

Work Session Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2023

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Thursday, May 18, 2023 @ 4 p.m.; Council convened at their regular Work Session with Vice President of Council, Councilwoman Bernardo in the Chair. Other Council Members present were: Jim Aughenbaugh, Shane Dietz, Shannon Gabriel and City Controller, David Volpe. Also present were: Acting City Manager/City Engineer/Public Work Director, Chris Nasuti; Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell; Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer, Zac Lawhead; Police Chief, Blaine Clark; and Finance Officer, DeLean Shepherd.

Absent: Mayor Edward L. Walsh

Vice President of Council, Councilwoman Bernardo announced that an Executive Session was held on Saturday, May 13, 2023, in Council Chambers for a personnel matter; no action was taken.

May 22nd Agenda Items

Interim City Manager Nasuti went through the agenda items.

We will have an update on the Forensic Financial Analysis, we did get a recommendation from DCED to use a consultant that is Boyer and Ritter, LLC. Right now, we have our first meeting with them set up for June 5. Hopefully, I can give you more information on Monday, but we are moving forward. The consultant selected and the first meeting date has been set.

Councilwoman Gabriel asked where they are out of. Nasuti stated that they have four offices, and we are working with the one out of Camp Hill.

Councilwoman Bernardo asked for a little background.

Nasuti stated that we advertised for proposals with the assistance of DCED, we received those here and evaluated them, then sent them to DCED who also evaluated them. We got a recommendation from DCED on who they would prefer, it matched the consultant that we had selected as well and was within the budget of the grant. So, we were able to move forward.

That's all we have for the agenda. If you have any other items you would like to add or you have any questions on the items we have, please let me know and we will update the agenda and have it posted by the end of the day tomorrow for Monday's meeting.

Councilwoman Gabriel requested that Updates on Permits (DEP) for Park Projects be added to the agenda.

Bernardo asked Chris to explain. Nasuti stated that we are building a softball field, some parking, and a basketball court. We are right now in the 100-year flood plain and we are doing more than an acre of earth disturbance. So, we need to get permits from DEP for earth disturbance and we are working closely with the Army Corp of Engineers. We are funding the project with a RACP grant that we must meet 50/50, we have also secured a loan earlier this year for our local match.

Public Comments

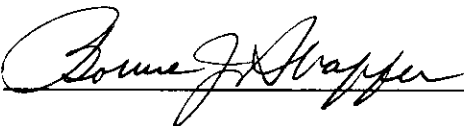
Pat Reasinger – East Long Avenue

A few weeks ago, you guys gave the line paving bid to someone, I saw Aztec paving lines the other day. Nasuti stated our contract is with Lines for Less owned by Michael Swope who is local, he is out doing it. Aztec was hired by Glenn O Hawbaker for their project.

Debbie Mechling – Munroe ST

Inquiring if it would be possible to extend the food truck hours when they are at Luigi's parking lot on Monday's. She felt with the weather getting nicer it would be nice if they could be there even through supper. Bernardo told her the person she would need to contact would be Julie Stewart at the Downtown Group. They have the food trucks, and you are right it is wonderful. Someone suggested another vendor, Bernardo suggested they contact Julie because any help they can give her would be appreciated. Nasuti stated he would call Julie.

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