

CITY OF MCKEESPORT
WORKSHOP MEETING

WEDNESDAY

6:30 P.M.

JULY 7, 2021

The Work Session portion of the Council Meeting was called to order on the above-stated date by President of Council Richard Dellapenna.

Secretary James read the following proposed Bills:

Bill #36 - Introduced by Keith Soles – A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Recognizing the Mon River Fleet Lions Club as a Civil and/or Service Association Under the Local Options Small Games of Chance Act, as Amended.

Mayor Cherepko said this is just our standard when any non-profit applies for their small games of chance, they need to be authorized by the City Council. We typically do this with all the non-profits, anytime someone applies for a small game of chance it needs to be authorized by City Council.

President Dellapenna asked for questions or comments and there were none.

Bill #37 –Introduced by Jim Barry – A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Approving a Subdivision Request from the Regional Industrial Development Corporation to Subdivide One (1) Parcel into Two (2) Parcels in RIDC Park. The Lot to be Divided is Known as Lot and Block 307-E-194, that Exhibits in an I-U Zoning District.

Mayor Cherepko said this is just a subdivision going from 1 parcel to 2 in RIDC Park. Solicitor Elash said I think this took the trail out of a parcel they are going to redevelopment and they never took the trail out.

President Dellapenna asked for any other questions and there were none.

Bill #38 –Introduced by Luethel Nesbit – A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Awarding the Bid for the Paving Project to El Grande Industries, Inc. and Authorizing the Proper City Officials to Execute All Documents Necessary to Enter Into An Agreement with El Grande Industries Inc. for an Amount Not To Exceed \$357,557.

Mayor Cherepko said this is our CDBG Paving Project for this year. I am very glad to say that it actually came well below what we anticipated as well. So, El Grande came in much lower and that's more money we have to allocate for a future CDBG Paving Project. This one is focusing on main thoroughfares such as Huey Street and Versailles Avenue, to mention a couple there, we need to continue to focus on those that are highly used.

President Dellapenna said thank you Mayor and asked for any other questions or comments and there were none.

Bill #39– Introduced by Brian Evans – A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Amending the Fiscal Year 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2019 CDBG Programs.

Mayor Cherepko said Jason I believe this is just cleaning up some odds and ends, this isn't like any major money from those years, is that correct?

Solicitor Elash said no, no, yes, it's just evening up the line items. If one went over a little bit, it moves money. If the project was under it takes that money and moves it to the next year. We always have to do this every once in a while, to clean up all the years and get everything read to go.

Mayor Cherepko said sometimes they tend to blend together, one CD Budget to the next and this is just like he said.

Solicitor Elash said I don't know the specific changes that were made on these but it was all suggested by our consultant.

President Dellapenna asked if anyone had questions regarding Bill 39 and there were none.

President Dellapenna called for Council Reports.

Council Reports

Mrs. Nesbit – I don't have any at this time.

Mr. Evans – nothing.

Mr. Barry – Yes, I wanted to thank all of you personally and especially the Mayor, Tommy, Jason, Jenn and everyone from the City who helped this thing come to

fruition. Friday at 1:00 p.m. we will formally be back in the Boys & Girls Club Building, 901 Ravine Street under the Foundation that we created last year which is the LaRosa Youth Development Foundation and I am just going to read our Community Commitment Statement because I think it's important.

The LaRosa Youth Development Foundation was created in 2020 to continue the 76 year legacy of Samuel R. LaRosa, his wife Bella, and their family's commitment to unselfishly serving the youth of McKeesport. LYDF is a Pennsylvania Corporation, 501C3 Non-Profit Entity established by the LaRosa family members and others who were mentored and positively influenced by Mr. LaRosa. Our goal is to provide first class enrichment opportunities and experiences to the kids of McKeesport. We aim to provide mentorship, programming and character building opportunities as Sam did since 1945. We have acquired the original Ravine Street building and property that Mr. LaRosa, with the help of prominent local business leaders at the time constructed in 1957. Sam's genuine passion for helping others set generations of young people on a successful path to adulthood using the foundational building blocks of integrity, trust, respect and love. Our mission is to simply continue the LaRosa Legacy and ensure those life-changing resources and a safe-place for kids to learn, play and just be kids is always accessible to McKeesport Youth.

Our hope is to start programming as soon as possible. Realistically looking at when the school year starts back up at the end of August or first of September but really encouraged by everything and I just want to say again, Thank You to Mayor Cherepko because quite honestly without him and Austin Davis and Jim Brewster, we are not having this conversation today and that club's closed permanently. So, again, thank all of you and I really appreciate it.

President Dellapenna said that you too.

Mr. Soles – nothing at this time.

Mrs. Lape – nothing.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Dellapenna said that concludes the Work Session portion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette James
City Clerk and Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

Richard Dellapenna
President of Council

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