



CITY OF NANTICOKE

WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Virtual Work Session/Council Meeting Via Teleconference

Call to Order: President of Council, William Brown

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito

ROLL CALL:

The following were present: Council Members, William Brown, John Telencho, Lesley Butczynski, Mike Marcella, Joseph Nalepa, City Manager, Donna Wall, Finance Director/City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito and Solicitor, Attorney Finnegan.

WORK SESSION

Motion to approve Resolution # 5 of 2022, a resolution of City Council of the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, approving a Host Cooperation Agreement between the General Municipal Authority of the City of Nanticoke and the City of Nanticoke relating to the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the Nanticoke Downtown Redevelopment within the City of Nanticoke. (See Exhibit A to review the agreement.) Attorney Finnegan explained this resolution in more detail.

Motion to approve RACP Cooperation Agreement between the City of Nanticoke, the General Municipal Authority of the City of Nanticoke and FCLN Real Estate, LLC for the Nanticoke Downtown Redevelopment Project including indemnification provisions.

Motion to approve Resolution #6 of 2022, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke, authorizing participation in the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program. Attorney Finnegan explained that this program is funded with Federal money to help low-income residents get caught up on the past due sewer and/or water bills. We need to get approval from the State before residents can apply. Once approved by the State, the City and/or WVSA will be paid the delinquent amount owed.

Motion to approve a contract agreement between the City of Nanticoke and No-Nonsense Neutering (RNN).

Administrative Updates-

Mayor Coughlin updated Council on the following:

Father Urban was outside a medical building and had issues getting out of his car. He wanted to recognize Josh Ruminski and Daniel Kovak, two Nanticoke Residents, that took time to help him get out of his car.

Donna Wall updated Council on the following:

Donna participated in a webinar regarding the ARP (American Rescue Program) grant and the final rulings were made on how the municipalities may use their grant funds. The new rulings are better for the city because the uses are more flexible up to Ten Million or the grant amount. Uses have been broadened to any expense that is considered to be a general municipal service expense. Funds must be allocated by December 31, 2004 and funds must be spent down by December 31, 2026. We must discuss how the City would like to spend their funds. Donna wanted to remind residents when they clear snow from their properties and parking spots, to please not pile snow on or in front of the City's storm drains/catch basins. We must not block them up to prevent flooding when the snow melts or if we get rain.

A Motion was made by Councilmember Nalepa seconded by Councilmember Butczynski to adjourn the work session. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING Comments from the Public agenda items only.

No comments from the public.

Old Business

None

New Business

A Motion to approve the January 19, 2022 minutes was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried 4-0, William Brown abstained.

A Motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$363,081.44, (Payroll(s) \$130,900.88 and Payables \$232,180.56 less the lease payoffs of \$112,667.68) was made by Councilmember seconded by Nalepa Councilmember Telencho.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve RACP Cooperation Agreement between the City of Nanticoke, the General Municipal Authority of the City of Nanticoke and FCLN Real Estate, LLC for the Nanticoke Downtown Redevelopment Project including indemnification provisions was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Telencho.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve Resolution #6 of 2022, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke, authorizing participation in the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Nalepa.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve a contract agreement between the City of Nanticoke and No-Nonsense Neutering (RNN) was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Telencho.
Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Police Chief Michael Roke, informed the Mayor and Council that former Lieutenant, Richard Meyers has passed away today and funeral arrangements are with Kearney's Funeral Home.

Correspondence-

None

Announcements-

None

Councilmember Comments-

Vice President Telencho sends his condolences to the Meyers Family.

Councilmember Butczynski thanked Mr. Meyers for his years of service in the City's Police Department and stated it's a sad day in Nanticoke.

Councilmember Marcella sends his condolences to the Meyers Family.

Councilmember Nalepa sends his condolences to the Meyers Family and wanted to recognize the Fire Department for their job well done as they have been very busy fighting fires.

President William Brown sends his condolences to the Meyers Family and kudos to the City's Fire, Police and DPW Departments for their jobs well done.

Meeting Adjournment-

Councilmember Nalepa made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Marcella, roll call.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

**Next Meeting, Mon, Feb 16, 2022, at 7:00 pm
via teleconference.**

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