

BETHLEHEM CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
10 East Church Street - Town Hall  
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania  
Tuesday, March 19, 2019 - 7:00 PM

INVOCATION

Norman Carlisle, Lead Pastor, Life in Christ Church, offered the Invocation which was followed by the pledge to the flag.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

1. ROLL CALL

President Waldron called the meeting to order. Present were, Bryan G. Callahan, Michael G. Colón, Shawn Martell, Paige Van Wirt, and Adam R. Waldron, 5. Olga Negrón, and J. William Reynolds were absent, 2.

President Waldron announced that he received notification that Councilman Reynolds as well as Mayor Donchez would be absent this evening. They are attending the Foundation for Bethlehem Area School District's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of March 5, 2019 were approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (on any subject not being voted on this evening - 5 minutes time limit)

*Bethlehem Moment -Operation Book Move/New Library*

Barbara Diamond, 425 Center Street, mentioned she would be giving Bethlehem Moment number eight, "Operation Book Move." She informed on Saturday, November 11, 1967 Operation Book Move, a massive effort to physically move 80,000 books and hundreds of periodicals from the old Library at the corner of Market and New Street to our current Library, commenced. The move was planned and coordinated by Librarian Amy Preston and the Jaycees under the leadership of Committee Chairs Ed Beighe and John Horvath and assisted by 700 members of the community. Among them were Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, high school students, Lehigh fraternities, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Trinity Church youth, the Bethlehem Women's Club, the Sertoma Club, the Junior League, AAUW, Lehigh and Bethlehem Steel Libraries, and many private individuals. Seven crews worked four three hour shifts and by 4:00 p.m. the job was done. Volunteers, some as young as 12, packed boxes into cartons, another crew formed a line to move the cartons down a waxed ramp over the steps into large hampers and then onto a flatbed truck for transport to the new Library. Lehigh University fraternity men moved cartons of bound periodicals from the basement of the old Library to the second floor of the new Library. According to Librarian Amy Preston all 30,000 books in the Children's Library were moved many by the children themselves. Ms. Preston informed they chose to send the heavy encyclopedias and the oversized and odd size and shape books with the walking groups. The event was an

enormous success and a wonderful tribute to the people of Bethlehem who stepped up to support their Library. Ms. Diamond announced that Mr. Ed Beighe and his wife Eleanor are at this meeting.

#### *Banning Plastic Bags*

Elizabeth Behrend, 637 Hamilton Avenue, explained she is a member of the Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) and head of the Waste Reduction Committee of the EAC. She expressed her thanks to Mayor Donchez for attending the Mayor's Conference on Sustainability last week and showing a commitment to our planet. The EAC recently submitted a proposal to the City Council to pass an Ordinance that would ban single use plastic bags and apply a fee on all paper bags given to customers at the point of sale. She would like to see City Council move forward with this measure and ask for Council's support for a ban of plastic bags. Ms. Behrend related a majority of the world already lives in a place where these bags are banned or levied. Narberth became the first borough in Pennsylvania to ban plastic bags in October, 2018 and she thinks it is important that we put more effort into caring for our environment. She informed most plastic bags are made from non-renewable energy sources thus contributing to air pollution and climate change. While some can be recycled, they are not easy to recycle and they never fully break down. Ms. Behrend explained it is expensive to remove them when they get caught in storm drains or recycling facilities that are not designed to handle that type of recycling. It is the taxpayers that end up paying those costs. She remarked research shows that passing an Ordinance like the one the EAC proposed will drastically reduce plastic and paper bag usage. She asserted when the Waste Reduction Committee was putting together information on the proposal they surveyed business owners in Bethlehem and their response was overwhelmingly in support of eliminating plastic bags. Ms. Behrend noted 80% of business owners who responded were either in favor of eliminating plastic bags altogether or neutral on the subject. She asks that Council follow the lead of Narberth, Pennsylvania and ban these unnecessary items.

#### *Zoning Ordinance/Parking Rates*

Bill Scheirer, 1890 Eaton Avenue, remarked that Donald Rumsfeld was known for saying that there are things we know we know, things we know we don't know, and things we don't know we don't know. He would like to suggest things we know we know can be broken down into things we know that are relevant and things we know that are not. He referenced 2 West Market Street as an example and the difficulty of the property owner to obtain a mortgage for the property. He posed the question of did the buyer want to consolidate mortgages or want to make it easier to sell some day and if one or both of these were a problem, why was not the lot subdivided to end the mixed use. Mr. Scheirer remarked that he has been told subsequently that this would have required variances, and observed is that not a milder remedy than amending the Zoning Ordinance. He expressed the mortgage problem was an irrelevant excuse to enable a rezoning. Mr. Scheirer pointed to the discussion about raising parking meter rates as the second example. He expressed we heard that other cities, including Reading and Harrisburg as he recalls, had raised their rates from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per hour. He remarked our real competitors are the malls and their parking rates are zero. So we ended up by putting our downtown merchants at a further disadvantage. Mr. Scheirer informed the only reason this was done was to raise money for new and/or renovated garages which would benefit the merchants. He concluded clear thinking requires all of us, including himself, to more carefully weigh all information and decide which is relevant and which is not.

*Plastic Bags*

Stephen Antalics, 737 Ridge Street, noted he wanted to follow up on what Ms. Behrend stated. He heard that a dead whale was discovered and in its stomach was 14 kilograms of plastic bags; 1 kilogram is 1.2 tons.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (on ordinances and resolutions to be voted on by Council this evening – 5 Minute Time Limit)

*Pedestrian Bridge*

Doug Roysdon, 421 Second Avenue, informed he is at this meeting on behalf of the Sierra Club to talk about the Pedestrian Bridge. This is the second or third time he has spoken to Council about this bridge. The last time he was here he spent most of the time praising this amazing possibility and tonight he would just like to talk about some of his favorite perspectives on the bridge. He continued to say a pedestrian bridge will theoretically give us one of the nicest night time walks in all of the Lehigh Valley. Mr. Roysdon related we could cross the bridge and go down to Steel Stacks or the Sands. If you come to Bethlehem to visit and you go out to eat and take the 35 minute walk down the bridge in the evening, this place becomes a different destination. If you get on a bicycle you can probably ride all the way from Illick's Mill past most of the interesting historic sites in Bethlehem and end up at the Steel Stacks. If you buy a house on one side of the river and your place of work is on the other side you can spend your life walking or riding a bicycle to work with this bridge. That would increase property values, and you would be healthy and save money on your cars. These are small perspectives that are important. If we want to create a young and energetic town what more could we do but have a pedestrian bridge that would serve that population. Mr. Roysdon is not talking about what this means to Lehigh or Moravian or the downtowns, he is talking about nice pieces of things that will pull together to create something really important. This will have a tremendous economic impact because there is nothing in the world that will make this City thrive as having this bridge and making Bethlehem a walking city. Mr. Roysdon remarked this bridge is not simply about just a bridge across the Lehigh River; this bridge is about what he calls re-inventing the public sphere because that is what we are doing. We have the possibility of making new things that will bring people together and make the town whole. This could be the City Council who started all of that.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Members of Council
- B. Tabled Items
- C. Unfinished Business

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. *Director of Community and Economic Development – Keystone Enterprise Zone Designation*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated March 1, 2019 from Alicia Karner, Director of Community & Economic Development to which is attached a proposed Resolution in support for a 5-year Keystone Enterprise Zone designation through the Keystone Communities Program.

President Waldron stated Resolution 10 E is on the agenda.

- B. *Director of Community and Economic Development – Recommendation of Award – The Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce – Marketing Services*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated March 11, 2019 from Alicia Karner, Director of Community and Economic Development recommending a contract with the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce for marketing services. The term of the contract is January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 and the fee for the contract is \$75,000.

President Waldron stated Resolution 10 D is on the agenda.

- C. *Director of Public Works – Request for Resolution – PennDOT – ARLE Program Project Agreement*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated March 14, 2019 from Michael Alkhal, Director of Public Works requesting a Resolution to authorize the execution of an agreement for the Automated Red Light Enforcement Program Project in regards to pedestrian improvements around Liberty High School. A similar Resolution for this work was passed by Council on April 7, 2015, but PennDOT is requiring a new Resolution and agreement because the previous agreement has expired.

President Waldron stated Resolution 10 F is on the agenda.

- D. *City Solicitor – Use Permit Agreement for Public Property – St. Luke’s University Health Network – 2019 Boutique at the Rink*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated March 14, 2019 from William P. Leeson, Esq., City Solicitor to which is attached a proposed Resolution and Associated Use Permit Agreement. The Permittee is the St. Luke’s University Health Network. The event is the 2019 Boutique at the Rink. The duration of the agreement is April 29 through June 3, 2019. The location is the Earl Schaffer Ice Rink.

President Waldron stated the Resolution can be placed on the April 2 agenda.

- E. *Director of Planning and Zoning – Resolution Request – DCNR Grant Application – Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated March 14, 2019 from Darlene Heller, Director of Planning and Zoning to which is attached a proposed Resolution in support of a grant application to DCNR for the Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study. The request grant amount is \$40,000.

President Waldron stated Resolution 10 H is on the agenda.

- F. *Director of Planning and Zoning – Resolution Request – DCNR Grant Application – Rose Garden Park Improvement*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated March 14, 2019 from Darlene Heller, Director of Planning and Zoning to which is attached a proposed Resolution in support of a grant application to DCNR for Rose Garden Improvements. The request grant amount is \$100,000.

President Waldron stated Resolution 10 G is on the agenda.

G. *Business Administrator – Recommendation of Award – Dutchman Contracting, LLC – Golf Course Pavilion*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated March 14, 2019 from Eric Evans, Business Administrator recommending a contract with Dutchman Contracting, LLC for the Golf Course Pavilion. The completion date is to be by May 1, 2019 and the fee for the contract is \$87,000.

President Waldron stated Resolution 10 I is on the agenda.

H. *Police Chief – Records Destruction – Police Department*

The Clerk read a memorandum dated March 14, 2019 from Police Chief Mark DiLuzio requesting Council to consider a Resolution for the Destruction of Records from the Police Department listed on the attached exhibit. Chief DiLuzio has reviewed the Municipal Records Retention Act and the records fall within categories where destruction is permitted.

President Waldron stated the Resolution can be placed on the April 2 agenda.

7. REPORTS

A. *President of Council*

B. *Mayor*

*Open House to help design the South New Street Streetscape Design*

Business Administrator Eric Evans announced Council was emailed an invitation with an attachment for Tuesday, March 26, 2019, which is an Open House to help design the South New Street Streetscape Design. It will be at the Crayola Gallery in the Banana Factory Arts Center. There will be two sessions: 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and that will be a drop in event. He expressed if Council has a chance, they can stop by and get involved and see what people are saying about this and spread the word to anyone they know or forward that email with the information. The topics for discussion will be lighting, landscaping, walkability, public spaces and traffic calming in that surrounding area. It is a great Public Works and Community and Economic Development joint project.

*State of the City*

Mr. Evans related the Mayor would appreciate the opportunity to present the State of the City at an upcoming meeting, whenever a time is appropriate in April, depending on what is on the agenda. It does involve a slide presentation that goes with it to show some of the things that are happening in the City. We will work with the City Clerk to set that up the date.

1. *Administrative Order – Alexander O. Ward – Fine Arts Commission*

Eric Evans, Business Administrator, read Mayor Donchez' reappointment of Alexander O. Ward to membership on the Fine Arts Commission effective through February, 2022. Dr. Van Wirt and Mr. Colón sponsored Resolution No. 2019-062 to confirm the reappointment.

President Waldron thanked the Administration for the updated contact information and resumes for the appointment recommendations. He explained it is helpful for Council Members, not only for new appointments, but also for reappointments because not all were on Council for the first time around for some of these appointments. He continued to say that by no means do we want to discourage any of these great volunteers, but we just want to make sure that we have all of the information possible in front of us so we can reach out to them and have a conversation if we are so inclined. He looks forward to having that information consistently in the future.

Mr. Evans agrees this information is important.

Voting AYE: Mr. Colón, Mr. Martell, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 5. The Resolution passed.

2. *Administrative Order – Nancy Topping – Sister City Commission*

Eric Evans, Business Administrator, read Mayor Donchez' reappointment of Nancy Topping to membership on the Sister City Commission effective through March, 2022. Dr. Van Wirt and Mr. Colón sponsored Resolution No. 2019-063 to confirm the reappointment.

Voting AYE: Mr. Colón, Mr. Martell, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 5. The Resolution passed.

3. *Administrative Order – Peter J. Schneck – Zoning Hearing Board Alternate*

Eric Evans, Business Administrator, read Mayor Donchez' appointment of Peter J. Schneck to membership on the Zoning Hearing Board as an Alternate effective through March, 2022. Mr. Colón and Mr. Martell sponsored Resolution No. 2019-064 to confirm the appointment.

Voting AYE: Mr. Colón, Mr. Martell, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 5. The Resolution passed.

4. *Administrative Order – Jennifer Rowe Hawk – Historic and Architectural Review Board*

Eric Evans, Business Administrator, read Mayor Donchez' appointment of Jennifer Rowe Hawk to membership on the Historic and Architectural Review Board effective through February, 2024. Dr. Van Wirt and Mr. Colón sponsored Resolution No. 2019-065 to confirm the appointment.

Voting AYE: Mr. Colón, Mr. Martell, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 5. The Resolution passed.

5. *Administrative Order – Adrienne Pauling – Human Relations Commission*

Eric Evans, Business Administrator, read Mayor Donchez' appointment of Adrienne Pauling to membership on the Human Relations Commission effective through March, 2022. Dr. Van Wirt and Mr. Colón sponsored Resolution No. 2019-066 to confirm the appointment.

Voting AYE: Mr. Colón, Mr. Martell, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 5. The Resolution passed.

6. *Administrative Order – Rodman D. Young – Historic and Architectural Review Board*

Eric Evans, Business Administrator, read Mayor Donchez' appointment of Rodman D. Young to membership on the Historic and Architectural Review Board effective through March, 2024. Mr. Colón and Mr. Martell sponsored Resolution No. 2019-067 to confirm the appointment.

Voting AYE: Mr. Colón, Mr. Martell, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 5. The Resolution passed.

8. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

A. *Bill 8 – 2019 – Authorizing 2019 GO Bond – Non-Utility Capital Projects*

The Clerk read Bill No. 8 - 2019 - Authorizing 2019 GO Bond - Non-Utility Capital Projects, on Final Reading.

The Clerk read Amendment to Bill No. 8-2019.

Amendment to Bill 8-2019:

1. Inserted the words capital interest in the last line of the first paragraph on page 3.
2. Inserted language in the body of the Ordinance identifying Boenning & Scattergood Inc. as the underwriting firm on page 4.

The amendment is sponsored by Dr. Van Wirt and Mr. Colón.

Voting AYE on the Amendment to Bill No. 8-2019: Mr. Colón, Mr. Martell, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan and Mr. Waldron, 5. The Amendment passed.

President Waldron asked if there are any changes here since the First Reading other than naming the underwriting firm or changes in the bond market or rate.

Mr. Evans explained Scott Shearer from PFM, our Financial Advisor is here, as well as Kevin Reid from King Spry who is our Bond Counsel.

Mr. Shearer noted he has a brief handout for Council. He remarked that this update is good news. Briefly he wanted to do a little comparison to when he was at City Council on March 5. We are looking at a 15-year level structure, and pointed to page 2 of the handout that explains

debt level principal interest over that 15-year period. He informed right now we are looking at approximately \$5.2 million in principal that is going to be issued and results in a construction fund deposit of a little under \$5 million. We have the capitalized interest and estimated cost of issuance and the total uses. In column six you see the overall debt service related to this transaction which is substantially better than when he was here on March 5. Since we have been going through our due-diligence and getting things finalized, interest rates have been moving in our favor. Number one, we did bid out the underwriter and Boenning & Scattergood won that RFP proposal. Mr. Shearer explained when you compare the total interest expense between now and a few weeks ago we are about a half a million dollars less in total interest expense. That is good news on that front. This is a summary of that 15-level year structure and how it compares with the other General Fund debt service in column seven. Mr. Shearer then went to page 6 and expressed some of the good news is that not only have interest rates come down in the City's favor to reduce interest expense by about a half a million, these are still estimates, because if you approve this tonight, we then would be looking at pricing the bonds this Thursday, when we would lock in based on the market today. There are a few items on page 6 under uses. The overall deposit to the construction fund stays the same. He pointed out we are looking at \$4,955,000 dollars to use for the various capital projects. Capitalized interest is now about \$73,000 dollars, so that is about \$20,000 dollars less than when he was here a few weeks ago. That is attributable to the lower interest rates. The Underwriter's discount, the commission paid to the underwriter that went through the bidding process, has been reduced by about \$11,000. The bond insurance we bid out is reduced by about \$13,000 from a few weeks ago and the cost of issuance, which is a host of different fees, is down about \$15,000 from when we were here before. Although the Parameters Ordinance is drafted as \$6 million dollars we expect the actual transaction will be close to \$5.2 million dollars. Mr. Shearer advised he had another discussion with the Underwriter this morning and whether the investor will be looking for premium bonds or discount bonds, it looks like it will probably be mainly discount bonds. He feels good that the final result, if passed this evening, will look similar to what we are showing today as far as interest rates and overall cost. If anything changes Mr. Shearer will keep everyone posted, but at the moment, all looks good this week for the market, and specifically here in Pennsylvania.

President Waldron remarked that the half a million is a trend we would like to see. It seems like a large amount in two weeks-time.

Mr. Shearer noted it is a little bit longer than two weeks, so we had a little bit more conservativeness built into the numbers back when he was here on March 5. We have seen that downward trend now for a few weeks in addition to that so things have been moving in the right direction.

President Waldron had a question about the \$4.955 million as opposed to an even \$5 million. He asked where that \$45,000 difference is.

Mark Sivak, Director of Budget and Finance explained that amount ties to what was approved by Council in the budget.

Voting AYE on Bill No. 8-2019 as amended: Mr. Colón, Mr. Martell, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan and Mr. Waldron, 5. Bill No. 8 - 2019 now known as Ordinance No. 2019-08 was passed on Final Reading.

9. NEW ORDINANCES

None.

10. RESOLUTIONS

A. *Authorizing Use Permit Agreement – American Association of University Women, Bethlehem Branch – 2019 Book Fair*

Dr. Van Wirt and Mr. Colón sponsored Resolution No. 2019-068 that authorized a Use Permit Agreement for Public Property with the American Association of University Women, Bethlehem Branch for the 2019 Book Fair from April 25, 2019 to April 29, 2019, at the Earl E. Schaffer Ice Rink according to the agreement.

Voting AYE: Mr. Colón, Mr. Martell, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 5. The Resolution passed.

B. *Authorizing Use Permit Agreement – Work to Live, LLC dba Run Lehigh Valley – Brew to Brew Run*

Dr. Van Wirt and Mr. Colón sponsored Resolution No. 2019-069 that authorized a Use Permit Agreement for public property with Work to Live, LLC d/b/a Run Lehigh Valley for the Brew to Brew Run Event April 6, 2019 with a rain date of April 13, 2019, at Nevin Place (adjacent to Sun Inn Courtyard) and Main Street from Church Street to Broad Street according to the agreement.

Voting AYE: Mr. Colón, Mr. Martell, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 5. The Resolution passed.

C. *Approving Inter-Municipal Liquor License Transfer – 226 East Third Street*

Dr. Van Wirt and Mr. Colón sponsored Resolution No. 2019-070 that approved the Inter-municipal Transfer of Retail Restaurant Liquor License Number R-20144 from Valley View Inn and Restaurant, Inc. for licensed premises located at 794 Sunrise Boulevard, Mount Bethel, Northampton County, Pennsylvania to 226 East Third Street, Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Colón remarked the applicant is here tonight and he just wanted to say that he will be supporting this as he imagines most of Council will too. He wishes him the best of luck in all future business in the City.

President Waldron added the presentation we had two weeks ago was everything we needed and more. He feels confident that they will run, and have run a very well established business with added feature and benefits for the neighborhood. He thinks we will be supporting this unanimously this evening.

Voting AYE: Mr. Colón, Mr. Martell, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 5. The Resolution passed.

*D. Authorizing Contract – Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce*

Mr. Colón and Mr. Martell sponsored Resolution No. 2019-071 that authorized to execute an agreement with the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce for marketing services.

Voting AYE: Mr. Colón, Mr. Martell, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 5. The Resolution passed.

*E. Authorizing Keystone Enterprise Zone Designation Application*

Mr. Colón and Mr. Martell sponsored Resolution No. 2019-072 that supports an application for Keystone Enterprise Zone designation, willingness to support the program, and support of a Five-Year strategy.

Voting AYE: Mr. Colón, Mr. Martell, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 5. The Resolution passed.

*F. Authorizing Grant Agreement – PennDOT – ARLE Program*

Mr. Colón and Mr. Martell sponsored Resolution No. 2019-073 that authorizes to execute an Automated Red Light Enforcement Program Project Funding Agreement-Individual Project, and such other agreements and documents for pedestrian improvements in the vicinity of Liberty High School, all in accordance with the agreement.

President Waldron asked Michael Alkhal, Director of Public Works the reason for the hang up the last time and where we are at with the timeline moving forward on this.

Mr. Alkhal informed there were several delays to the project. Originally the grant was for work at the north end of the Fahy Bridge. When PennDOT programmed money to do a complete rehab we asked them to do that work that we were planning to do at that time and then we reprogrammed the money for the project at Liberty High School. He thinks one delay was that we got bids that were too high and so the project did not move forward. We had to rebid it and we scaled down the scope. There were several other things, and that is why this took around four years on a project that is \$100,000 dollars.

President Waldron wondered about the timeline on getting that work done.

Mr. Alkhal reported they are wrapping it up and that 70% of the work is done. The only thing remaining is eradicating a center line in order to create one lane from Center Street as you approach. There will still be turning lanes as you get to the intersections, but that and the ramps are in and there are some signals that need to be adjusted.

Voting AYE: Mr. Colón, Mr. Martell, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 5. The Resolution passed.

G. *Authorizing Grant Application – DCNR – Rose Garden Park Improvements*

Dr. Van Wirt and Mr. Colón sponsored Resolution No. 2019-074 that authorizes to undertake the Rose Garden Improvements and receive from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources a grant for the purpose of carrying out this project.

Mr. Callahan mentioned when we were working on the budget he believes that President Waldron had proposed \$50,000 for the Rose Garden and he added another \$50,000 for this and \$40,000 for the pedestrian bridge. He queried if this is over and above that money.

Mr. Sivak stated yes it is.

Mr. Callahan wondered what the dollar amount is that we are asking for with the grant.

Alicia Karner, Director of Community and Economic Development reported the amount of the request is \$100,000. We will use those funds to match; it is a dollar for dollar match.

Mr. Callahan remarked if we get this we will be looking at \$200,000 for the Rose Garden and then \$80,000 for the pedestrian bridge study.

Ms. Karner noted that is the next Resolution and it is \$40,000 and there is also \$60,000 that the County Executive said he would support for the Pedestrian Bridge Study.

President Waldron just wanted to clarify that the money Mr. Callahan originally talked about was when we were talking during the budget from the Casino transfer tax, so this is independent from that.

Voting AYE: Mr. Colón, Mr. Martell, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 5. The Resolution passed.

H. *Authorizing Grant Application – DCNR – Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study*

Dr. Van Wirt and Mr. Colón sponsored Resolution No. 2019-075 that authorizes to undertake the Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study and receive from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources a grant for the purpose of carrying out this project.

Mr. Colón asked if that \$100,000 would cover what we believe the cost of the contract to do the study would be; between the money that the County Executive said he would support and then if we are awarded this grant that should cover the study.

Ms. Karner stated yes.

Mr. Callahan just wanted to make sure that if we get the money from the County the \$100,000 and \$40,000 that Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Waldron and he proposed during the budget time will be used for this.

Mr. Evans queried if he is talking about the Rose Garden.

Mr. Callahan stated he is talking about both.

Mr. Evans remarked with the Rose Garden \$50,000 is in the bond right now which was just voted for; the other \$50,000 is in the Casino transfer when it sells. So that is set and that is \$100,000. This grant application request of \$100,000 is in addition. The plan is extensive and will have to be done in phases.

President Waldron clarified the money that we put in the budget was pending the Casino transfer tax on a certain number of dollars. We do not know how much money we are getting and where it will fall in line with the priorities that the Administration and City Council together will dictate where that money will go. He thinks the money for the Rose Garden goes directly to the improvements there whereas what we are talking about for the bridge is not work on the bridge itself; it is just a feasibility study. The money we have allocated for the pedestrian bridge was for the feasibility study and that is all house money we are playing with at this point because we do not know how much we will get. We are hopeful there will be a sale and there will be a transfer but the number is still up in the air. When that number comes in, we will sit back down together and have a longer conversation and revisit that list to say where those priorities are and how we want to use that money based on what is awarded to us.

Mr. Evans expects that to roughly be a June conversation.

President Waldron does not know the correct form for that meeting, maybe a Finance Committee Meeting, or if we want to have that conversation in a Committee of the Whole Meeting. He noted that here may be some budget transfers that we will need to be done.

Voting AYE: Mr. Colón, Mr. Martell, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 5. The Resolution passed.

*I. Authorizing Contract – Dutchman Contracting, LLC – Golf Course Pavilion*

Mr. Colón and Mr. Martell sponsored Resolution No. 2019-076 that authorized a contract with Dutchman Contracting LLC for the Golf Course Pavilion.

Voting AYE: Mr. Colón, Mr. Martell, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 5. The Resolution passed.

*Motion – Considering Resolutions 10 J through 10 L as a group*

Mr. Callahan and Dr. Van Wirt moved to consider Resolutions 10 J through 10 L as a group.

Voting AYE: Mr. Colón, Mr. Martell, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan and Mr. Waldron, 5. The Motion passed.

*J. Certificate of Appropriateness – 700 Evans Street (Lehigh Partners)*

Dr. Van Wirt and Mr. Martell sponsored Resolution No. 2019-077 that granted a Certificate of Appropriateness to change the logo of an existing sign face at 700 Evans Street (Lehigh Partners)

*K. Certificate of Appropriateness – 327 Broadway (Seven Sirens Brewery)*

Dr. Van Wirt and Mr. Martell sponsored Resolution No. 2019-078 that granted a Certificate of Appropriateness to revise the design of the West Fourth Street façade, add windows at upper floors on the west façade of the building and add rooftop infrastructure at 327 Broadway (Seven Sirens Brewery).

*L. Certificate of Appropriateness – 321 Adams Street (Brinker Lofts)*

Dr. Van Wirt and Mr. Martell sponsored Resolution No. 2019-079 that granted a Certificate of Appropriateness to amend the 2017 COA as mandated by the National Park Service to retain the north wall of the boiler house/courtyard at 321 Adams Street (Brinker Lofts)

Voting AYE on Resolutions 10 J through 10 L: Mr. Colón, Mr. Martell, Dr. Van Wirt, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Waldron, 5. The Resolutions passed.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk