



Agenda

To: City Council Members, Mayor Chris Frye
From: Stephanie A. Dean, City Clerk *S. Dean*
Date: 1/8/2021
Re: **January 12, 2021 Caucus Meeting will be held Virtually Via Zoom**

I. Meeting Schedule

The Caucus meeting begin at 6:30 pm (agenda items below).

II. Opening Exercises

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Roll Call

III. Announcements

The minutes of the December 30, 2020 meeting will be provided to you via email prior to the January 14, 2021 Council meeting for your review.

IV. Presentations

- a. Concession Stand at Gaston Park (Pat Amabile)

V. Public Comments

Public Comments must be related to items listed on the Caucus agenda and a form must be completed and submitted to the Council President prior to the start of the meeting. Forms are in Council Chambers for public access. Comments shall be limited to five minutes unless otherwise extended by the President of City Council in cases where a reasonable opportunity to comment cannot be provided within six minutes given the complexity of the subject matter.

For virtual meetings, public comments may be submitted on the City's website at newcastlepa.org/events prior to the start of the meeting to be read by Council President.

VI. Planning Commission Reports

- a. Don Enterprises, Inc.; Alley Vacation in the area of 307, 305 S. Walnut Street
- b. Ethel Wyant; Alley Vacation in the area of 412 Denver Avenue
- c. Kelly R. Pezzuolo; Conditional Use Request at 222 E. Elizabeth Avenue
- d. Pacific Islander Company; Conditional Use Request at 424 Sumner Avenue
- e. Yvonne M. Joseph; Conditional Use Request at 847 Arlington Avenue

VII. Petitions to Vacate Streets and Alleys

- a. None

VIII. Request to Bid

- a. 2021 City Demolitions – \$150,000

IX. Bids to Be Received and Opened

- a. None

X. Resolutions for Consideration

a. Act 47 Grant Application

The City to apply for an Act 47 Grant in the amount of \$175,000 that would fund an economic development specialist position that would answer to the New Castle CDC with oversight from DCED. This position would be recruited and earn \$50,000 per year for the next (3) three years. In addition, this grant would be to apply for \$25,000 for a study to be done by RECAST, a group that brings a small manufacturing business approach to downtown.

b. Act 47 Grant Contract (C000073354) Amendment

This grant for the Professional/Consultant for the Home Rule Study Commission awarded the contract to Public Partners, LLC. They have exhausted the amount of the contract and would like to remove the preparation of the administrative code, if Home Rule succeeds at the ballot, of their current contract. If the City agrees to amend this current contract and home rule is enacted by the voters, PFM has allotted hours within their budget to draft the administrative code.

In addition, Public Partners, LLC has closed its operations as of 12/31/2020 and has transitioned operations to the Allegheny League of Municipalities.

c. Repair to the Bucket Truck for Electrical Department

In accordance with Article 131, Fiscal Procedures, the Public Works Director has submitted a quote for the repairs of the Bucket Truck in the approximate amount of \$2,409.00 since this amount exceeds \$1,500.

d. Riverwalk Project, Right of Way Plan

A resolution is necessary to provide solicitor's with signature authority for the Riverwalk Right of Way Plan to include both Attorney Saad and Attorney Miller.

e. New Castle Library Board Appointments

The Mayor is recommending the following appointments for your consideration, as follows:

- Dr. Patricia Kardambikis, Philip Tramdack & Terri Squeglia

Letters are attached for your review.

XI. Resolutions on the Table

- a. None

XII. Ordinances for Consideration

- a. Article 329 – Panhandlers, Solicitors, and Transient Vendors
- b. Article 153 – Amend the Department of Code Enforcement

XIII. Ordinances on the Table; attached to caucus agenda for review.

- a. CB2020-43; Adding Article 184-Greater New Castle Recreation Authority introduced by Ms. Gavrilic at the 12/30/2020 City Council meeting. This can be acted on at later date, per Attorney Miller.

XIV. New Business

- a. None

XV. Executive Session

a. Personnel

b. Potential Litigation

- i. CDBG and HOMES Rehab Loans and Liens

c. Threatened Litigation