

## CITY OF NANTICOKE



### **WORK SESSION and COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 6, 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.

Attorney Brian Stahl of Northpoint Development (via telephone) and Terrence Ostrowski of Earth Conservancy attended the meeting to give a brief presentation and answer any questions pertaining to the Proposed Resolution #11 of 2022 which is presented in this meeting regarding the sewer line to the warehouse being built at Espy and Dziak Drives.

#### **WORK SESSION**

**A Motion** to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Blue Collar, Non – Professional Employees (April 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026) between the City of Nanticoke and the Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 401.

**A Motion** to approve **Resolution #11 of 2022**, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, approving a Deed of Dedication and Agreement relating to the dedication, acceptance and maintenance, repair and replacement of the sanitary sewer system at Espy and Dziak Drives, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, from Earth Conservancy and NP BGO Tradeport Industrial, LLC and approval of a sewer line operation and maintenance agreement by and between the City of Nanticoke, Earth Conservancy, and NP BGO Tradeport Industrial, LLC.

**A Motion** to approve **Resolution #12 of 2022**, a Resolution authorizing and directing the proper Nanticoke City Officials to apply for a Keystone Communities Grant in the amount of \$300,000. (Ellis Building)

#### **Administrative Updates-**

**Mayor Kevin Coughlin executed Executive Order #13 of 2022**, appointing BHW Construction Consultation Services, Inc., including Jason Humenansky and any qualified representative working for the said company, as third party administrators to carry out the functions of Zoning Officer.

**Donna Wall updated Council on the following:**

Donna stated Resolution #12 of 2022 for a Grant from Keystone Communities in the amount of \$300,000 is the amount needed to finally demolish the Ellis Building on Washington Street. Soil testing will begin on Monday, April 11, 2022.

Donna informed everyone that the Great American Clean up organized by Concrete City is scheduled for April 23, 2022 (Rain date is April 24, 2022) and volunteers are needed.

Donna informed everyone that the City's Annual Big Bang Celebration is scheduled for Sat., July 2, 2022 (Rain Date is Sun., July 3, 2022) and the City is seeking vendors for the event.

Mr. Marks asked Donna for More details about the Blue-Collar Bargaining Agreement and Donna stated they got 3% for the years in the contract and everything else stayed the same.

**A Motion** was made by Councilmember Butczynski seconded by Councilmember Telencho 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 March 16, 2022 minutes was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

**A Motion** to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$598,636.04, (Payroll(s) \$210,668.76 and Payables \$387,967.28) was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Telencho.

Motion carried unanimously.

**A Motion** to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Blue Collar, Non – Professional Employees (April 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026) between the City of Nanticoke and the Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 401 was made by Councilmember Nalepa seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

**A Motion** to approve **Resolution #12 of 2022**, a Resolution authorizing and directing the proper Nanticoke City Officials to apply for a Keystone Communities Grant in the amount of \$300,000 (Ellis Building) was made by Councilmember Marcella seconded by Councilmember Butczynski.

Motion carried unanimously

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –**

Mr. Hank Marks of Loomis Street stated it is good to see everyone again now that the meetings are not virtual. Mr. Marks wanted to know if the Police Contract was settled and if so, what did the Police get in their contract. Donna Wall stated it was settled and they got 3% raises for each year. Mr. Marks commented that that is average but the City needs to address the excessive health care benefits in the upcoming police and fire contracts. Mr. Marks asked for an update on the downtown streetscape and President Brown stated we are moving forward. Donna stated she attended a meeting last week and they have picked out the lighting and shrubs, the project is due to go out to bid in December of 2022 and awarded in 2023.

### **Correspondence-**

None

### **Announcements-**

The City of Nanticoke's City-wide Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2022 with a rain date of Sunday, May 1, 2022. Any resident who wishes to participate and wants to be added to the City's list, please call 570-735-2800 ext. 101 by Wednesday, April, 27, 2022. This list will be handed out in the Patriot Park on the morning of the event and posted on our Facebook Page.

City Hall will be closed on Friday, April 15, 2022 in observance of Good Friday. Mayor & Council wishes everyone a Happy Easter!!

### **Councilmember Comments-**

**Vice President Telencho** stated he is glad to be meeting as a group again.

**Councilmember Butczynski** had no further comments.

**Councilmember Marcella** commended the Police Department for donating to the Ukraine.

**Councilmember Nalepa** had no further comments.

**President Brown** stated he is happy to be back and having the meetings in the Council Chambers.

### **Meeting Adjournment-**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.**

**Next Meeting, Wed, April 20, 2022, at 7:00 pm**

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**City Clerk, Jennifer W. Polito**