

**WARREN CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2015 – 6:30 PM**

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Cashman opened the public hearing and stated that it was for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding a Community Development Block Grant budget modification.

Mr. Hildebrand stated that it was proposed that the City submit a Budget Modification Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development under the Small Communities Program SCP) for FFY 2012 funds.

The proposed modification would remove \$124,038.01 from the Removal of Architectural Barriers (Curbing) activity to be added to a new activity – Removal of Architectural Barriers (Municipal Building). The funds will be utilized for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance improvements at the Municipal Building including a handicapped ramp, restroom, and drinking fountain.

Pauline Steinmeyer asked for confirmation that the proposed budget modification was for FFY 2012 funds. Mr. Hildebrand indicated that the request was indeed for FFY 2012. Mrs. Steinmeyer stated her appreciation for the detail included in the public notice regarding the Public Hearing.

There being no other citizens wishing to comment, Mayor Cashman closed the Public Hearing.

OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Cashman presided over the August 3, 2015 special meeting of Warren City Council in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Cashman announced that Council met in executive session immediately prior to the Public Hearing for discussion of possible litigation between the City and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and personnel matters.

ROLL CALL

Members present and responding to roll call were: Mayor Maurice Cashman, Samuel Harvey, Richard Kolcharno, John Lewis, and James A. Zavinski, Sr. Dr. Ferguson and Mr. Fraser were absent. Mrs. Freenock, Mr. Hildebrand, Mr. Holtz, Mrs. Leary, Ms. Stapleford, and Chief Zydonik of City staff were also in attendance.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Cashman welcomed all visitors. Present were:

- Pauline Steinmeyer: City resident regarding the Public Hearing
- Josh Cotton: Times Observer Reporter

FFY 2011 CDBG BUDGET REVISION

Mr. Hildebrand stated that City staff proposed submission of a Budget Revision Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development under the Small Communities Program for FFY 2011 funds.

It was proposed that \$60,850.85 of funding from the Removal of Architectural Barriers (Curbing) activity be reallocated to the Street/Road Improvements (East Street, Sixth to Seventh Avenue) activity. The reallocation would provide for additional necessary work that was discovered during the excavation portion of the project including an additional 5-foot diameter sanitary manhole, additional concrete curbing, two additional catch basins, and the installation of an access port for a large storm sewer on Sixth Avenue.

Mr. Lewis made the motion to approve the budget revision providing for the reallocation of \$60,850.85 from the Architectural Barriers (curbing) activity to the Street/Road Improvements (East Street, Sixth to Seventh Avenue) activity. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harvey and carried unanimously among the Council members present.

FFY 2012 CDBG BUDGET MODIFICATION

See Public Hearing above.

Mrs. Freenock noted that this work is not provided for in the Municipal Building/Firehall Rehabilitation Project being performed with Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project (RACP) funding.

Mr. Lewis made the motion to approve the FFY 2012 CDBG Budget Modification providing for the removal of \$124,038.01 from the Removal of Architectural Barriers (curbing) activity to be added to the new Removal of Architectural barriers (Municipal Building) activity. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zavinski and carried unanimously among the Council members present.

CITY MANAGER'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Mayor Cashman indicated that this agreement would be for the term August 20, 2015 through September 1, 2018. Mr. Lewis made the motion to approve the agreement with an amendment to Section 2.c. to provide for the agreement term to run through December 31, 2018 and to return Section 4.b. to the same language as in the existing contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kolcharno and carried unanimously among the Council members present.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT: PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Mr. Harvey made the motion to accept the Settlement Agreement with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission in the amount of \$500. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried unanimously among the Council members present.

Mrs. Freenock noted that as part of the construction of the new Sewage Treatment Plant there was a pipe which burst. In order to make repairs and clean up the site, it was necessary to move the Sewage Treatment Plant to bypass mode which resulted in a discharge into the Allegheny River. The City was fined \$500 by the Fish and Boat Commission and the City is required to enter into the Settlement Agreement. The Agreement notes that there are allegations against the City; however, there were no findings and execution of the Agreement does not constitute an admission of liability. The Agreement will satisfy the Commission and there will be no further action by the Commission regarding this event.

ADJOURNMENT

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