

**MINUTES
HAZLETON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021**

Call to Order: Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 via ZOOM Teleconferencing. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance: A silent moment was taken followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Barletta-present; Colombo-present; Mundie-present; Sacco-present; Perry-present

Minutes of Previous Meetings: The minutes of the December 22, 2020 Special Meeting were approved unanimously.

Presentations/Proclamations/Communications: None

Bid Opening: None

Courtesy of the Floor (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY): Donald Leshko, 158 Johns Avenue, Hazleton, spoke of Resolution 2021-1. He said he gives his full support to Police Chief Brian Schoonmaker. Leshko said he is doing a wonderful job, works very well with his men and women, and also works well with the other City departments and agencies. He said everyone needs to give their full support. Leshko said Schoonmaker has brought the police department “along” and works well for the citizens and the safety of everyone. Leshko told city council members to give him a vote of confidence.

Mark Rabo, 1st Street, Hazleton, spoke of Resolution 2021-1-Confirmation of Appointment of Chief of Police. He wished him, “God speed”, and it is about time city council votes to appoint him permanently. Rabo also voiced his support for Mr. Paletski on the Zoning Hearing Board. He also wished the three new Hazleton police officers, “God speed”, and wished them well on their journey as Hazleton City Police Officers.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

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(1ST READING)

(2ND AND 3RD READINGS)

Ordinance 2020-36

An Ordinance of the City of Hazleton Rescinding Ordinance 2013-12 (as Amended by 2015-3) Entitled an Ordinance Adopting the Quality of Life and Violations Ticket Process in the City of Hazleton and Rescinding Ordinance 2012-7 (2nd **READING**)

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Barletta.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mundie-yes; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

ORDINANCE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY ON 2nd READING.

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An Ordinance of the City of Hazleton Rescinding Ordinance 2013-12 (as Amended by 2015-3) Entitled an Ordinance Adopting the Quality of Life and Violations Ticket Process in the City of Hazleton and Rescinding Ordinance 2012-7 (3rd **READING**)

Presented by Colombo. Seconded by Sacco.

On the Question:

Atty. Logsdon said he is still working on their plan, going forward, to put together a replacement for this ordinance. He stated they need to get code “where they need to be” with some smaller violations. He said the Quality-of-Life Ordinance is good, but this ordinance was not working for the City. Atty. Logsdon stated he will have the revised ordinance, ready for city council, for an upcoming WORK SESSION meeting.

Perry said a City resident sent in some information about city council talking about the Quality-of-Life Ordinance. He said this could be brought up, at that point, and discussed. Perry said he hopes it takes care of a lot of the City’s problems. He stated the City needs to “move on this issue”. Atty. Logsdon said he will “touch base” with Charlie Pedri of the Code Department to get their feedback on everything. He said this will be something the Code Department could enforce.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mundie-yes; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

ORDINANCE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2021-1

Confirmation of Appointment of Chief of Police -
Brian Schoonmaker

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Colombo.

On the Question:

Perry said this is long-time coming for him. Perry thank Schoonmaker for all he has done for a long time in his communication skills. He concurred what Leshko stated about Schoonmaker. Perry stated he has been working, for the City of Hazleton, for a long time.

Barletta thanked Schoonmaker for all his communications with city council. She said city council members appreciate this. Barletta said this is a nice change of pace. She stated the first time he

sat down with city council members, he proved to the guys, staff, and city council that he was “fit for the job.” She said she is happy he is someone who is here for the City’s residents and will do what is best for the City. Barletta thanked Schoonmaker and welcomed him.

Mundie said Schoonmaker is doing a great job and is sure he will continue to do a great job. He wished Schoonmaker good luck and knows he will do fine.

Colombo congratulated Chief Schoonmaker and best of luck to him. He said, “keep moving forward”.

Sacco also congratulated Schoonmaker. She said it is well deserved. Sacco told him to, “keep up the good work”.

Schoonmaker thanked all for their sentiments. He said he will keep pushing forward as he has.

Perry said, “working together is the key”.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mundie-yes; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

RESOLUTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 2021-2

Approving and Hiring Police Officer in Accordance with
Police Civil Service Rules- Matthew Svoronos

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Sacco.

On the Question:

Perry said this is long-time coming with the City waiting to get more police officers. Perry congratulated all the new officers. He stated it is a great day when the City could hire more policemen.

Mundie asked how many police officers need training in ACT 120. Perry said they do not need training, they just need to finish. Schoonmaker said both Svoronos and Payne have ACT 120 certification, and the third officer, Yenifes Barranco Sanchez, is, currently, finishing her ACT 120, and her offer is conditional on finishing her testing process in the beginning of February. He said he will be looking to advertise, tomorrow, to continue filling the ranks.

Mundie asked if the City needs to pay for ACT 120. Schoonmaker said no. He said the only thing left, for the applicants, is the psychological testing, physical assessment and field training. Mundie asked if the City hires someone who has not had ACT 120 training, if the City would have to pay for it. Schoonmaker said, currently, the City’s Police Civil Service rules state they cannot hire anyone who does not have ACT 120 training or is not attending the “120 classes”. Mundie stated this is a good idea. He said in the past, the City did not have the money, to spare, to train these people. Perry said it cost the City money.

Perry said this is a great department and the City will get more people in this process.

Mundie asked if there is one girl being hired now. Schoonmaker said yes. He said she is from out of the area, bilingual, finishing the academy on the 1st of February, and extremely promising. Mundie said this is a good thing.

Barletta asked if any of the applicants are on the ZOOM call tonight. Schoonmaker said if they are attending, virtually, they would be under an acronym.

Perry said they will celebrate them later on.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mundie-yes; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

RESOLUTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 2021-3 Approving and Hiring Police Officer in Accordance with
Police Civil Service Rules - Dalton Michael Payne

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Sacco.

On the Question:

Perry stated there are not enough officers. He said he appreciates all they have done. Perry said it is not an easy task in preparing for this. He stated the list was “whittled” down to get the best. He said they will be a great addition to the police department.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mundie-yes; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

RESOLUTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 2021-4 Approving and Hiring Police Officer in Accordance with
Police Civil Service Rules - Yenifes Barranco Sanchez

Presented by Colombo. Seconded by Mundie.

On the Question:

Perry welcomed her to the ranks. He said diversity is great on the police force because the Community is diverse. He said this will be a benefit to all.

Mundie asked how many officers are bilingual. Schoonmaker said once she is added to the department, this will bring up it up to four police officers.

Perry asked if these officers still need to go through six months of training. Schoonmaker said correct. He said they will go through their field training program that is built in around the police department to learn how to do their report writing, learn the City, become familiar with the City, area, and residents. He said they will learn their policy, procedures and get acclimated to the department “itself”. Perry asked if they will be overseen or ride with other officers. Schoonmaker stated there are officers who have had specialized training to train other officers to bring them into their department. He said this program was started long before he was hired. Schoonmaker said they keep adding to it and is a great program for the officers.

Perry said that is good for the new officers to get “on board” and get acclimated.

Barletta asked what number this would bring the police officers roster to. Schoonmaker said it would bring it up to 42. She asked if Jerry Speziale is still on the list. Schoonmaker said the City still keeps him on certification. Schoonmaker said he is helping the City with some projects they are, currently, working on. Perry said Speziale is not, currently, being paid. Schoonmaker said correct. He stated Speziale is on a leave. Barletta asked if he has his ACT 120. Schoonmaker said yes.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mundie-yes; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

RESOLUTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 2021-5 Reappointment to the Zoning Hearing Board -
John Paletski

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Barletta.

On the Question:

Perry thanked Paletski for his work. He said it is a “thankless job” and has been doing this for a long time. He said he is glad he wants to “stick around” for three more years.

Mundie said he does a great job. He said it is a “thankless job”. He stated the City is lucky to have him and is good at what he does. He said when you approve zoning, there are “ten people who are happy, and ten people who want to kill you”. He said he hopes he does this for a long time. Mundie said the City needs the help.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mundie-yes; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

RESOLUTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Comments from the Audience: Mark Rabo, 1st Street, Hazleton, said it is concerning that the recent Seybert Street fire, that displaced 17 people, was on the Top 20 list for the Blighted Property Committee as the “worst of the worst”. Rabo stated, in the past, the McKinley Street property which burnt down, and was prolonged, had parents coming to the city council meeting because it was by a school bus stop for the children. He said the debris was smoldering. Rabo said the Seybert Street property has two adjoining properties on both ends of the property. He said Leshko would validate this. Rabo said this would further displace the people living in these two adjoining properties. Rabo asked Sean, Pedri, and the police chief to look into this property. He said there were prior code enforcement supervisors who admonished and cited the property owner with notices of violation. He asked if this could be attached, to the property, as well as the notification to the owner. Rabo said if the owner does not make good, in terms of either rehabbing or tearing down the property, because it looks like it is going to “keel” over, that ACT 90 needs to be initiated. He said Sean and the police chief could start this process because it takes a while to do this. Rabo said the City needs to get the request, to the district attorney, for the county, to sign off on this warrant. He said this needs to be explored. Rabo said if the City is using CD money to demolish the property, there needs to be an “end-use” to this property. He said the two end adjoining tenants are in danger of this property “keeling” over.

Perry asked if Leshko or Atty. Logsdon could address Rabo’s concerns.

Donald Leshko said the building will be coming down very soon. He stated the City did an emergency bid, on this property, due to the significant damage done. He said the roof collapsed, the third floor went into the second floor, the chimney is just “sitting there” and loose”, and the back of the building collapsed. Leshko said Tino Nocchi, City building & third-party inspector, was there at 8:00 a.m., the next morning, taking pictures of it. He said, through the weekend, he worked with Sean, Joe Zeller, Charlie Pedri, and Mayor Cusat and got a plan in place to get the building “down” and safe. He said it is a busy street with the close proximity of a church. He said the emergency bid was awarded to Franzosa. He said Franzosa is waiting on the gas to be turned off and the lateral sewer connection. Leshko said Pedri developed a “spect” and put it out, and stated Sean could align them on where the property is going.

Atty. Logsdon said he still needs to “touch base” on where the property is going next. He stated they did all the bid-out work and emergency approvals. He is finalizing some of the contract work to the contractor “so elected” but needs to “touch base” with Pedri on the future of the property.

Perry asked if there will be a lien on the property. Atty. Logsdon said, “oh, gosh yes”.

Barletta asked if the City could still do ACT 90. Atty. Logsdon asked if she means if the building has come down. Barletta said this could pay for the lien. She said the lady who owned the property, on McKinley Street, had to pay \$30,000. Perry said the property was taken down, but everything was not removed on this property.

Perry asked Leshko if the adjoining properties are okay. Leshko said yes. He said their insurance companies are working on them and the apartment building is close to getting their tenants back in there. He said his department did an excellent job that night. He said the 570-side is separated by about 10 inches and the 562-564-side is separated by 1 foot. He said fire did get into each side there, but the guys and ladies did an excellent job in containing the fire. Leshko stated the insurance companies, for both properties, have been in already and repairs are being made to 570. He said the apartment building needs some exterior cosmetic work done and getting their power re-established. Leshko said, on Sunday, and with Tino Nocchi there, they were working on getting electrical contractors to get people back in there. Perry stated there is a big barrier around the building is fenced-off.

Barletta asked when will the building be taken down since it is an emergency. Leshko said he spoke to the contractor this morning and they are waiting for a marking on the sewer lateral. He said they are also waiting for the confirmation, from UGI, that the gas was terminated from the building. He said PP&L “cut

the power” that evening. He said everything established, with this building, was removed, the next morning, from the fire. Leshko said UGI had everything off but wanted to make sure everything was terminated before the construction starts to not cause any other issues.

Barletta asked where the money would come from, either General Fund or Community Development. Atty. Logsdon said Community Development. Barletta asked if this includes “take-down and removal”. Leshko said it will be taken-down, removal and back to level. She asked what the total cost was. Atty. Logsdon stated \$19,000. He said he could “shoot them all over” to her. He said there were a total of four bidders.

Comments from Mayor: None-absent.

Comments from City Administrator: None- absent.

Comments from Council: Mundie commended the Police Chief and police officers in apprehending the murder suspect in the recent City’s murder of Mr. Patel. He said they did a great job, and Stephanie will do a great job of prosecuting him. He asked Schoonmaker if he was charged with first-degree murder. Schoonmaker said he was charged, this morning, arraigned on an open count of criminal homicide. He said Lieutenant Gallagher, narcotics officers, the crime unit, and down to the patrol officers were unbelievable and never stopped. He said none of them stopped, and had officers volunteering as much as they could. He said he had officers translating. He said his officers were fantastic. Perry said it was a heinous crime, and terrible. Mundie asked if he will be charged, eventually, with first-degree murder because it was during a holdup. Schoonmaker said it is up to the district attorney’s office. He said it is an open count of criminal homicide as well as the varying charges that fit the criteria right now. Mundie asked if first-degree murder charges would include a death penalty case. Schoonmaker said as it progresses, Stephanie will keep him updated on the charges. Mundie said they did a great job. Perry said the City could feel safe.

Colombo thanked the police chief and HPD for making the City safe. He said the Hazleton Fire Department did an excellent job on the recent Seybert Street fire.

Colombo said West Hazleton has lost a great mentor of the fire department, not only in his company, but in the borough. He said Leshko will add to this. He said the City’s thoughts and prayers go out to the Ward Family.

Mundie said Bob was a great guy and did a great job. He said 71 years old was too young and was terrible what happened to him.

Leshko said Chief Ward was an instrumental person and a legend in the fire service in this area. Leshko said he worked very closely, with him, in training. He said he was a great guy. Leshko said when the City signed the cooperation agreement with West Hazleton borough, Ward was retired but excited it happened. He sent condolences to his wife Shirley and his children. He said they will give him a proper send off on Saturday. He said planning his funeral, this week, West Hazleton and Hazle Township have been working together. Leshko said this was his vision and loved to see this. Perry said this is a great tribute to him and expected him to always be there.

Leshko said he spoke to him two days before he died.

Barletta said it is a big loss, and Ward was a great guy. She thanked the police department in solving the murder case. She also thanked the fire department for their work. She said the year has started off crazy.

She asked if city council will be having a WORK SESSION. Perry said it is not considered a WORK SESSION but will discuss the City's payroll preparation tax and the applications for the authority appointments. Barletta said she wants to discuss setting some goals for this year, things that city council needs to accomplish with everyone giving their input and their thoughts going forward.

Barletta asked if Speziale is Civil Service. She said she does not remember hiring him, but only confirming his appointment as chief. Schoonmaker said he needs to look into this, sit down with the Civil Service board and pull his records to see what is going on there.

Sacco (*inaudible*).

Perry thanked the Hazleton Police and Fire Department's for all their hard work. He said they take for granted what they do and how hard they work. Perry said they are thankful for having them and having the security in the City. He said they could "bank on them" being there for the City.

Perry asked Barletta and Sacco how the Hometown Heroes program is going. Sacco said when it is all "said and done", there is a solid 50. Perry asked if they are two-year banners. Sacco said yes. Perry said the City will see this program grow as they start going up. He said people will want them. Sacco said people would like either their father or grandfather's picture to go up. She said the pictures that are going up are cool. She said they are older and dated. Sacco said it is a good program. Perry thanked Sacco and Barletta for all their hard work. Perry said it is great the City could pick this up and is another "feather in the cap" for the City. Perry said Colombo is always there for our veterans.

Perry said the City Clerk has uploaded the application, for the authority board positions, to the City of Hazleton's website. He said Sam Galski could put this "out there" for anyone to apply. Perry said city council will also put this on their Facebook page. Perry said people could apply for one or both positions. He stated there are two openings for the Hazleton Sewer Authority and one for the Hazleton City Authority. Perry said if someone has already applied, they do not have to reapply. He said if they want their names removed, they could tell the City Clerk, and it will be removed. Perry said when they do get a finalized list, they could send it out to everybody to make an informed decision. Perry said there is no rush. He stated the City wants to "open it up" for everybody to apply. He said the City does not interview applicants as Luzerne County does. He said the City does not have a 11-member board. He said the City does not make a decision the first week. He said they will follow this as an outline for applications. Perry said city council will close the process by the end of January.

Perry said he, Atty. Logsdon, Mayor Cusat, PEL representatives, and DCED had a meeting, last week, in replacing the mercantile tax in the City. Perry stated the meeting lasted about 20 minutes. He said they received good guidance on what the process is because Scranton has gone through the process. Perry stated the City will work with Jim Hunt of the Berkheimer Tax Office. He said the City needs to get a set rate, petition to the court, and adopt an ordinance. He said even though the City could get approval, it does not mean the City has to do it. Perry said it will not hurt to have the approval from the court. Perry stated Atty. Logsdon wants to "tie this in" with the EIT petition he is doing. He said it requires gross revenue and gross payroll. Perry said Sean will have to do his homework to come up "with a number". He stated it could increase if payroll increases, and get more, but cannot make more than in previous years.

Atty. Logsdon said this is 100% correct. He will work with Lynch and try to figure out what the City will be looking at. He said he needs to analyze, into the future, with some new developments coming in. He said this might keep it into a good position. He said he would do this in conjunction with the EIT approval petition, getting assigned to the same judge, and getting orders signed at the same time. He said he will sit down with Lynch to see if it is worth doing. Atty. Logsdon said once it is approved, they will need to decide if they want to implement it. Perry said it is early in the process. Perry asked Atty. Logsdon what percentage Scranton had. Atty. Logsdon said he was not sure. Perry said it may be something the City may not like. Perry said the City needs to fill "the hole" somewhere. Mundie said the City needs to look at everything. Barletta asked if the payroll preparation tax goes after the residents working in Hazleton.

Atty. Logsdon said yes. Barletta asked if the City “does away with it”, they would never be allowed to bring the mercantile back. Atty. Logsdon said yes. Mundie concurred. He said if the City “does away with it”, it is done. Barletta asked if Lynch would be the one to show council the numbers. Perry said Lynch has to review the numbers with Hunt. Perry said Hunt will give the City all the information because he worked with the City of Scranton. He said Hunt will give them all the details to make an informed decision. Mundie said Jim Hunt will have the numbers because everyone sends in the payroll reports to him and knows the payroll of everyone. Perry said Scranton had a lot of businesses and where not sure who needed to pay this tax. He said the “ball is rolling” and have contacted Hunt. Atty. Logsdon said the “ball is rolling”. Barletta asked if there will be a WORK SESSION that Hunt would come to or a SPECIAL meeting. Perry said he “assumes so”. Atty. Logsdon said they will “take it” to a WORK SESSION and dedicate the whole WORK SESSION to this issue so everyone is not here “all night”. Perry said that Mayor Cusat stated the City has 9,700 taxable businesses. Atty. Logsdon said he wrote down the same number. Mundie said that is a lot of businesses. Perry asked if everyone pays the mercantile tax. He said Sacco is a business owner. He said she needs to “weight the cost” of what the cost is for the mercantile tax is and start a payroll tax. Perry said it has got to be better than paying on the gross revenue. Mundie said Scranton is just adopting this and Hunt should know if it helps or hurts other cities. Perry said PEL representatives are “up on this” information and could explain this at a WORK SESSION meeting.

Barletta said this past year, with COVID-19, a lot of things were not accomplished. She asked Atty. Logsdon where the City is with the Land Bank. She said council could wait for Mayor Cusat to respond on this. Atty. Logsdon agreed. He said they need to ask Mayor Cusat about this.

Perry said city council could “put their heads together” and come up with what their priorities are. He said they could come up with a list and discuss this at a WORK SESSION meeting. Barletta asked how the Code Department is going. She said, in 2021, the City needs to focus on blight and code issues. She stated this could be discussed at the next WORK SESSION meeting. She stated she pulled “some stuff” from Easton and it seems like it works well with them. She said she will “shoot over” an email to Atty. Logsdon to see if it will work or not and discuss at the WORK SESSION meeting.

Perry said cleaning up the City is important for them, maximizing the code, and utilizing the Land Bank. Perry said the City has the streets under control now. He said the City has new police and fire vehicles. Perry said it is important, for the City, to look at refinancing. Perry said he is starting to make a list, prioritize them, stick to them, cross them off and get them done.

Atty. Logsdon said all magistrate hearings, in the county, have all been continued. He said he is getting hearing dates that are being pushed back to May, 2021. He said this may have some effect, on code, going forward. He stated everything will start getting backed up. He stated Judge Zola works hard and moves his docket. Atty. Logsdon said being off for two months, this month and next month, might affect the City filing code cases and getting “pushed out”.

Atty. Logsdon also reminded everyone about agenda deadlines. He said anyone from administration, council, or the public that needs something out on the agenda to please get it in by the deadline. Atty. Logsdon said they are going to keep a stricter deadline in 2021. He said the City needs more of a notice and not on a Friday at 10:00 a.m. He said if anyone wants to sit down and talk to him, he tries to come to City Hall, all day, on Fridays, and is available then.

Perry said Atty. Logsdon has sent to city council members a new eminent domain ordinance for Hazleton Creek. Atty. Logsdon wanted to give the council members a “sneak preview” on it. He said if Hazleton Creek needs it sooner than January 26, 2021, city council may need to have a SPECIAL meeting. He stated they will deal with this, as necessary. He said, if not, this will be on the city council meeting

agenda, on January 26, 2021, for the first reading. He stated without getting “way, way, way deep into it”, there are a couple of properties, identified, that the developer could not successfully obtain. He said they are looking for the City to exercise eminent domain power in regard to the construction of stormwater and traffic improvements. He stated, reviewing the agreement, they will be covering the cost for it and anything he is doing, on it, will be separate, for any court costs and engineering costs. He said the last time the City has done this was back in 2012 or 2014. Atty. Logsdon said he will give council members all the documents to review. He said he sent a plot plan with a red outline that they are talking about in eminent domain. He said there is a whole legal process for filing and taking, and a process that goes on afterwards. Perry asked if they get fair-market value. Atty. Logsdon said yes. He said it could become a “battle of the experts” as to what the value of the property is and how the property owner responds. He said the City would put into an escrow amount, with the prothonotary’s office, of what the City determines to be a fair-market value of the property. He said if nothing is filed by the landowners, then that would be the value of the property. He said there is a process, to go through, if they want to contest this. He said there would be a board review if it would go through into litigation. Atty. Logsdon said the City is not taking the property without paying just compensation. Atty. Logsdon stated that is what the City will pay. Perry said they want to get moving by the spring and it might set them back because it takes a while for the process.

Mundie explained how eminent domain works. He stated eminent domain allows the City to take anyone’s property. Mundie stated they cannot do anything to stop this. He said they could argue, to a board review, the cost of the property. Perry said this is scary. He said the City could be taken to court. Mundie said one example, in Carbon County, where a resident sued them for \$100,000 and for the municipality going through his preserve for the pipeline. He said the resident was awarded \$2,000. Atty. Logsdon said people take a gamble when going in there and contesting the value, and the board of reviews comes back, and is much lower than the offer was from the governmental agency. Mundie asked if they put any limits on it. Atty. Logsdon said they are paying all the costs as part of the agreement. Mundie said if the City would have to pay the costs, it would be a problem. Atty. Logsdon said it will be in an escrow account that will be established to make sure the City is not forwarding costs they are not supposed to be. Mundie asked how much land it consists of. Perry said it is Yamulla and Craigs properties with a third property. Atty. Logsdon said the condemnation area proposed is 69,909 square feet and 1.604 acres. Mundie asked if this is for all of the properties. Atty. Logsdon said the property is partially owned by Hazleton Creek, partially by Yamulla, and partially by Craig. Perry said, currently, it is non-usable. Mundie said the board review is good and has good people. Atty. Logsdon said he should have put these on the WORK SESSION items, but felt it is all public.

Perry asked the City Clerk to send the eminent domain ordinance to Sam Galski, reporter for the Standard-Speaker. She said yes.

Perry said the City has received approval for a TAN note. He said the 2018 audit, for the City of Hazleton, is finished and they are starting 2019’s audit. He said the City’s Cost Allocation and Parking grants are moving along. He said Sean is moving along with the code book. Atty. Logsdon said he answered General Code’s comments and questions, is filling in the blanks, for them, and hopefully, will get a new draft from them.

Perry said the City meets with PEL representatives every Monday. He said the next PEL meeting will be on January 25th, @ 1:00 p.m. due to Martin Luther King Day. He stated the next city council meeting will be on January 26th. He said he appreciates everyone being on the call tonight.

Comments from Junior Council: None.

Adjournment: Perry motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

