. Mr. Harvey, himself a veteran, volunteered to present a proclamation on behalf of the City.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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