

BETHLEHEM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
10 East Church Street - Town Hall
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Tuesday, October 19, 2021 – 7:00 PM

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

1. ROLL CALL

President Waldron called the meeting to order. Present were Bryan G. Callahan, Grace Crampsie Smith, Paige Van Wirt, and Adam R. Waldron, 4. Michael G. Colón, Olga Negrón and J. William Reynolds were absent, 3.

Congratulations

President Waldron related Mr. Colón, Ms. Negrón, and Mr. Reynolds previously informed him they would not be attending this evening for personal reasons. President Waldron congratulated Mr. Colón on his wedding, he was married this Saturday and our Mayor was the officiant of the ceremony. Mr. Reynolds is attending a reception for an award for the City's Climate Action Plan in Pittsburgh. That is a great honor for the City of Bethlehem to be recognized for its leading role on climate action.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 21, 2021

Removal of Communication 6 F and Resolution 10 E

President Waldron remarked the Administration has requested that we remove Communication 6 F, which is a contract. They requested more time to do due diligence. So Communication 6 F and Resolution 10 E will be removed from tonight's agenda at the Administration's request. We had a late start to this meeting due to a Committee of the Whole Meeting that started at 6:00 pm this evening where we discussed our 5 year capital plan.

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

Concert

Artie Curatola, 813 Laufer Street, mentioned he would like to talk about peace, love, and world unity in our Christmas City. Most have not heard much about him running as a write-in for Mayor because he did not do much campaigning. Instead he was asked by Wake Up/ Rise Up Live for Peace Foundation that was backed by the United Nations to put together the Lehigh Valley stage. He put some good talent in there, two national acts and a few international ones. He has Essra Mohawk, from Nashville, Tennessee who has won a few Grammys and also Jade Starling opened up the show, from Pretty Poison who had the hit "Catch me I am falling." He

had other groups also. Mr. Curatola informed that his stage name is J. Creed. He wrote a song called "The World Anthem". He does not believe he wrote this, he believes God gave it to him. He thinks for world peace and unity we need to have an organization of world peace and unity here in our Christmas City. He has the Roxy Theatre reserved for December 5, 2021 for the concert for everyone that was in his show. If the city would be behind it and front the money, all the money would go to the city, all the proceeds. The budget could be \$10,000 or it could be \$5,000 and we could still do it with one national act and maybe do another one a few months later. If you all agree with this, we can make it happen. We can also have people speaking throughout the concert about world peace and unity. If you are on board with him on this all the proceeds will go to the city and if not, he will find an organization that the money will go to. He does not wish to make money off of anything involving his city. If he gets elected as Mayor he will do everything he can, he is not after any kind of compensation. But he is sure that Willie Reynolds will do a great job as Mayor.

Broad Street Plan

Scott Slingerland, 426 West North Street, informed he is representing CAT Coalition for Appropriate Transportation at 1935 West Broad Street. He would like to speak about the Broad Street plan that was discussed 2 weeks ago. He believes that City Council endorsed the Broad Street plan for traffic improvements. He is very enthusiastic for this plan to improve the traffic situation on Broad Street from Club Avenue to Stefko Boulevard. He hopes that everyone can support that we want to create a more calm traffic environment in Bethlehem. The current traffic situation on Broad Street invites motorists to drive 40 to 45 mph even though the speed limit is 35 mph and they know because they have a radar gun they use for studies. Bethlehem has a vision zero policy and other cities like Philadelphia and New York City have adopted a city wide speed limit of 25 mph so he hopes this can be part of the plan as well. For example to cross Bethlehem from Club Avenue to Main Street you might lose a minute or two of time with a lower speed limit. If you look at this Broad Street plan in its big picture we are looking at creating a calmer environment for traffic and for people who live here. Motorists disregard the responsibility to yield to pedestrians like was discussed in the last Committee Meeting about Union Boulevard and the Monocacy Way Trail crossing. Pedestrians have a long distance to cross Broad Street and traffic noise deters businesses from thriving and deters residents from sleeping without soundproofing their windows. Mr. Slingerland added that many bicyclists are okay with riding on Broad Street while others choose a parallel path, Market Street, Prospect Avenue and others. He chooses a parallel street when he is not in a hurry. He has not owned a car in 10 years. He just moved to Bethlehem 2 years ago and previous to that he was biking from Easton 5 days a week in a number of different routes. In the last 10 years he has traveled pretty much mainly by bike, walking, on a bus and he has done that by choice. He realizes that many people do not have the choice so any traffic calming that the city can do will help everyone. Mr. Slingerland pointed out that living without a car has enriched his life to connect with the community. He has met people who live in the woods, people in suits and in City Hall. It is great to cross the paths of everybody. As an organization CAT wants to see bicyclists who understand the rules of the road and follow traffic laws. We also want to see the best streets for bicyclists. He has biked in bike lanes in many cities and there implementation is varied. The Broad Street plan recommends bike lanes and with that CAT wants to make sure that they would be the best bike lanes possible. He added, for example, minimizing turning conflicts at intersections, minimizing hazards such as standing water and debris on edge of the road which would probably be the middle of the bike lane. This plan is an exciting concept and we hope that the details come together down the road with

funding, that kind of thing so it could be a smooth ride for everyone with traffic calming, more people biking and walking. This should go along with the Climate Action Plan. Thank you for supporting it and thank you to Darlene Heller and Ben Guthrie that worked hard on the plan. The connector trail of the South Bethlehem Greenway in Hellertown would be a huge benefit to the city and to the region as a connector and he hope that can move along and that the railroad can see the light to help out. He added that with Lutheran Manor and Westgate Drive by Muhlenberg Hospital is a great example of how we can have good high visibility crosswalks and pedestrian safety.

Walnut Street Parking Deck

George Kimball, 645 Main Street, informed he has pictures of the parking deck on Walnut Street. The parking deck on Walnut Street is in disrepair. He would like to give these pictures to Council he would then explain the pictures as he goes along. The first picture shows what you see when you go into the parking deck on Walnut Street. It is a piece of paper, there is nothing on it except when you come into the parking deck and when you leave you wave the barcode and that is how you pay. There is no information on it about what happens if your car is damaged in the parking deck. The second picture is the repairs that are being done in the parking deck. You see the steel rebar and it is all rotted out. They are taking small pieces of it, maybe 5 or 6 foot pieces and are replacing them. The rebar has two layers, the top layer and the bottom layer. In the picture you can see the bottom layer is rotted out. The rebar is what keeps the concrete from breaking apart. The next picture is the steel beams that are holding up the ceiling and you can see how rusted out they are. This rust did not happen overnight. Mr. Kimball pointed out the way they are repairing that concrete with the rebar that is rusted out is that they have a wheelbarrow and a couple of bags of quickset that they are mixing in a wheelbarrow and pouring it into the hole. He gave these pictures to the Mayor's office; he gave them to the building inspector. He has another picture with the steel beams rusted on top of the cars. When they get wet with dampness or whatever it goes down and it lands on the cars. The last picture is of an exit door and it is missing the panic bar. This is an exit door with no panic bar. What a panic bar does is that you hit the panic bar and it releases the lock so you can open up the door, an exit door. That is the way the maintenance is being done on that Walnut Street Parking Deck. They get away with it because they have a statement that says they are not responsible for any damage done to a car. What they are talking about is if someone comes in, you park your car and somebody comes along and does not like the way you park your car and breaks your window. The Parking Authority is not responsible for that person breaking your window but they are responsible if they know before you even park in the deck that the beams are rusted and the drip from the beams will go on your car and damage your car. You cannot sue them and cannot get your money but he feels that you can because they know beforehand that when you park in the deck that your car will be damaged if you park under one of those beams. Mr. Kimball believes this is unsafe. The way they are repairing the concrete is great for a sidewalk but not for a parking deck where you have many cars. There are two apartments that were built in Florida, one was taken care of maintenance wise and the building is fine, the other one had no maintenance and there was a swimming pool that was leaking water into the basement, the water got into the concrete and rusted out the rebar and when it rusts it expands. It broke the concrete apart and had chunks of concrete off of the columns, those gave out and the building fell down. Mr. Kimball tried to find out who the engineer was and what his recommendations were because all those beams should be been painted. If you go under any bridge all the beams are painted but in those pictures that steel is not painted. They did not protect the steel.

Loud Cars

Bill Scheirer, 1890 Eaton Avenue, remarked that a few years ago Mr. Callahan brought up the subject of these little cars with manual transmissions driven by young men who have some sort of after-market device that makes them loud. He added that Police Chief DiLuzio at the time said these were after-market devices and were legal. They seem to be reproducing because he sees more and more of them all the time. In fact the other day there were three of them, one after the other going up Eaton Avenue. It is a quality of life issue and could even be a health issue. There is one that is louder than the others. Even if they do not cause any heart attacks it is a quality of life issue to have to endure that gratuitous noise. Mr. Scheirer would like to propose a resolution to our Representatives in Harrisburg. That resolution would encourage those Republicans in Harrisburg to do something useful instead of trying to undo the election all the time. Maybe something could be handled at the state level. He believes this is something worth doing and something to think about.

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. *Director of Purchasing – 2021 Vehicle and Equipment Auction*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated October 6, 2021 from Sandra Steidel, Director of Purchasing to which is attached a list of vehicles and equipment to be sold at the next on-line auction to be held within the next 60 days.

President Waldron stated if Council has no objection the proposed listed; the same may be added to the on-line auction. If Council would like to discuss a specific item, the same shall be removed from the list and discussed at the next Council Meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. President Waldron queried if any Member of Council would like to discuss a specific item, have it removed from the list, and discussed at the next City Council Meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 2021.

President Waldron stated a memo will be sent to the Purchasing Director that City Council has no objections to the property listed.

- B. *Director of Public Works – Recommendation of Award – Uhrig Construction – Rodger's Street Facility Construction – General Contractor*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated October 13, 2021 from Michael Alkhal, Director of Public Works recommending a contract with Uhrig Construction Inc.-General Contractor for the Rodger's Street Facility Construction. The term is 180 days. The fee for the contract is \$1,547,052.08. There are no renewals.

President Waldron stated Resolution 10 A is on the agenda.

- C. *City Solicitor – Use Permit Agreement – Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce by and through its Downtown Bethlehem Association – 2021 Christmas City Village – Christmas Huts on Main*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated October 13, 2021 from City Solicitor – William P. Leeson, Esq. with an attached resolution and associated Use Permit Agreement for the 2021 Christmas City Village – Christmas Huts on Main Street from October 25, 2021 to January 7, 2022. The permittee is Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, by and through its Downtown Bethlehem Association. The covered premises is Main Street sidewalk right-of-way in front of 531 Main Street; and city property along Main Street adjacent to the Moravian Blacksmith Shop.

President Waldron stated Resolution 10 B is on the agenda.

- D. *Director of Water and Sewer Resources – Recommendation of Award – Univar USA, Inc. – Purchase of Hydrofluosilicic Acid for Filtration Plant*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated October 14, 2021 from Edward Boscola, Director of Water and Sewer Resources, recommending a contract with Univar USA, Inc. for the purchase of Hydrofluosilicic Acid for the City Filtration Plant. The term runs from December 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022. The cost is \$37,149. There is an option to renew the contract for three (3) additional one (1) year terms where the unit price is negotiable for each one year term. If exercised, the total estimated additional amount would be \$148,596.00.

President Waldron stated Resolution 10 C is on the agenda.

- E. *Director of Water and Sewer Resources – Recommendation of Award – JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. – Purchase of Gas Chlorine for Filtration Plant and WWTP*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated October 14, 2021 from Edward Boscola, Director of Water and Sewer Resources, recommending a contract with JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. for the purchase of gas chlorine for the Filtration Plant. The term runs from December 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022. The cost is \$187,550. There is an option to renew the contract for three (3) additional one (1) year terms where the unit price is negotiable for each one year term. If exercised, the total estimated additional amount would be \$750,200.

President Waldron stated Resolution 10 D is on the agenda.

- F. *Communication and Resolution for a Contract removed per Edward Boscola, Director of Water and Sewer Resources*
- G. *Director of Water and Sewer Resources – Recommendation of Award – Univar USA, Inc. – Purchase of Sodium Hydroxide Diaphragm Grade for Filtration Plant*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated October 14, 2021 from Edward Boscola, Director of Water and Sewer Resources, recommending a contract with Univar USA, Inc. for the purchase of sodium hydroxide diaphragm grade for the Filtration Plant. The term runs from December 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022. The cost is \$161,626. There is an option to renew the contract for three (3) additional one (1) year terms where the unit price is negotiable for each one year term. If exercised, the total estimated additional amount would be \$646,504.

President Waldron stated Resolution 10 F is on the agenda.

H. *Director of Water and Sewer Resources – Recommendation of Award – USALCO, LLC – Purchase of Liquid Aluminum Sulfate for Filtration Plant*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated October 14, 2021 from Edward Boscola, Director of Water and Sewer Resources, recommending a contract with USALCO, LLC for the purchase of liquid aluminum sulfate for the Filtration Plant. The term runs from December 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022. The cost is \$54,380.80. There is an option to renew the contract for three (3) additional one (1) year terms where the unit price is negotiable for each one year term. If exercised, the total estimated additional amount would be \$217,523.20.

President Waldron stated Resolution 10 G is on the agenda.

7. REPORTS

A. *President of Council*

B. *Mayor*

1. *Administrative Order – Lee Snyder – Codes Board of Appeals*

Mayor Donchez reappointed Lee Snyder to membership on the Codes Board of Appeals effective through October, 2024. Dr. Van Wirt and Ms. Crampsie Smith sponsored Resolution No. 2021-177 to confirm the reappointment.

Voting AYE: Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 4. The Resolution passed.

2. *Administrative Order – Tomacene Nickens – Civil Service Board*

Mayor Donchez reappointed Tomacene Nickens to membership on the Civil Service Board effective through October, 2025. Dr. Van Wirt and Ms. Crampsie Smith sponsored Resolution No. 2021-178 to confirm the reappointment.

Voting AYE: Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 4. The Resolution passed.

3. *Administrative Order – Donna Taggart – Bethlehem Revitalization and Improvement Authority*

Mayor Donchez reappointed Donna Taggart to membership on the Bethlehem Revitalization and Improvement Authority effective through October, 2026. Dr. Van Wirt and Ms. Crampsie Smith sponsored Resolution No. 2021-179 to confirm the reappointment.

Voting AYE: Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 4. The Resolution passed.

C. *Committee of the Whole – (President Waldron)*

President Waldron announced we had a Committee of the Whole Meeting this evening, October 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm in Town Hall to discuss the 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program. The meeting was for informational purposes only and there were no votes.

8. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

A. *Bill No. 28-2021 – Amend 2021 General Fund Budget – Adjustments*

The Clerk read Bill No. 28-2021 – Amend 2021 General Fund Budget – Adjustments sponsored by Mr. Colón and Mr. Waldron and titled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM,
COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING
THE 2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Voting AYE: Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 4. Bill No. 28-2021 now known as Ordinance No. 2021-27 was passed on Final Reading.

B. *Bill No. 30-2021 – Amend 2021 Community Development Block Grant Budget - Adjustments*

The Clerk read Bill No. 30-2021 – Amend 2021 Community Development Block Grant Budget – Adjustments sponsored by Mr. Colón and Mr. Waldron and titled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM,
COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING
THE 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
BUDGET

Voting AYE: Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 4. Bill No. 30-2021 now known as Ordinance No. 2021-28 was passed on Final Reading.

9. NEW ORDINANCES

None.

10. RESOLUTIONS

- A. *Approve Contract – Uhrig Construction – Rodger’s Street Facility Construction – General Contractor*

Dr. Van Wirt and Ms. Crampsie Smith sponsored Resolution No. 2021-180 that authorized to execute a contract with Uhrig Construction Inc., general contractor for the Rodger’s Street Facility Construction.

Voting AYE: Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 4. The Resolution passed.

- B. *Approve Use Permit Agreement – Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce by and through its Downtown Bethlehem Association – 2021 Christmas City Village – Christmas Huts on Main*

Dr. Van Wirt and Ms. Crampsie Smith sponsored Resolution No. 2021-181 that authorized to execute a Use Permit Agreement with Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, by and through its Downtown Bethlehem Association, for the 2021 Christmas City Village – Christmas Huts on Main Street event.

Voting AYE: Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 4. The Resolution passed.

- C. *Approve Contract – Univar USA, Inc. – Purchase of Hydrofluosilicic Acid for the Filtration Plant*

Dr. Van Wirt and Ms. Crampsie Smith sponsored Resolution No. 2021-182 that authorized to execute an agreement with Univar, USA, Inc. for the purchase of Hydrofluosilicic Acid for the city Filtration Plant.

Voting AYE: Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 4. The Resolution passed.

- D. *Approve Contract – JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. – Purchase of Gas Chlorine for Filtration Plant and WWTP*

Dr. Van Wirt and Ms. Crampsie Smith sponsored Resolution No. 2021-183 that authorized to execute a contract with JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. for the purchase of gas chlorine for the Filtration Plant and WWTP.

Voting AYE: Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 4. The Resolution passed.

- E. *Contract removed per Edward Boscola, Director of Water and Sewer Resources*

- F. *Approve Contract – Univar USA, Inc. – Purchase of Sodium Hydroxide Diaphragm Grade for Filtration Plant*

Dr. Van Wirt and Ms. Crampsie Smith sponsored Resolution No. 2021-184 that authorized to execute a contract with Univar USA, Inc. for the Purchase of Sodium Hydroxide Diaphragm Grade for the Filtration Plant.

Voting AYE: Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 4. The Resolution passed.

G. *Approve Contract – USALCO, LLC – Purchase of Liquid Aluminum Sulfate for Filtration Plant*

Dr. Van Wirt and Ms. Crampsie Smith sponsored Resolution No. 2021-185 that authorized to execute a contract with USALCO, LLC for the Purchase of Liquid Aluminum Sulfate for the Filtration Plant.

H. *Certificate of Appropriateness – 14 West Church Street*

Dr. Van Wirt and Ms. Crampsie Smith sponsored Resolution No. 2021-186 that granted a Certificate of Appropriateness to paint their home and garage and reroof the garage at 14 West Church Street.

Voting AYE: Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 4. The Resolution passed.

I. *Certificate of Appropriateness – 415 High Street – Denial*

Ms. Crampsie Smith and Mr. Waldron sponsored Resolution No. 2021-187 that **denied** a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace an existing wood fence with an earth tone vinyl (PVC) fence.

President Waldron remarked that we do not often get denials from the HARB on subjects for 10 I and 10 J. He would agree with their assessments that both of these applications are inappropriate for the Historic District. As a note to Members of Council if you are in favor of the recommendation from HARB to deny the application a vote of aye would be in conjunction with the denial and would send that request back to the property owner and applicant to reconsider their application.

Voting AYE: Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 4. The Resolution passed.

J. *Certificate of Appropriateness – 232 East Wall Street – Denial*

Ms. Crampsie Smith and Mr. Waldron sponsored Resolution No. 2021-188 that **denied** a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace eleven windows. Five windows are located on the second floor and six windows are located on the third floor.

Voting AYE: Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 4. The Resolution passed.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Rescheduling First City Council Meeting in November to Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Mr. Callahan and Dr. Van Wirt moved to reschedule the first City Council Meeting in November to Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM in Town Hall, since Tuesday, November 2, 2021 is Election Day.

Voting AYE: Ms. Crampsie Smith, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 4. The Motion passed.

President Waldron stated the First City Council Meeting in November has been rescheduled to Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM in Town Hall.

National Housing Solution Workshop

Ms. Crampsie Smith stated she is thrilled to announce that Bethlehem has been selected to participate in a National Housing Solution Workshop. The New York University (NYU) Furman Center Housing Solutions Lab, Abt Associates, and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy recently announced that 5 localities have been selected to participate in the Housing Solution Workshop throughout the Country. This is a program that helps smaller mid-sized communities develop and implement comprehensive local housing strategies. The selections include Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Gallatin County, Montana, Huntsville, Alabama, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, and Pasco, Washington. Ms. Crampsie Smith noted senior officials from key housing agencies and regional partners in these communities will take part in a series of virtual sessions led by prominent housing experts and researchers. "There is innovation and energy coming from smaller mid-sized places to address housing affordability and other critical housing challenges" said Martha Galvez, Executive Director of the Housing Solutions Lab. The Housing Solutions Workshop will help connect and coordinate its efforts both within participating communities and among a national group of peers dealing with similar challenges. This is important, please note between 1960 and 2016 the national median income rose by 11% in real terms while the real value of median gross rent rose by 80%. Research shows that the growing rent burden on American households has real consequences. More stable affordable housing is associated with better outcomes related to health, education, and earnings. Ms. Crampsie Smith added that local governments have a major role to play in addressing this affordability crisis yet in contrast to the broad network of advocates, think tanks and researchers focus on federal housing policy, only a handful of organizations focus on helping local governments develop more effective local housing strategies. Moreover, large cities often dominate the conversations about local housing even though 85 million people in the cities between 50,000 and 500,000 people. The selected communities were chosen through following a national call for applications that generated a number of competitive applications. The process included written submissions as well as an interview round with applicants who were ultimately selected to build a cohort of communities at similar stages of the planning process and representing a broad national geography. The workshop will begin on October 25, 2021 and run through November 18, 2021. The Housing Solutions Workshop will provide technical assistance, peer learning opportunities, and policy guidance for all of these challenges leveraging the extensive resources available on local housing solutions. The Bethlehem delegation will consist of Tina Roseberry and Alicia Karner from the Community and Economic Development Office, Willie Reynolds and Grace Crampsie Smith from City Council, Mark Ritter from New Bethany, and Alan Jennings, the former Executive Director of the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley. Ms. Crampsie Smith wanted to thank and commend our Community and Economic Development Office staff, especially Tina Roseberry and Alicia Karner for their efforts in applying for this program. Because of them we now have the opportunity to collaborate with other cities across the country as well as receive input from highly skilled housing experts that will assist us in developing a comprehensive housing strategy for our city so we can work towards a truly inclusive Bethlehem.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

ATTEST:

Robert G. Vidoni, Esq.
City Clerk