

**WARREN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 29, 2019 – 5:30 PM**

OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Cashman presided over the July 29, 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 (participated via conference call), Paul Giannini, Philip Gilbert, John Lewis, and James A. Zavinski, Sr. Richard Kolcharno was absent. Members of City Staff present were Nancy Freenock, City Manager; Andrea Stapleford, City Solicitor; and Sgt. Scott Taylor.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Cashman welcomed Pam Lewis.

ORDINANCE NO. 1932 REPEALED

Upon motion by Mr. Lewis and second by Mr. Giannini, members present (6) voted unanimously to repeal Ordinance No. 1932 (Approving and authorizing referendum questions regarding the City of Warren Home Rule Charter).

PROPOSED ORDINANCE: HOME RULE CHARTER AMENDMENT REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

Mr. Lewis made the motion to approve the proposed ordinance which would approve and authorize the placement of referendum questions pertaining to amendments to the City of Warren Home Rule Charter on the ballot for the November 2019 Municipal Election. The motion was seconded by Mr. Giannini.

Mayor Cashman stated his belief that action on the proposed ordinance should be tabled until such time as all Council members have an opportunity to review materials which were provided earlier this date (Pennsylvania Ethics Act, Article VI of the Pennsylvania Constitution, and pertinent sections of the Pennsylvania Third Class City Code). He further stated that there is not a present or imminent circumstance which requires that immediate action be taken. Mr. Fraser stated that he concurred with Mayor Cashman.

Mrs. Freenock noted that referendum questions to be placed on the November 2019 ballot must be submitted to the County Board of Elections on, or before, August 6, 2019.

Mr. Fraser made the motion to postpone action on the proposed ordinance. Mr. Gilbert seconded the motion which passed with five votes in the affirmative and one nay vote cast by Mr. Lewis.

ADJOURNMENT

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