

BETHLEHEM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
10 East Church Street - Town Hall
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Tuesday, June 21, 2022 – 7:00 PM

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

1. ROLL CALL

President Colón called the meeting to order. Present were Grace Crampsie Smith, Wandalyn J. Enix, Hillary G. Kwiatek, Rachel Leon, Paige Van Wirt, Kiera L. Wilhelm, and Michael G. Colón, 7.

CITATIONS

Honoring Tracy Samuelson

President Colón read the Citation for Tracy Samuelson on the occasion of her retirement from the Planning and Zoning Department after over 20 years of service and stated the Citation will be mailed to her.

Honoring Michael Mackaravitz

President Colón read the Citation for Michael Mackaravitz on the occasion of his retirement from the Public Works Department after over 35 years of service and stated the Citation will be mailed to him.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 7, 2022

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (on any subject not being voted on this evening – 5 Minute Time Limit)

Complaint of Holy Infancy Bells

Rosemary Frey is here again to ask for help with the noise occurring from the ringing of the bells of Holy Infancy Church. She outlined her history of living on the City's South Side and community involvement, including membership at Holy Infancy. She spoke to Council last month about the frequency of the ringing bells and returned tonight to again appeal for help. The bells ring from 7 AM to 6 PM daily. Instead, she suggested ringing them only at Mass times. She noted that Dr. Enix has spoken with Father Andy of the congregation, but that he will not budge and knows that the Church is exempt from restriction. She added that Director of Planning and Zoning Darlene Heller has said the neighbors should work with the Church, but that has not helped. She encouraged Council members to come to the neighborhood at 12 noon or 6 PM because that is when the bells ring 40 times.

Assessment of Council

Stephen Antalics revisited his comments about Council working with the public. Over time he has seen peaks and valleys. He believes this council is headed toward a peak from a valley. He has spoken with other residents about which council was best. The consensus was the councils of the 1980s and 1990s. He did some research to try to find out why and found there were 5 Democrats and 2 Republicans on Council, and the Mayor was a Republican. The council had a true bipartisan nature, and that affected how it operated. This provided checks and balances. Meetings were contentious, but friendly. They also were objective, dealt with issues and had good public participation. Bipartisanship was important. Some councils have become like a club. This could be to the point of having a conflict of interest. There was too much sameness rather than healthy debate. He found that one particular council collectively lived in the City for 375 years.

Unfair Noise Enforcement

Arthur Curatola referred to Ms. Frey's complaints about ringing church bells. He said that churches are exempt from restrictions on creating noise under Article 717, but so are outdoor music venues. He said that outdoor entertainment is permitted between noon and midnight. But, he said, music venues will be fined or shut down anyway. These actions have impeded the livelihood of musicians. He urged Council to give Ms. Frey some relief. He also encouraged Council to support the peace and love festival that he wants to organize in fall.

Proposal for Garden

Emily (no last name given) is a student working at the South Side Permaculture Park at Lehigh University. Her group's goal is to bring a more proximal and organic food source and education to the community. They currently have a park at Summit Street and Montclair Avenue. She is seeking approval for a Native American Lenape Medicinal Plant and Food Garden on the Greenway. This would be a garden that grows medicinal plants and food that was used by the Lenape Indians, who used to live in this area. It would have history displays. She has been in contact with the historical officer for the tribe. She said the garden would require minimal maintenance, but would be maintained by the students. She was hoping for approval for the garden and said it would enhance the many historical efforts in Bethlehem.

Mr. Colón said the request was not of a nature that Council would be voting on this evening, but called it a good conversation starter to be held with the Administration.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (on ordinances and resolutions to be voted on by Council this evening – 5 Minute Time Limit)

None.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Members of Council
- B. Tabled Items
- C. Unfinished Business

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. *Health Director – Recommendation of Award – Cedar Crest College – ESRI Consultant*

The Clerk read a communication dated June 7, 2022 from Kristen Wenrich, Health Director recommending a contract with Cedar Crest College for ESRI Consultant Services. The cost is \$5,100 and the completion deadline is December 31, 2022. There are no renewals.

President Colón stated Resolution 10 A is on the agenda.

B. *Director of Water and Sewer Resources – Recommendation of Award – L. B. Industries, Inc. – WWTP East Intermediate Clarifier Improvements*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated May 23, 2022 from Edward Boscola, Director of Water and Sewer Resources, recommending a contract with L. B. Industries, Inc. for the Waste Water Treatment Plant East Intermediate Clarifier Improvements. The cost is \$1,475,059. The term is 240 days to substantial completion and 270 days to final completion from the Notice to Proceed. There are no renewals.

President Colón stated Resolution 10 B is on the agenda.

C. *Director of Water and Sewer Resources – Recommendation of Award – Suburban Water Technology, Inc. – Shady Lane Manganese Treatment Project*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated June 10, 2022 from Edward Boscola, Director of Water and Sewer Resources, recommending a contract with Suburban Water Technology, Inc. for the Shady Lane Manganese Treatment Project. The cost is \$54,500 with a completion deadline of 120 days from the Notice to Proceed. There are no renewals.

President Colón stated Resolution 10 C is on the agenda.

D. *Director of Public Works – Recommendation of Award – Grace Industries, Inc. – Greenway (Phase V) Saucon Park Ball Fields Connection*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated June 9, 2022 from Michael Alkhal, Director of Public Works recommending a contract with Grace Industries, Inc. for the Greenway (Phase V) Saucon Park Ball Fields Connection. The revised cost is \$756,957 with change orders. The original completion date was June 27, 2022.

President Colón stated Resolution 10 D is on the agenda.

E. *Assistant City Solicitor – Proposed Ordinance Amending Article 1501 – Adopt the 2018 Version of the International Fire Code*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated June 8, 2022 from Assistant City Solicitor Matthew Deschler, Esq. with an attached Ordinance amending Article 1501 – Adopting the 2018 Version of the International Fire Code.

Scheduling Public Hearing

Ms. Crampsie Smith made a motion, seconded by Dr. Van Wirt, to schedule a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM in Town Hall.

Voting AYE: Ms. Wilhelm, Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Enix, Ms. Kwiatek, Ms. Leon, Dr. Van Wirt, and Mr. Colón, 7. The Motion passed.

President Colón stated a Public Hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM in Town Hall and the Ordinance will be placed for First Reading on the Tuesday, July 19, 2022 City Council agenda.

F. Police Chief – Firearm Purchase - Manfredo

The Clerk read a memorandum dated June 14, 2022 from Police Chief Michelle Kott with an attached resolution and agreement for the purchase of a duty weapon by a retired Officer of the Bethlehem Police Department. Pursuant to the Third Class City Code, retired Officers may purchase their duty firearms at fair market value.

President Colón stated Resolution 10 E is on the agenda.

G. Director of Public Works – Recommendation of Award – Quinn Construction, Inc. – City Hall Garage Structural Repair

The Clerk read a memorandum dated June 14, 2022 from Michael Alkhal, Director of Public Works recommending a contract with Quinn Construction, Inc. for City Hall Garage Structural Repair. The cost is \$183,430. The completion deadline is within 60 days of the issuance of the Notice to Proceed. There are no renewals.

President Colón stated Resolution 10 F is on the agenda.

H. Director of Public Works – Recommendation of Award – Bracalente Construction, Inc. – City Hall Garage Surface Repair

The Clerk read a memorandum dated June 14, 2022 from Michael Alkhal, Director of Public Works recommending a contract with Bracalente Construction, Inc. for City Hall Garage Surface Repair. The cost is \$265,957.69. The completion deadline is within 10 days of the issuance of the Notice to Proceed. There are no renewals.

President Colón stated Resolution 10 G is on the agenda.

I. Director of Public Works – Recommendation of Award – Pullman SST, Inc. – Library Exterior Column Repairs

The Clerk read a memorandum dated June 14, 2022 from Michael Alkhal, Director of Public Works recommending a contract with Pullman SST, Inc., for Library Exterior Column Repairs. The cost is \$268,668. The completion deadline is within 730 days of the issuance of the Notice to Proceed. There are no renewals.

President Colón stated Resolution 10 H is on the agenda.

- J. *Director of Public Works – Recommendation of Award – Change – Keiko Tsuruta Cramer, ASLA, Principal – S. New Street Streetscape Enhancement Project*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated June 14, 2022 from Michael Alkhal, Director of Public Works recommending a contract change with Keiko Tsuruta Cramer, ASLA, Principal for the South New Street Streetscape Enhancement Project. The amount of the change is \$33,718 with a completion deadline of December 31, 2022. There are no renewals.

- K. *Police Chief – Resolution – Adoption of Pharaoh - Friends of Bethlehem Mounted Police*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated June 16, 2022 from Police Chief Michelle Kott recommending a Resolution for Adoption of “Pharaoh” – Mounted Unit Equine to the Friends of the Bethlehem Mounted Police. “Pharaoh” was purchased in 2009 with federal funding through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. Per grant guidelines, the transfer will commence at a fair market value of \$500.00.

President Colón stated Resolution 10 J is on the agenda.

- L. *City Solicitor – Use Permit Agreement – Spirit Temple Bible Church – Vacation Bible School Outreach – Yosko Park*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated June 16, 2022 from City Solicitor John F. Spirk, Jr., Esq., with an attached Resolution and Associated Use Permit Agreement. The permittee is Spirit Temple Bible Church and the event is Vacation Bible School Outreach. The agreement is from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM on August 15-19, 2022 and covers the Yosko Park premises. The agreement is from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM both of July 16 and 17, 2022. It covers 1st Street from Founders Way to the Eastern Terminus.

President Colón stated Resolution 10 K is on the agenda.

- M. *City Solicitor – Use Permit Agreement – NAM Knights Lehigh Valley*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated June 16, 2022 from City Solicitor John F. Spirk, Jr., Esq., with an attached Resolution and Associated Use Permit Agreement. The permittee is NAM Knights Lehigh Valley Chapter and the SubPermittee is ArtsQuest and the event is Vet Fest 2002. The agreement is from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM both of July 16 and 17, 2022. It covers 1st Street from Founders Way to the Eastern Terminus.

President Colón stated Resolution 10 L is on the agenda.

- N. *Housing and Community Development Administrator – Public Hearing Request – 2022 CDBG/HOME Allocations*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated June 16, 2022 from Housing and Community Development Administrator Robert Vidoni requesting a July 5, 2022 Public Hearing to discuss the Fiscal Year 2022 CDBG/HOME funding allocations.

Scheduling Public Hearing

Ms. Kwiatek made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wilhelm, to schedule a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM in Town Hall.

Voting AYE: Ms. Wilhelm, Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Enix, Ms. Kwiatek, Ms. Leon, Dr. Van Wirt, and Mr. Colón, 7. The Motion passed.

President Colón stated a Public Hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM in Town Hall to discuss the Fiscal Year 2022 CDBG/HOME funding allocations.

O. Deputy Director of Economic Development – Southside LERTA District II

The Clerk read a memorandum from Deputy Director of Economic Development Alicia Karner requesting a Public Hearing on July 5, 2022 to discuss the Southside LERTA District II.

Scheduling Public Hearing

Dr. Enix made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wilhelm, to schedule a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM in Town Hall.

Voting AYE: Ms. Wilhelm, Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Enix, Ms. Kwiatek, Ms. Leon, Dr. Van Wirt, and Mr. Colón, 7. The Motion passed.

President Colón stated a Public Hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM in Town Hall to discuss the Southside LERTA District II. Mr. Colón also announced that this matter is also on the agenda for June 28, 2022 for the Community Development Committee.

P. Norris McLaughlin, P.A. – Request for Inter-municipal Liquor License Transfer – Moyer Entertainment & Hospitality Company – 20-24 West Broad Street

The Clerk read a letter dated June 20, 2022 from Norris McLaughlin, P.A., a law firm, representing Moyer Entertainment & Hospitality Company, requesting approval for an inter-municipal transfer of Pennsylvania Retail Restaurant Liquor License No. R-13209. The applicant seeks approval of an inter-municipal transfer of the License which was previously issued to Green Pond Golf Course for licensed premises located at 3604 Farmersville Road, Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA to the new licensed premises located at 24 West Broad Street, Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA.

Scheduling Public Hearing

Ms. Kwiatek made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leon, to schedule a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM in Town Hall. Ms. Kwiatek noted that a second request letter for this matter was included in her Council packet. She wondered the difference in the two versions. Solicitor Panella was consulted. He and several others mentioned that they also had two letters. The Clerk was consulted. Mr. Miller confirmed that the submissions were identical except for the requested Public Hearing Date. The second letter was a late submission that requested that a Public Hearing be held on August 2, 2022.

Voting AYE: Ms. Wilhelm, Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Enix, Ms. Kwiatek, Ms. Leon, Dr. Van Wirt, and Mr. Colón, 7. The Motion passed.

President Colón stated a Public Hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM in Town Hall and the Resolution will be placed on the Tuesday, August 2, 2022 Council agenda.

7. REPORTS

A. *President of Council*

B. *Mayor*

Mayor Reynolds said he was following up on a public comment made earlier tonight about how long those serving on Council have been City residents. He does not believe that it is necessary to have longtime residents serving on Council. He said he sees energy among Council members and that is a good thing. He pointed back to when Karen Dolan served on Council. That started a trend that led to those serving with varied experiences. The City of Bethlehem is better off for that. It is symbolic of change since the closing of Bethlehem Steel. We have tradition and those who have lived here for a long time, but we also have new people. There is no gatekeeper as far as how long you have lived here before you are valued or allowed to run for City Council. That is not just him saying that. That is the voters talking. He believes this City Council represents the vibrancy of what is going on outside in the streets of Bethlehem. That is something that we should be proud of. Just because people have lived here for a long time, does not mean that is the only opinion that we should have. We need to welcome and encourage all kinds of people and that is to run all of our institutions whether it is our churches our Little Leagues, our schools, and especially our City Council. He cited Mr. Colón as the longest tenured Council member with six years. And he said he is glad to see people getting involved who are not just sitting back and waiting for their turn, but getting involved now.

8. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

A. *Bill No. 11 – 2022 – 2022 General Fund Adjustments*

The Clerk read Bill No. 11-2022 – 2022 General Fund Adjustments sponsored by Ms. Leon and Dr. Enix and titled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM,
COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING
THE 2022 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Voting AYE: Ms. Wilhelm, Dr. Enix, Ms. Kwiatek, Ms. Leon, Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Van Wirt, and Mr. Colón, 7. Bill No. 11-2022 now known as Ordinance No. 2022-11 was passed on Final Reading.

B. *Bill No. 12 – 2022 – 2022 Liquid Fuels Fund Adjustments*

The Clerk read Bill No. 12-2022 –2022 Liquid Fuels Fund Adjustments sponsored by Ms. Leon and Dr. Enix titled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM,
COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING
THE 2022 LIQUID FUELS FUND BUDGET

Voting AYE: Ms. Wilhelm, Dr. Enix, Ms. Kwiatek, Ms. Leon, Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Van Wirt, and Mr. Colón, 7. Bill No. 12-2022 now known as Ordinance No. 2022-12 was passed on Final Reading.

C. *Bill No. 13 – 2022 – 2022 CDBG/HOME Budget Allocation*

The Clerk read Bill No. 13-2022 – 2022 CDBG/HOME Budget Allocation sponsored by Ms. Leon and Dr. Enix titled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM,
COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING
THE 2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
BUDGET

Voting AYE: Ms. Wilhelm, Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Enix, Ms. Kwiatek, Ms. Leon, Dr. Van Wirt, and Mr. Colón, 7. Bill No. 13-2022 now known as Ordinance No. 2022-13 was passed on Final Reading.

9. NEW ORDINANCES

None.

10. RESOLUTIONS

A. *Approve Contract – Cedar Crest College – ESRI Consultant*

Dr. Enix and Ms. Leon sponsored Resolution No. 2022-122 that authorized to execute an agreement with Cedar Crest College for ESRI Consultant Services.

Voting AYE: Ms. Wilhelm, Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Enix, Ms. Kwiatek, Ms. Leon, Dr. Van Wirt, and Mr. Colón, 7. The Resolution passed.

B. *Approve Contract – L. B. Industries, Inc. – WWTP East Intermediate Clarifier Improvements*

Dr. Enix and Ms. Leon sponsored Resolution No. 2022-123 that authorized to execute an agreement with L. B. Industries, Inc. for Wastewater Treatment Plant East Intermediate Clarifier Improvements.

Voting AYE: Ms. Wilhelm, Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Enix, Ms. Kwiatek, Ms. Leon, Dr. Van Wirt, and Mr. Colón, 7. The Resolution passed.

C. *Approve Contract – Suburban Water Technology, Inc. – Shady Lane Manganese Treatment Project*

Dr. Enix and Ms. Leon sponsored Resolution No. 2022-124 that authorized to execute an agreement with Suburban Water Technology, Inc. for the Shady Lane Manganese Treatment Project.

Voting AYE: Ms. Wilhelm, Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Enix, Ms. Kwiatek, Ms. Leon, Dr. Van Wirt, and Mr. Colón, 7. The Resolution passed

D. *Approve Contract – Grace Industries – Greenway (Phase V) Saucon Park Ball Fields Connection*

Dr. Enix and Ms. Leon sponsored Resolution No. 2022-125 that authorized to execute an agreement Grace Industries for the Greenway (Phase V) Saucon Park Ball Fields Connection.

Dr. Van Wirt said she looks forward to the completion of this project and recently had a conversation with someone who is nervous walking from the skate park to the ball park, so this will be a lovely addition to the Greenway.

Ms. Kwiatek asked when this will be completed and was told by Mr. Alkhal that it will be completed by the end of summer.

Voting AYE: Ms. Wilhelm, Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Enix, Ms. Kwiatek, Ms. Leon, Dr. Van Wirt, and Mr. Colón, 7. The Resolution passed.

E. *Approve Police Firearm Purchase – Manfredo*

Dr. Enix and Ms. Leon sponsored Resolution No. 2022-126 that authorized to execute an agreement to effectuate the transfer of the City-issued handgun assigned to Michael Manfredo, retired City Police Officer.

Ms. Wilhelm said she has talked to some from the public about this vote who had some good questions about it. She invited anyone who has questions about City topics to contact her. A lot of research and conversations go into things that happen here, and if people don't understand what is behind a vote, to please feel free to ask in order to promote understanding about why decisions are made.

Ms. Kwiatek said she will be voting against this Resolution as she has done on similar ones in the past. She said this has nothing to do with Officer Michael Manfredo's distinguished service to the City. She thanked him for his service. But, she pointed out that officers' service weapons are not the only weapons that the City sells when they are no longer using them. She said it is a "tiny fraction" of the weapons sold by the City that actually go to retired officers. She is concerned and wants to discuss in another venue the question of where those guns are going. While it is a small number of weapons, these are weapons that are going into the "gun mix" whether it is in our community or elsewhere including across state lines. She does not know whether the City continues to track these weapons once they are sold. She has concerns about that and the City's role in gun sales. She votes against these actions because she does not believe the City should be facilitating the sale and purchase of weapons to civilians. While Officer Manfredo served honorably, he has retired or is retiring and is no longer a police officer. She also noted that there is a "whereas" clause in the Agreement of Sale that states that "Whereas such

sale is the most economical method of proceeding, in light of the risks of selling weapons and the costs and delays of performing and managing the results of background checks on any potential buyer..." she questions why this is a reason for selling a weapon. The Agreement states "that it is the most economical method for proceeding in light of the risks of selling weapons."

Ms. Leon thanked the Chief and Deputy Meixell who spent hours explaining to her where the guns are, how the guns are sold, how they are purchased, why we do what we do. She looks forward to those continued conversations.

Mr. Colón had a few comments. He thanked the Mayor. He said there have been ongoing efforts all month at City Hall to raise awareness and address gun violence. He added that these discussions go beyond the City of Bethlehem. These events are in the national news. There are broader conversations that need to be had about the balancing of the 2nd Amendment as well as the position that we are in involving gun violence and gun culture here in the United States. He believes those conversations have merit inside and outside of Town Hall. This also relates to our policy regarding what happens to the weapons once our officers retire. He would happy to sit in on a conversation about the policy going forward. He believes there is a sentimental value that a retiring officer may have toward their duty weapon. As long as they have a legal right to do that, I will continue to support that practice. However, he welcomed further discussion on the subject.

Mayor Reynolds said Ms. Kwiatek's comments make a lot of sense to him. He believes that a permanent solution is needed to reduce gun violence, including common-sense gun laws and being creative on a city level using every dollar we can to reduce gun violence. A gun buy-back gun program has been discussed and investigating if that could be effective. He has a great deal of respect for our police officers. He said if he were a retiring police officer, there would be a good number of things that he would like to take with him other than his gun, but he is not a police officer. He added that he is open to talking about potential solutions to solving the gun violence problem. He said the will of City Council will be adhered to whether the policy remains the same or changes. If the policy changes and these weapons are not to be sold, the City will get by financially and there will be no argument from the Mayor's Office.

Voting AYE: Ms. Wilhelm, Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Enix, Ms. Leon, Dr. Van Wirt, and Mr. Colón, 6. Voting NAY: Ms. Kwiatek, 1. The Resolution passed.

F. *Approve Contract – Quinn Construction, Inc. – City Hall Garage Structural Repair*

Dr. Enix and Ms. Leon sponsored Resolution No. 2022-127 that authorized to execute an agreement with Quinn Construction, Inc. for City Hall Garage Structural Repair.

Voting AYE: Ms. Wilhelm, Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Enix, Ms. Kwiatek, Ms. Leon, Dr. Van Wirt, and Mr. Colón, 7. The Resolution passed.

G. *Approve Contract – Bracalente Construction, Inc. – City Hall Garage Surface Repair*

Dr. Enix and Ms. Leon sponsored Resolution No. 2022-128 that authorized to execute an agreement with Bracalente Construction, Inc. for City Hall Garage Surface Repair.

Voting AYE: Ms. Wilhelm, Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Enix, Ms. Kwiatek, Ms. Leon, Dr. Van Wirt, and Mr. Colón, 7. The Resolution passed.

H. Approve Contract – Pullman SST, Inc. – Library Exterior Column Repair

Dr. Enix and Ms. Leon sponsored Resolution No. 2022-129 that authorized to execute an agreement with Pullman SST, Inc. for Library Exterior Column Repair.

Ms. Kwiatek noted that this contract has a 730-day deadline. She asked Mr. Alkhal if that was correct and if it was because there are 38 columns to be repaired.

Mr. Alkhal confirmed those notions.

Mr. Colón added that this project and some others coming up soon are projects that have been discussed for several years. Limited funding caused delays, but he was glad, as he was sure Mr. Alkhal was, to see this and others moving forward.

Voting AYE: Ms. Wilhelm, Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Enix, Ms. Kwiatek, Ms. Leon, Dr. Van Wirt, and Mr. Colón, 7. The Resolution passed.

I. Approve Contract – Change – Keiko Tsuruta Cramer, ASLA, Principal – S. New Street Streetscape Enhancement Project

Dr. Enix and Ms. Leon sponsored Resolution No. 2022-130 that authorized to execute an agreement with Keiko Tsuruta Cramer, ASLA, Principal for a change order relating to the South New Street Streetscape Enhancement Project.

Voting AYE: Ms. Wilhelm, Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Enix, Ms. Kwiatek, Ms. Leon, Dr. Van Wirt, and Mr. Colón, 7. The Resolution passed.

J. Approve Resolution – Adopting of Pharaoh – Friends of Bethlehem Mounted Police

Dr. Enix and Ms. Leon sponsored Resolution No. 2022-131 that authorized the Bethlehem Police Department to sell one retired horse, “Pharaoh,” to the Friends of Bethlehem Mounted Police, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, pursuant to 11 Pa.C.S. § 12402.1 of the Third Class City Code to dispose of personal property by sale or otherwise.

Voting AYE: Ms. Wilhelm, Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Enix, Ms. Kwiatek, Ms. Leon, Dr. Van Wirt, and Mr. Colón, 7. The Resolution passed.

K. Approve Use Permit Agreement – Spirit Temple Bible Church – Vacation Bible School Outreach

Dr. Enix and Ms. Leon sponsored Resolution No. 2022-132 that authorized to execute a Use Permit Agreement with Spirit Temple Bible Church for Vacation Bible School Outreach.

Voting AYE: Ms. Wilhelm, Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Enix, Ms. Kwiatek, Ms. Leon, Dr. Van Wirt, and Mr. Colón, 7. The Resolution passed.

L. Approve Use Permit Agreement – NAM Knights Lehigh Valley Chapter – Vet Fest 2022

Dr. Enix and Ms. Leon sponsored Resolution No. 2022-133 that authorized to execute a Use Permit Agreement with Permittee NAM Knights Lehigh Valley Chapter and SubPermittee ArtsQuest for Vet Fest 2022.

Voting AYE: Ms. Wilhelm, Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Enix, Ms. Kwiatek, Ms. Leon, Dr. Van Wirt, and Mr. Colón, 7. The Resolution passed.

Motion – Considering Resolutions 10 M through 10 R as a group – Certificates of Appropriateness

Dr. Van Wirt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crampsie Smith, to consider Resolutions 10 M through 10 R as a group.

Voting AYE: Ms. Wilhelm, Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Enix, Ms. Kwiatek, Ms. Leon, Dr. Van Wirt, and Mr. Colón, 7. The Motion passed.

M. Certificate of Appropriateness – 234 East Market Street

Dr. Enix and Ms. Leon sponsored Resolution No. 2022-134 that granted a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the existing slate roofing with GAF Slateline Shingles in the Antique Slate color at 234 East Market Street.

N. Certificate of Appropriateness – 77 West Broad Street

Dr. Enix and Ms. Leon sponsored Resolution No. 2022-135 that granted a Certificate of Appropriateness to install a new sign on an existing wall mounted bracket at 77 West Broad Street.

O. Certificate of Appropriateness – 415 High Street

Dr. Enix and Ms. Leon sponsored Resolution No. 2022-136 that granted a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace an existing wood fence with a fence of the same height at 415 High Street.

P. Certificate of Appropriateness – 123 East Market Street

Dr. Enix and Ms. Leon sponsored Resolution No. 2022-137 that granted a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the existing flat roof with slate roof and skylight at 123 East Market Street.

Q. Certificate of Appropriateness – 258 East Wall Street

Dr. Enix and Ms. Leon sponsored Resolution No. 2022-138 that granted a Certificate of Appropriateness to remove an existing side door and cover the opening with siding in a size, profile, and color to match the adjacent existing siding at 258 East Wall Street. (Doors are being removed to renovate the kitchen.)

R. Certificate of Appropriateness – 243 East Church Street

Dr. Enix and Ms. Leon sponsored Resolution No. 2022-139 that granted a Certificate of Appropriateness to remove the existing slate roofing on their home and replace it with GAF Slateline Shingles in the Antique Slate color, remove the existing EPDM Flat roofing and replace it in-kind, and install new half round gutters and round downspouts in a white color at 243 East Church Street.

Voting AYE on Resolutions 10 M through 10 R: Ms. Wilhelm, Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Enix, Ms. Kwiatek, Ms. Leon, Dr. Van Wirt, and Mr. Colón, 7. The Resolutions passed.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Committee of the Whole Meeting

President Colón announced The Committee of the Whole met tonight, Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:00 PM in Town Hall for Ethics Training. This meeting was for informational purposes only and no actions were taken.

Thanks to Administration

Ms. Leon thanks Mr. Boscola and others in the Administration for taking the time to explain the water sourcing for the City. She has found knowledgeable and caring leadership.

Happy Retirement to Pharaoh/ Police Academy Graduates

Ms. Leon wished police horse “Pharaoh” a happy retirement and hopes he will enjoy green pastures with recent fellow retiree “George.” She congratulated those in the 109th graduating class. She said that anyone listening in tonight might be a little dismayed by some of the gun-related issues, but wanted them to know that they can approach her to discuss the underlying issues.

Grateful for the Support

Dr. Van Wirt thanked Mayor Reynolds for his words about energy of different perspectives of Council Members. She said she was one of those to whom it was recommended that she “wait her turn” to serve on Council. She said the energy and experience of those who have lived elsewhere, mixed with the wisdom and experience of those who have served for a long time, make for a great combination. Everybody loves this city and I’m just happy to hear you say that.

More Thanks to Mr. Boscola

Ms. Wilhelm echoed what Ms. Leon said about thanks to Mr. Boscola for joining them at MLK Park. She also thanked Emily and others from Lehigh who their help at MLK Park. She thanked Emily for her words earlier in this meeting and for letting the public know about the project.

Miscellaneous Thanks

Ms. Kwiatek also thanked Mayor Reynolds for his comments and Emily for her information earlier. Ms. Kwiatek reminded all that no one has been here longer than the Delaware Nation (Lenni Lenape Indians) were. She thanked Mayor Reynolds for the Juneteenth celebration on Sunday as well and commented that it was a great event.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

ATTEST:

Tad J. Miller
City Clerk