

**WARREN CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 15, 2021 – 6:30 PM**

OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Cashman presided over the November 15, 2021, Public Hearing regarding the allocation of Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project (RACP) funding which has been awarded to the City of Warren.

ROLL CALL

Council members present were: Mayor Maurice Cashman, Kimberly Exley, Gregory Fraser, Paul Giannini (via Zoom), Philip Gilbert, Douglas Hearn, and John Wortman. Members of City Staff present were Nancy Freenock, City Manager; Jessica Byler, Acting Finance Officer; Michael Holtz, DPW Director; David Krogler, Fire Chief; Teena Leary, Assistant City Clerk; Randall Rossey, Codes and Zoning Director; Joseph Sproveri, Chief of Police; Chad Yurismic, City Engineer; Kelly Conti, Codes Clerk; and Andrea Stapleford, City Solicitor.

VISITORS

Present were:

- Kelli Knapp, Director, Warren Public Library: Request for RACP Allocation
- Angie Dart, Warren General Hospital: Requests for RACP Allocation
- Mark Cye, Warren General Hospital: Requests for RACP Allocation
- Tom Christeson, DewBoi Properties, LLC: Request for RACP Allocation
- Jim Decker, Warren Co. Chamber of Business & Industry
- Sally Eaton
- Karen Black
- Jane Dunshie
- Jen Rossey
- Joe Michaels: Council Member Elect Observing
- Wendy McCain: Council Member Elect Observing
- Jay Cotton: Observing
- Emily Cotton: Observing
- Josh Cotton: Times Observer Reporter
- Andy Close: YourDailyLocal Reporter

Mayor Cashman announced that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comment regarding the allocation of RACP funds which have been awarded to the City. Mrs. Freenock noted that a recommendation for the allocation of \$500,000 to Warren General Hospital for its Maternity Ward Renovation Project is dependent upon a determination from the State Office of Budget as to whether those funds may be utilized for needed rehabilitation at the Clark Street Parking Garage.

Mr. Gilbert questioned whether \$2 million recommended for allocation to the Boat Launch Project are exclusive to that project or if funds would be utilized for development of areas adjacent to the launch. Mrs. Freenock indicated that the project would include as much as the \$2 million would allow.

There being no visitors wishing to provide comment, Mayor Cashman closed the Public Hearing.