

CITY OF WEIRTON
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020
COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR
7:00 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MAYOR'S AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month – CASA and Comfort House
- Proclamation – Autism Awareness Month
- Proclamation – Fair Housing Month

CITIZENS' REMARKS

Executive Session shall be held only if a majority vote of the members of the governing body vote to hold an executive session and the items for consideration shall consist of any and all of those contained within West Virginia Code 6-9A-4

READING OF MINUTES

- March 9, 2020 – Regular Meeting
- March 23, 2020 – Public Hearing and Special Council Meeting

FINANCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. An Ordinance to Amend the Traffic Control Map Ordinance No. 214, to Place a 14-Foot Yellow Line Across from the Driveway at 201 North 15th Street, to be Centered in Front of the Mailbox With 7 Feet of Yellow Line on Each Side of the Mailbox. (Councilman Adams) (Tabled 03/09/2020)
2. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2120. An Ordinance to Amend the Traffic Control Map Ordinance No. 214, to Replace the Traffic Mirror at the Intersection of Euclid Avenue and Marland Heights Road, With the Mirror Facing Euclid Avenue. (Councilwoman Perrone)

NEW BUSINESS

1. An Ordinance Amending the Text of the Unified Development Ordinance Table 1. (City Manager)
2. An Ordinance to Amend the Traffic Control Map Ordinance No. 214, to Establish a Residential Disability Parking Space at 144 Phillips Street. (Councilman Weigel)
3. An Ordinance to Amend the Traffic Control Map Ordinance No. 214, to Establish a Residential Disability Parking Space at 208 North 15th Street. (Councilman Adams)
4. An Ordinance to Install Signs on Elmer Avenue that Read “Slow Down Autistic Children in the Area”. (Councilman Ash)
5. A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Northern Panhandle Home Consortium for the Period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. (City Manager)

6. A Resolution to Temporarily Freeze Spending on Projects and Donations due to Expected Loss of Revenue During the COVID-19 National Crisis. (Councilman Marsh, Councilman Fracasso)
7. A Resolution to Enter into Engineering Contract with The Thrasher Group, Inc. for MS4 Permit Assistance and Site Review and Inspection Services as Needed for the City of Weirton (Not to exceed \$60,000 without approval from Council). (City Manager)
8. To Consider and Act Upon a Proposed Water Supplemental Resolution Entitled: Supplemental Resolution Providing as to Principal Amount, Date, Maturity Date, Redemption Provision, Principal Payment Dates, Sale Price and Other Terms of the Construction Anticipation Notes, Series 2020 A (West Virginia Water Development Authority), of the City of Weirton; Ratifying and Approving a Loan Agreement Relating to Such Notes and the Sale and Delivery of Such Notes to the West Virginia Water Development Authority; Designating Depository Bank; and Making Other Provisions as to the Notes. (City Manager)
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APPOINTMENTS

Water Board

Councilwoman Flora Perrone (completing term for Councilman George Ash)
4/13/2020 through 12/31/2024

Weirton Transit Corporation

Councilwoman Flora Perrone
Continuous term starting 4/13/2020

Zoning Board

Mark Rice (Completing term for Kyle Wilson)
4/13/2020 through 12/31/2022

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

PRAYER

INFORMATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 13, 2020

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:55 p.m.

**MEETING MINUTES
WEIRTON CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Council Meeting
Weirton Municipal Building – Council Chambers
200 Municipal Plaza, Weirton, WV 26062

Monday, April 13, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Tim Connell, recited the opening prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Fred Marsh, called the meeting to order.

Assistant City Manager DeeAnn Pulliam, conducted roll call.

ROLL CALL

Mayor and Council Members in Attendance

Harold E. Miller	Mayor	ABSENT
Tim Connell	Councilmember Ward 1	
Mike Adams	Councilmember Ward 2	BY TELEPHONE
Fred S. Marsh	Councilmember Ward 3	
George E. Ash, Sr.	Councilmember Ward 4	BY TELEPHONE
Flora Perrone	Councilmember Ward 5	
Enzo Fracasso	Councilmember Ward 6	
Terry Weigel	Councilmember Ward 7	

City Officials in Attendance

Rob Alexander	Police Chief	
Butch Mastrantoni	Utilities Director	BY TELEPHONE
Kevin Himmelrick	Fire Chief	
Rik Rekowski	Library Director	BY TELEPHONE
Rod Rosnick	Public Works Director	BY TELEPHONE
Donna Gialluco	Weirton Transit Manager	BY TELEPHONE
Jessica Gumm	Planning and Development Director	BY TELEPHONE
W. Coty Shingle	Park Board Executive Director	BY TELEPHONE
Diana Smoljanovich	Finance Director	BY TELEPHONE
Matt Burskey	Code Official	BY TELEPHONE
Kimberly Long	City Clerk	BY TELEPHONE
DeeAnn Pulliam	Assistant City Manager	
Joseph DiBartolomeo	City Manager	
Vincent S. Gurrera, Esq.	City Attorney	
Pamela Wright	Employee Benefits	BY TELEPHONE

MAYOR'S AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

PROCLAMATION – Child Abuse Prevention Month

This proclamation was read by Assistant City Manager DeeAnn Pulliam and will be presented to both CASA and Comfort House.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Harold E. Miller, Mayor of the City of Weirton, West Virginia, do hereby proclaim April as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in the City of Weirton and honor the professionals, volunteers, and organizations who work tirelessly to protect at-risk children and care for those who have experienced abuse or neglect.*

PROCLAMATION – Autism Awareness Month

This proclamation was read by Councilwoman Flora Perrone.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Harold E. Miller, Mayor of the City of Weirton, do hereby proclaim April 2020, as "Autism Awareness Month" in support of this important initiative and urge our citizens and local business owners to learn more about autism, and find ways to support people with autism and their families and caregivers.*

PROCLAMATION – Fair Housing Month

This proclamation was read by Councilman Tim Connell.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Harold Miller, Mayor of the City of Weirton, Brooke and Hancock Counties, West Virginia, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2020, as "FAIR HOUSING MONTH" in the City of Weirton, West Virginia, and urge all of our residents to join in our efforts to affirm fair housing opportunities for all people.

READING OF MINUTES

March 9, 2020, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Two amendments were made to the March 9, 2020, Regular Council Meeting minutes by Councilman Fred Marsh.

Motion to Approve the March 9, 2020, Minutes as Amended:

Councilman Ash

Motion Approved: 7/0

March 23, 2020, Public Hearing and Special Council Meeting

Motion to Approve the March 23, 2020, Minutes: Councilman Weigel

Motion Approved: 7/0

FINANCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilman Fred Marsh – The Finance Committee met and approved 4 out of 7 items brought before them. Two items were related to a demo on Wood Street and the third item was for the purchase of two vehicles for the inspection department. These items were not approved. The Finance Committee will not recommend any purchases outside the realm of public safety at this time. The Thrasher Group resolution, the resolution to temporarily freeze spending, projections and donations because of the COVID-19 crisis, and the water and sewer supplemental resolutions to start the bond process, were approved by the Finance Committee to bring before Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

3. Second Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Traffic Control Map Ordinance No. 214, to Place a 14-Foot Yellow Line Across from the Driveway at 201 North 15th Street, to be Centered in Front of the Mailbox With 7 Feet of Yellow Line on Each Side of the Mailbox. (Councilman Adams) (Tabled 03/09/2020)

Motion to Remove the Item from the Table: Councilman Ash

Motion Approved: 7/0

Discussion took place and it was noted that agenda item number 3 under New Business might directly affect this item. It was confirmed that there would only be one reading of the ordinance under New Business Item 3, because it is related to a residential disability parking space. It was determined that Unfinished Business Item 1 should go back on the table pending the decision of New Business Item 3.

Motion to Place the Item Back on the Table: Councilman Adams

Motion Approved: 7/0

4. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2120. An Ordinance to Amend the Traffic Control Map Ordinance No. 214, to Replace the Traffic Mirror at the Intersection of Euclid Avenue and Marland Heights Road, With the Mirror Facing Euclid Avenue. (Councilwoman Perrone)

Motion to Approve: Councilwoman Perrone

Approved: 7/0

NEW BUSINESS

1. An Ordinance Amending the Text of the Unified Development Ordinance Table 1. (City Manager)

Discussion took place and it was explained that Mr. Edmund Dibacco wants to put an auto showroom on his property on West Street. Auto sales are not

currently permitted in the C-3 district. This ordinance to amend the text of the Unified Development Table 1 will allow for Permitted use of Automobile Rental/Sales in that district.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Ash
Motion Approved 7/0

2. An Ordinance to Amend the Traffic Control Map Ordinance No. 214, to Establish a Residential Disability Parking Space at 144 Phillips Street. (Councilman Weigel)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Weigel
Motion Approved 7/0 (Emergency)

3. An Ordinance to Amend the Traffic Control Map Ordinance No. 214, to Establish a Residential Disability Parking Space at 208 North 15th Street. (Councilman Adams)

Discussion took place regarding the approval process for residential disability parking spaces. A resident fills out an application and must provide a copy of their handicap placard and their driver's license. If the applicant has this information, it means that their doctor and the State have issued the placard, and there is no further need of medical evidence of their disability. If no placard, then we would request more information. The application is approved for a two year period. If the resident does not apply for renewal, the parking spot could be removed. If the resident pays \$40 to the city along with their application, then their placard number is put directly under the parking sign. If they don't pay the \$40, it will not be a dedicated spot for them, and anyone with a placard can park there. If they lose their placard, then the whole process starts all over again.

Motion to Approve: Councilman Fracasso
Motion Approved 7/0 (Emergency)

4. An Ordinance to Install Signs on Elmer Avenue that Read "Slow Down Autistic Children in the Area". (Councilman Ash)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Connell
Motion Approved 7/0 (Emergency)

5. A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Northern Panhandle Home Consortium for the Period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. (City Manager)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Fracasso
Motion Approved 7/0

6. A Resolution to Temporarily Freeze Spending on Projects and Donations due to Expected Loss of Revenue During the COVID-19 National Crisis. (Councilman Marsh, Councilman Fracasso)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Fracasso
Motion Approved 7/0

7. A Resolution to Enter into Engineering Contract with The Thrasher Group, Inc. for MS4 Permit Assistance and Site Review and Inspection Services as Needed for the City of Weirton (Not to exceed \$60,000 without approval from Council). (City Manager)

Motion to Approve: Councilman Fracasso
Motion Approved 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Ash
Motion Approved 7/0

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Motion to Approve: Councilman Ash
Motion Approved 7/0

APPOINTMENTS

Water Board

Councilwoman Flora Perrone (completing term for Councilman George Ash)
4/13/2020 through 12/31/2024

Councilwoman Flora Perrone will abstain from voting since she is the nominee.

**Motion to Accept the Appointment of Councilwoman Flora Perrone:
Councilman Weigel
Motion Approved 6/0
Abstained: Councilwoman Perrone**

Weirton Transit Corporation
Councilwoman Flora Perrone
Continuous term starting 4/13/2020

Councilwoman Flora Perrone will abstain from voting since she is the nominee.

**Motion to Accept the Appointment of Councilwoman Flora Perrone:
Councilman Weigel
Motion Approved 6/0
Abstained: Councilwoman Perrone**

Zoning Board
Mark Rice (Completing term for Kyle Wilson)
4/13/2020 through 12/31/2022

**Motion to Accept the Appointment of Mark Rice: Councilman Fracasso
Motion Approved 7/0**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

Police Department – Chief Alexander

Nothing to report.

Utilities – Water and Sewer – Butch Mastrantoni

Due to a recent storm with high winds, there was roof damage at the water treatment plant. We are currently working with the insurance company on repairs.

Fire Department – Chief Himmelrick

Nothing to report.

Library – Rik Rekowski

As of April 9, 2020, the West Virginia Library Commission has lifted the password requirement for WIFI.

Public Works – Rod Rosnick

Nothing to report.

It was asked about the water pooling and coming up onto the sidewalk in front of a residence on Starvaggi Drive. The only solution is to set another catch basin and run some pipe down Starvaggi Drive.

Weirton Transit – Donna Gialluco

Transit has moved their operations to the Saturday schedule to keep everyone safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Planning and Development – Jessica Gumm

A meeting was held with S2, Frontier property owners and city officials will be moving forward with reapplying for the FY 2020 Build Grant and the Industrial Access Road funds for the Frontier property relating to the planning of roadways outside of Route 2 where Main Street and Pennsylvania Avenue connect. **Councilman Marsh** requested that the process be started of reprogramming the \$2000 carryover from last year's CDBG to Comfort House under services.

Parks and Recreation – Coty Shingle

The Millsop Community Center is losing about \$1300/day and has laid off 35 part-time workers. The pool season will be in jeopardy this year.

Diana Smoljanovich - Finance

The 2020-2021 budget has been approved by the State Auditor. We will lay the Levy on April 21, 2020.

Code - Matt Burskey

Nothing to report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Joseph DiBartolomeo - This Thursday will be the next weekly update from a panel of doctors of what's going on in the area related to COVID19. Prior to that, there will be an operational update with police, fire, and public works. We are doing our best to manage money while still providing our services to our citizens and protecting our workforce. Thanks to all of the city employees for the job they are doing. Also, thank you to Dr. Makar, Dr. Woods and Dr. Greco for spending time and sharing information with us during this pandemic crisis. As the City Manager, on behalf of the Mayor and Council, we are announcing the WV "Big 12 2020 Census Challenge." We are challenging 11 other communities in the Northern Panhandle to have the biggest response to the census. We want to encourage everyone to respond to the census. There is a lot of federal money at stake. In the 2010 census, West Virginia had the lowest response rate, and that caused a huge loss of federal funding. This also affects our number of congressional seats.

Councilman Fred Marsh – Two letters dated April 8, 2020, one letter to Weirton City Manager Joseph DiBartolomeo and one letter to Mayor Miller as Chairman of the Building Enforcement Agency (BEA), were presented for inclusion in the April 13, 2020, meeting minutes, and are attached hereto. The purpose of these letters is to state that

the City of Weirton Finance Committee has adopted a temporary policy to freeze any capital purchases other than purchases that are not a matter of public safety.

Discussion took place and it was confirmed that any actions for reprogramming of CDBG dollars and the next fiscal year budget and prioritizing all have to go through public hearings and Council workshops before anything can go to Council for approval.

It is requested that in the future, for any workshops regarding CDBG reprogramming, a copy of this year's budget showing what was approved, highlighting what needs reprogrammed and a list of funding requests from last year that we were not able to approve along with the current requests, be provided to Council. Also related to CDBG's next fiscal year's budget, it is requested that again a synopsis of all the requests we have, what category they fall under, and the dollar limit of each category be submitted to Council members.

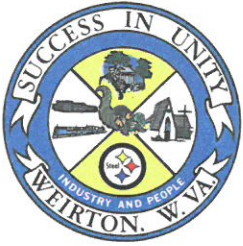
ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: Councilman Terry Weigel
Motion Approved 7/0

Councilman Tim Connell, recited the closing prayer.

Minutes approved at the May 11, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Signed by: Kimberly Long, City Clerk



CITY OF WEIRTON

200 MUNICIPAL PLAZA
WEIRTON, WEST VIRGINIA 26062

April 8, 2020

Mr. Joseph DiBartolomeo
City Manager
City of Weirton
200 Municipal Plaza
Weirton, WV 26062

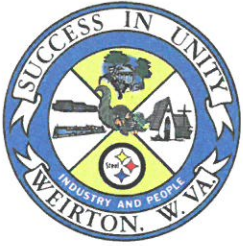
Dear Mr. DiBartolomeo:

As you are aware the City of Weirton Finance Committee adopted a temporary policy concerning capital purchases during the COVID-19 National Crisis.

That policy is to NOT RECOMMEND to Council any capital purchases that are not a matter of public safety or that are required to effectively perform public services. Some examples of required purchases could be, but are not limited to: police cruisers, fire air paks, de-icing material, drainage pipe, etc. It will be your call to bring to the Finance Committee any requests for purchases that you feel are a matter of public safety or services.

Please advise Department Heads of this temporary Finance Committee Policy and hopefully we can resume normal operations shortly. Thank you for your time in this matter and please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Fred S. Marsh
Chairman City of Weirton Finance Committee



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200 MUNICIPAL PLAZA
WEIRTON, WEST VIRGINIA 26062

April 8, 2020

Honorable Mayor Harold Miller
Chairman Building Enforcement Agency
200 Municipal Plaza
Weirton, WV 26062

Dear Mr. Miller,

At the April 8, 2020 City of Weirton Finance Committee Meeting, the Finance Committee adopted a temporary policy brought on by the COVID-19 National Crisis and the possible reduction of revenue as it pertains to building demolitions.

As of the above-mentioned date, the Finance Committee WILL NOT recommend any demolition contracts to Council that ARE NOT a matter of public safety. A contract was proposed for a property on Wood Street that the Finance Committee felt could be postponed until this crisis is over and we have a better handle on incoming revenue. This decision on this property was made with input from the Finance Director and The Code Official. The Finance Committee felt it would be a prudent policy to continue until some form of normalcy returns to our budget.

This is in no way intended to curtail your Agency's work on clearing dilapidated properties from within the City of Weirton, but those deemed to be demolished that are not a matter of public safety will be put on a waiting list until funds become available.

Thank you for your time in matter and if there any questions or concerns over this matter please feel free to contact me.

Fred S. Marsh
Chairman City of Weirton Finance Committee