

FEBRUARY 2, 2023

Prior to the regular session of Council held on Thursday, February 2, 2023, Council conducted a conference session at 5:30 p.m. at the Clarksburg Municipal Building, City Manager's Conference Room, 2nd Floor, 222 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia to review the meeting agenda as set forth hereinbelow with those Council members present therefor noted as well:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Will Hyman
Gary Keith
Jim Malfregeot
Jerry Riffle
Wayne Worth
Vice Mayor Lillie Junkins
Mayor James Marino

AG: 23-06

AGENDA

CITY OF CLARKSBURG

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG TO BE HELD **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023** AT THE CLARKSBURG MUNICIPAL BUILDING – COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 222 WEST MAIN STREET, CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA AT 6:00 P.M.

PRIOR TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, COUNCIL WILL BE MEETING IN THE CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM AT 5:30 P.M. FOR A CONFERENCE SESSION (NOTE: THIS SESSION IS ALSO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC). IN ADDITION TO THE AGENDA, COUNCIL WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS TO THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR ATTENDING STAFF.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ROLL CALL
2. PRAYER (*to be given by Vice Mayor Junkins*) & PLEDGE
3. PRESENTATIONS:
 - A. CERTIFICATES – HONORING LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL'S FIRST STATE TOURNAMENT VOLLEYBALL TEAM
 - B. "WV 211 DAY" – PROCLAMATION TO UNITED WAY OF HARRISON AND DODDRIDGE COUNTIES
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - REGULAR SESSION – DECEMBER 15, 2022
 - REGULAR SESSION – JANUARY 5, 2023
5. PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS
6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT/UPDATE
CITY CLERK'S INFORMATION:
 - A. ZONING FORM IN CONNECTION WITH A "NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO OPERATE: A PRIVATE CLUB, PRIVATE WINE RESTAURANT OR TAVERN" FILED BY WORLD GLOBAL LOGISTIC, LLC, 1111 NORTH 15TH STREET, CLARKSBURG – RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT ON JANUARY 26, 2023
7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2022 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – CAROLYN YAGLE (EDP)
 - B. CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG AMENDING SECTIONS 5, 25, AND 38 OF THE CITY CHARTER
 - C. CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHARTER AMENDMENTS AND ELECTIONS
 - D. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG TO UNDERTAKE ALL NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE ACTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR A CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JUNE 6, 2023, WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG, THE ELECTION OF THREE SEATS ON CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG FOR TERMS OF ONE YEAR, THE ELECTION OF ONE SEAT ON THE CLARKSBURG WATER BOARD FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS, AND THE STAGGERING OF TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CLARKSBURG WATER BOARD AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE IN ORDER TO ALIGN SUCH TERMS TO COINCIDE WITH THE SAME DATE AS THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTIONS, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO
 - E. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2022 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- F. CONSIDERATION OF THE PAYMENT OF THE SUM OF \$28,362.00 TO GENE PAPA FOR THE SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT ON SIXTH STREET
- G. CONSIDERATION OF TWO (2) APPOINTMENTS TO THE CLARKSBURG VISITORS' BUREAU, INC.
- 9. COUNCIL COMMENTS
- 10. ADJOURNMENT

During the conference session, Interim City Manager Pulice reviewed the agenda with the following comments thereto: Mayor Marino expressed concern with the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan at this time with Mr. Whitmore explaining the process and that Council has a 90-day window to act on the plan. Mayor Marino remarked that he thought Council would have a work session on the Comprehensive Plan as they have had no input thereon and informed that he would be in favor of tabling the matter at this time. Mr. Whitmore explained the time frame wherein the process began at Winterfest 2021 and stated that Carolyn Yagle (EDP) could answer any questions, etc. and further apprised that additional changes can be made thereto as we move forward. Mayor Marino inquired as to Agenda Item 8B on the agenda with City Attorney Marsh explaining the same wherein those elected in 2019 has to be up in 2023 with a one-year term and those elected in 2021 will get a five-year term also noting that the 2021 term limits could be amended, as well. Water Board counsel also discussed said proposed ordinance wherein it is unconstitutional for the 2019 Council to have extended their terms and that the same needed to come into compliance in order for the Water Board to move forward with the bonds, etc. Mayor Marino referenced the Secretary of State's general counsel's opinion that both the 2019 and 2021 terms could not be extended. Mayor Marino remarked that he was trying to preserve the will of the voters and that he was not here for the bond counsel. Mr. Marsh explained that the 2023 election would be a regular election and not a special election with Mr. Stranko adding that 2023 is a regular election period. Council member Hyman pointed out that on page 3 (Section 25) of said ordinance needed to be amended to "May" with Mr. Marsh concurring therewith. Councilmember Worth suggested that the term extensions for both the 2019 and 2021 be revised noting the importance of the water project. With regard to Agenda Item 8F, Councilmember Hyman stated he believed there needed to be an agreement entered into between the parties prior to the approval of this agenda item; therefore, he would be voting "no" thereto. Mayor Marino apprised that then City Manager (Faulk) made the agreement and that the sidewalks were in bad shape. With regard to a written agreement, Mayor Marino advised that he was in a meeting wherein the engineer calculated the amount of the reimbursement based on the State's rate. Again, Mayor Marino remarked that he did not promise Mr. Papa the sidewalk or the payment. Mayor Marino added that the grant writer extended the project area with this section now included in the expanded project area. Mr. Marsh opined that a resolution and/or agreement with Mr. Papa should take place. Meeting concluded.

At this time, the Clarksburg City Council met in REGULAR SESSION on February 2, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at the Clarksburg Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 222 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia, with Mayor Marino presiding.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Will Hyman
 Gary Keith
 Jim Malfregeot
 Jerry Riffle
 Wayne Worth
 Vice Mayor Lillie Junkins
 Mayor James Marino

ALSO PRESENT:

Steve Pulice, Interim City Manager
 Richard Marsh, City Attorney
 Annette Wright, City Clerk

Following roll call, the prayer was offered, and the pledge was led by Vice Mayor Junkins.

PROCLAMATION PRESENTATIONS:

- A. CERTIFICATES – HONORING LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL'S FIRST STATE TOURNAMENT VOLLEYBALL TEAM
- B. "WV 211 DAY" – PROCLAMATION TO UNITED WAY OF HARRISON AND DODDRIDGE COUNTIES

Mayor Marino, along with Vice Mayor Junkins, presented certificates to the Liberty High School Volleyball Team, as well as their coaches, noting the team's achievement. Also, Mayor Marino presented the "WV 211 Day" proclamation to Brad Riffiee and Aimee Comer of United Way.

MOTION by Councilmember Malfregeot, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Worth for approval of the minutes of the Regular Session held on December 15, 2022. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOTION by Councilmember Malfregeot, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Worth for approval of the minutes of the Regular Session held on January 5, 2023. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The following individuals appeared for petitions, communications and public hearings:

Chris Lane, 317 Buckhannon Avenue – addressed Council concerning Spring Avenue issues and lead lines. Mr. Lane stated that he appreciated the call from Mr. Pulice setting up the meeting to discuss the Spring Avenue issues. Mr. Lane referenced the newspaper article regarding the lead water lines, as well as the Water Board's plan to replace said lines noting the concerns associated with the lead water lines and remarking that he hoped the Water Board project would come to fruition. The issue comes to the Charter change and the terms of office for the council members elected in 2019 stating that although he agreed with the change of elections to coincide with the primary elections, he had concerns with the 2019 Council extending their term referencing the same violates the WV Constitution. Mr. Lane noted the bonds that were necessary for this project and that he hoped Council would do what was necessary to support the project. Should the resolution referenced as Agenda Item 8(D) not be approved, he would present two (2) FOIAs relative to the Charter amendment to the City Clerk.

Tim Stranko, Clarksburg Water Board counsel – addressed Council concerning the \$90 million project that will address our infrastructure here in the City noting the same to be a landmark in WV history funding. Mr. Stranko apprised that all legal counsel (the City, the Water Board and Bond Counsel) are working together to address this matter in order to move forward with the project.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT/UPDATE
Manager's Report
February 2, 2023

MANAGER'S OFFICE:

1. The City Manager would like to thank all department heads for their hard work and dedication in submitting conservative budget proposals.
2. Economic Development completed its first URA workshop meeting January 31st.
3. Economic Development would also like to announce the City of Clarksburg has been awarded US DOT Safe Streets & Roads for All grant in the amount of \$200,000.00. This grant has a 20% or \$50,000 match and will address a 2-way traffic study and bicycle/ped infrastructure planning. Job well done to Brittany and her coworkers.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1. Four new officers started the WV State Police Academy on January 30th with a tentative graduation date in May.
2. The Police Department responded to 1596 calls for service in the month of January.
3. Officers Jason Bartlett and Brett Levine were promoted to the rank of Sergeant and Sergeant Chad Travis was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on February 1st.

CITY PARKS:

1. The National Park Service still has our grant application for the Pickle Ball Courts and will continue to process it. We hope to have a decision within a few weeks.
2. The AMP step lights have been delivered and will be installed as weather permits.
3. Assisted the Town of Nutter Fort with the repair of a catch basin at the Clarksburg City Park.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:

1. The discharge monitoring report will be submitted for the month of January 2023 with no violations to report. The process treated approximately 350 million gallons of wastewater.
2. Main raw pump #1 was shipped out Wednesday, February 1st for repairs.
3. Planning for Phase V of long term control plan is still ongoing.

4. Daniel Brunn recently took the Class I Wastewater exam and has successfully passed his test. Congratulations Daniel!

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

1. The Fire Department responded to 249 calls for service for the month of January. We assisted the WVU Quick Response Team with a Narcan distribution location at Central Fire Station. Congratulations to Lt. Jeff Rogers on his retirement on January 15th, Lt. Rogers completed 25 years of service to the City of Clarksburg.

ROBINSON GRAND PERFORMING ARTS:

1. The Robinson Grand will have five public events for the month of February, February 3rd – Anthony Nunziata Concert, Feb. 12th – Black Panther Movie, Feb. 16th – Cross the River Musical, Feb. 18th – Michael Palascak Stand up and Feb. 25th – Forever Tina Concert.
2. Several private events are scheduled and we will be hosting a fundraising event, a school thespian festival, a family party and a musical performance for school students.
3. We are currently working on reducing our phone and internet fees. More information to follow...

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

1. Code Enforcement issued 29 building permits for total job cost of \$339,503.00, 40 NOV's, 1 citation, 3 condemnation orders, 18 inspections, 32 animal control complaints, 11 property checks to clear vagrants.
2. Patrol areas resulted in 11 entry letters, 6 vehicles tagged and 7 yellow tags on doors.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

1. The Finance Department reports the following: demolition payments - \$3,531.89, payment agreements - \$605,000, grass and weeds - \$837.80, board-ups - \$417.50, vacant property registration - \$1,342.80, fire service fees - \$391,831.87, B&O - \$1,268,091.48, new business licenses – 13 and business license renewals – 4.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

1. Crews are patching streets by neighborhoods.
2. Litter pickup along Baltimore Ave., 12th Street, Milford Street, Tuna Street and Ohio Avenue
3. Responded to 4 NOV's, secured 2 vacant structures, responded to 7 see it, click it, fix it complaints.
4. Installed Courthouse only parking signs, handicap and yellow paint on 3rd Street near new Courthouse annex.

END OF REPORT

CITY CLERK'S INFORMATION:

- A. ZONING FORM IN CONNECTION WITH AN APPLICATION TO OPERATE: A PRIVATE CLUB, PRIVATE WINE RESTAURANT OR TAVERN" FILED BY WORLD GLOBAL LOGISTIC, LLC, 1111 NORTH 15TH STREET, CLARKSBURG – RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT ON JANUARY 26, 2023

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2022 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – CAROLYN YAGLE (EDP)**

Mayor Marino declared the public hearing open with Carolyn Yagle appearing and providing a PowerPoint presentation that she discussed in detail. Said presentation included many facets of the work done on the Comprehensive Plan, some being, overviews of public outreach, plan approach, focus areas, broad actions, mapping the plan and potential partners. Mayor Marino informed that Council would be having a work session at a later date to review and discuss the plan in more detail. There being no one else wishing to speak for the public hearing, the same was closed.

- B. **CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG AMENDING SECTIONS 5, 25, AND 38 OF THE CITY CHARTER**

MOTION by Councilmember Worth, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Keith to amend Section 5 wherein the four (4) members elected in 2021 would also serve a four-year term rather than a five-year term. **MOTION TO AMEND DEFEATED with Councilmembers Keith, Riffle and Worth voting in favor thereof.** **MOTION** by Councilmember Hyman, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Worth to amend the date of the election to coincide with the primaries which are conducted in **May** rather than **June**. Much discussion was held concerning this matter with Mayor Marino remarking that the 2019 election was a debacle with a recount being held. Mayor Marino continued stating that only 1700 people voted (17%) with the winner being picked from a basket and expressed discontent with paper ballots. Mayor Marino remarked that he did not care about the bond counsel or the opinion of the Secretary of State and if they were wrong, they should be taken to court to change it. Further, Mayor Marino stated that if he wanted the opinion of the Water Board Attorney, he would have ran for the Water Board. Continuing, Mayor Marino stated that he did not want the elections held in City Hall as it has been proven that it is not accurate. Mayor Marino opined this election to be a special election rather than a regular election which would require a 2/3rds vote therefor. Mayor Marino commented that he would run again and he would get on this Council. Councilmember Riffle stated that the voters will get what they wanted and further stated that he did not believe that the voters would want lead water pipes and opined that we should not let our egos get in the way of this project. Councilmember Keith added that this is a \$96 million dollar project and inquired if there was another source of money should the courts not rule in favor of serving the extra term. Concluding discussion, **MOTION TO AMEND THE MONTH FROM JUNE TO MAY APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.** **Original MOTION, AS AMENDED, APPROVED 5-2 with Vice Mayor Junkins and Mayor Marino casting the dissenting votes.**

C. CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CHARTER AMENDMENTS AND ELECTIONS

MOTION by Councilmember Hyman, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Malfregeot for approval of the above-captioned ordinance on first reading. **MOTION CARRIED 5-2 with Vice Mayor Junkins and Mayor Marino casting the dissenting votes.**

D. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG TO UNDERTAKE ALL NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE ACTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR A CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JUNE 6, 2023, WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG, THE ELECTION OF THREE SEATS ON CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG FOR TERMS OF ONE YEAR, THE ELECTION OF ONE SEAT ON THE CLARKSBURG WATER BOARD FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS, AND THE STAGGERING OF TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CLARKSBURG WATER BOARD AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE IN ORDER TO ALIGN SUCH TERMS TO COINCIDE WITH THE SAME DATE AS THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

MOTION by Councilmember Malfregeot, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Hyman for adoption of the above-captioned matter. Under discussion, Mayor Marino stated that he did not want the election held at City Hall and asked that the administration check to see if it could be moved to the County and use the electronic ballots rather than paper. Councilmember Hyman noted the importance in moving forward with this matter to satisfy the bond counsel. **MOTION CARRIED 5-2 with Vice Mayor Junkins and Mayor Marino casting the dissenting votes.**

E. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2022 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

MOTION by Councilmember Hyman, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Keith to **TABLE** the above-captioned matter. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

F. CONSIDERATION OF THE PAYMENT OF THE SUM OF \$28,362.00 TO GENE PAPA FOR THE SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT ON SIXTH STREET

MOTION by Councilmember Malfregeot, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Keith for consideration of the above-stated matter. Under discussion, Councilmember Hyman expressed his

position to have a document drafted wherein all parties would sign said agreement noting that the former City Manager is no longer here. When asked, City Attorney Marsh opined that such matters are normally handled by resolution and concurred with Councilmember Hyman. Mr. Papa stated that he had no objection to the resolution. Concluding discussion, **MOTION** by Councilmember Hyman, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Worth to **TABLE** this agenda item. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

G. CONSIDERATION OF TWO (2) APPOINTMENTS TO THE CLARKSBURG VISITORS' BUREAU, INC.

MOTION by Councilmember Worth, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Malfregeot to appoint Luis Ramirez and Kim Drummond to the Clarksburg Visitors' Bureau, Inc. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilmember Malfregeot: Reminded all that if they see something to say something and to check in on elderly neighbors.
- Councilmember Riffle: Advised of First Friday's event tomorrow noting the many activities and events lined up and expressed appreciation to all for their work in making First Fridays happen. Councilmember Riffle remarked that he is excited to get back to working on the things the City really needs rather than cleaning up things stating that the citizens are counting on Council.
- Councilmember Worth: Noted the very full agenda and spirited debate this evening and commented that he was happy to see Council taking the right steps to clean up these amendments and taking the right steps to make sure that this water project moves forward.
- Councilmember Keith: Informed of his frustration with a lot of things and expressed his discontent with the "potshot" aimed at him by the Vice Mayor and remarked that he was tired of the way Council was being treated. *(At this time, Councilmember Keith exited the meeting.)*
- Councilmember Hyman: Thanked Brittany Blackham and staff for the grants, advised of the swearing-in ceremonies he attended, congratulated Jeff Rogers for his 25 years of service with the Fire Department, remarked that he was looking forward to the First Friday's event. Remarked on the Charter amendments stating that sometimes mistakes are made and that need to be fixed opining that Council did the right thing.
- Vice Mayor Junkins: Commented that a lot of things were going on behind the scenes and that it was ironic that we get mad when we are called out on things we do and should not do. Vice Mayor Junkins stated that she was here for the people and not her own personal gain referencing deals being made with Patsy Trecoast reading portions of a social media post aloud. Vice Mayor Junkins remarked that the things that have occurred in this City has killed the City and that is why voters voted for them.
- Mayor Marino: Remarked that he wanted to do the right thing and to change culture and toes get stepped on in doing so; opined that three years ago the City was a mess and they promised change which they did.

There being no further business to come before Council, **MOTION** made by Councilmember Malfregeot, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Worth and **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY** for adjournment.

Mayor James Marino

Approved: March 2, 2023

Annette Wright, City Clerk

FEBRUARY 7, 2023

The Clarksburg City Council met in CONFERENCE (Work) SESSION on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 5:30 PM at the Clarksburg Municipal Building - Council Chambers, 222 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia, with Mayor Marino presiding.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Will Hyman
Jerry Riffle
Wayne Worth
Vice Mayor Lillie Junkins
Mayor James Marino

ALSO PRESENT:

Steve Pulice, Interim City Manager
Annette Wright, City Clerk

COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT:

Gary Keith
Jim Malfregeot

With attendance taken upon arrival by the City Clerk, Council proceeded with the following:

- **Discussion - Proposed Budget - Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Budget information was provided to all of Council with an overview being held thereon as well as a review of the revenues and expenses. Information regarding the ARPA funds received, allocated and spent was also provided. (See attachments). Noting that the information provided was merely a draft, Interim City Manager Pulice and Finance Director Karakiozis informed that any suggestions and changes requested this evening would be made to the existing document and presented at the new budget work session.

Each department head was present to present their proposed budgets to Council and provide information therefor. Finance Director Karakiozis confirmed that the position of account investigator was put back into this proposed budget. Code Enforcement Supervisor Ashley Carr informed that his budget included registration and training fees for his department as well as a vehicle. Noting that demolitions would be occurring in the spring, Mayor Marino inquired if there would be a work session regarding the same with Mr. Carr stating that a work session could be held therefor.

With regard to the election budget, Mayor Marino requested the administration get with the County to see about using their machines/electronic ballots. With regard to the IT budget, \$58,273 is budgeted for detection and response. Regarding the Police Department budget, Chief Kiddy informed that he is trying to build the escrow back up noting the need for new tasers and more portable radios and apprised of the price increase for vehicles. Regarding the Fire Department budget, the plan is to use a third-party billing for the rescue fees. It was noted that there was a need for a rescue vehicle with Interim Chief Green adding that the air packs are four generations back and they can no longer get parts therefor with the life expectancy thereon to be 15 years and the ones we have are now 19 years old.

Public Works Superintendent John Workman discussed the Public Works budget, etc. noting that his budget contains \$80,000 in beautification with \$50,000 in his budget as well as \$30,000 in Mr. Whitmore's budget. Mr. Workman apprised of the new keypad system for the fuel pump and concurred that we needed to escrow money for bigger ticket items. Mr. Workman informed that the 2004 sweeper has no transmission and the 2012 model is past its life expectancy noting this machinery to be intricate in cleaning up the streets as well as the same being a requirement by the DEP. Currently, an excavator is being rented pointing out the need for this equipment to continue the demolitions performed by his department. Mr. Workman apprised of the need for the aerial lift/bucket truck for banners, etc. which they have been having issues with this truck for a few years. With regard to the trackers that have been removed and the data plans cancelled therefor, Mayor Marino remarked that he was sold on the trackers for liability protection. With regard to the City's debt service, Finance Director Karakiozis informed that she would send out a schedule of the loans to Council. Concerning the Compost facility, Mr. Workman stated that he did not believe that the costs have been looked into for quite some time with Mayor Marino requesting that the Finance Director look into the same. Mr. Workman informed that they are working on the paving list now and that he would get in touch with the Water Board concerning their projects with Mayor Marino requesting that Council look at the proposed paving list.

Concerning the Park Board budget, Interim City Manager Pulice informed that he was not aware if the Superintendent position had been filled. Noting a conflict of interest with funds to the

United Way, Councilmember Worth excused himself from the meeting and exited the room. Noting a proposed Rainy Day Fund balance of approximately \$743,000, Mayor Marino stated that we needed to look at putting more money into said fund. Executive Director Ian McAra went over the proposed budget of the RGPAC noting the membership being a new addition and informing of the ticket sales being greater than projected. WWTP Superintendent Drew Eddy presented the Sanitary Board/WWTP proposed budget informing that he would be requesting \$500,000 from the ARPA funds to help fund the next phase of the long term control plan which is a DEP requirement.

Councilmember Riffle inquired as to how the budget would look if a full time City Attorney/Assistant City Manager position was included in the budget and requested the proposed cost therefor.

Meeting concluded.

James Marino, Mayor

Approved: March 2, 2023

Annette Wright, City Clerk