

**MINUTES
HAZLETON CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

Council met for a WORK SESSION on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 in Council Chambers and via ZOOM Teleconferencing. The WORK SESSION began at 7:16 p.m.

In attendance were City Council President James Perry, Vice-President Anthony Colombo, Allison Barletta, Lauren Sacco and Jack Mundie. City Officials present were Mayor Cusat, Atty. Sean Logsdon, Dan Lynch and Fire Chief Donald Leshko.

Perry said on the WORK SESSION agenda are items: Land Bank appointments, ATV Appeals Board, Accepting Donations Resolution and Stormwater Ordinance.

Mayor Cusat spoke of the Land Bank appointments. He said he has his “two” ready, Housing Authority is voting on their appointments, and the Redevelopment Authority has a meeting coming up and will vote on theirs. He stated they need to reorganize, and the Chairman of the Redevelopment is on it. He said they would like to get the two city council appointments at the next council meeting so they could transfer from the temporary to the full-time board. Mayor Cusat said the deed should be in, shortly, and would like the new board to be able to put it up for sale to take care of this transaction. He said this should fund the Land Bank, moving forward, for about one or two years. Perry said the board will do everything. Mayor Cusat said they want to get everything working and “in place” before the next sale. He said there is enough, to move forward, with his two appointments. Barletta asked Mayor Cusat who his two appointments are. Mayor Cusat said Gary Perna is one of his appointments. Perry asked what appointment was made from the Housing Authority. Mayor Cusat said they need to vote on this. He said it would be good to have a realtor, zoning experience or someone who is in construction. Barletta asked if there are any requirements for the board. Mayor Cusat said the only restriction is a public official cannot be on the board. Perry stated Sam Galski, Standard Speaker reporter, could put this “out there” in the newspaper. He said anyone interested could call the City Clerk. Atty. Logsdon said he will prepare the resolution with blanks, in it, to fill in their appointments. Sacco stated, “Peter DeMarco would be good”.

Mayor Cusat spoke of the ATV Appeals Board. He said they need to make sure that the three appointments were notified. He said they need to give them a time to hold their first meeting and pick a chairperson. Mayor Cusat stated they also need to get a procedural outline for the board. Bob Yevak, one of the appointments, said he is not going to do it. He said “that Nilles guy” has been a “thorn in his side” and they could put him on the board. Yevak said his next seat is on city council.

Mayor Cusat spoke of the City Accepting Donations Resolution. He said the City is receiving larger donations. He said if someone gives a large amount of money to be put towards a playground, and wants naming rights, they need to come up with an agreement where their name will stay on the park for some many years. Perry stated Atty. Logsdon will put a resolution “together”. Mayor Cusat said if someone gives the City \$100,000, they could pick whatever name the donator chooses, and stays there for about 30 years. He stated when City administration changes, the rules may change. Barletta asked if Atty. Logsdon has put “something together” yet for council to review. Atty. Logsdon stated no. He said they wanted to bring this up for discussion. He said they were going through the whole “gamut” of tangible items that are donated. He said they want to encourage items to be donated to the City. Mayor Cusat said if someone donates a bench, and the City decides to remove it, the bench should go back to the donator.

Atty. Logsdon spoke of the Stormwater Ordinance. He said he is still awaiting on the fees and the resolution numbers need to be adjusted. He said they may have the public hearing for the next city council meeting. He said they would have enough time to advertise it. Perry asked what fees the City is

looking at. Mayor Cusat said Barry Isett was looking to utilize fees from other municipalities. He said the City's fees are ten years old and need to be adjusted. Atty. Logsdon stated this is a simple ordinance. He said he will put the Stormwater Ordinance on the next council agenda for the first reading vote. He said it is simple and there will not be fees assessed to every City resident. He said it is not a "rain" tax. He stated it has to do with land development and stormwater management.

Perry adjourned the WORK SESSION meeting at 7:23 p.m.