

**CITY OF MCKEESPORT**  
**WORKSHOP MEETING**

**TUESDAY**

**6:30 P.M.**

**JULY 2, 2019**

The Work Session portion of the Council Meeting was called to order on the above-stated date by Vice President of Council Jamie Brewster-Filotei.

**Secretary James read the following proposed Bills:**

**Bill #35** - Introduced by Keith Soles – An Ordinance of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Changing the Name of the Public Right-of-Way Currently Known as Tulip Drive (between Eden Park Boulevard and Arboretum Drive) to Jimmy Beaumont Boulevard.

Mayor Cherepko said all of us McKeesporters are very aware I'm sure of the passing of Jimmy Beaumont last year and him being another one of our stars that we have here in the City of McKeesport that many of us, you know you see Jimmy or whatever you talk to him and we kind of don't think much of it but in honor of him Jamie came to me, Councilwoman Jamie Brewster-Filotei came to me about a year ago and talked about doing something for the family. We came up with the idea of renaming that part of Tulip, which won't affect any addresses as well. It will run from Eden Park Boulevard up to the Rose Garden and that little stretch there only will then be named, with your approval tonight, Jimmy Beaumont Boulevard. When it will be, we will celebrate that with a new sign. We will be looking to do that in August and I don't have the date off-hand. Vice President of Council Brewster-Filotei said I think it's August 11. Mayor Cherepko said August 11<sup>th</sup>, the Skyliners will be playing at the bandshell so we chose that date to invite the family out and friends and for that day to officially dedicate that part of the roadway which will go, which runs right along the side of the bandshell, and rename it "Jimmy Beaumont Boulevard" and I thank you for your help in all that Jamie.

**Bill #36** –Introduced by Timothy Brown – An Ordinance of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Repealing Ordinance Nos. 83-99, 88-4, 06-20, and 09-17 to Completely Replace Article 901 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of McKeesport Entitled Street Openings, and to Provide for the Issuing of Street Opening Permits, the Technical Specifications for the Restoration of Said

Openings, the Fees and Cost for Same, and the Penalties for Violation of These Provisions.

Vice President of Council Brewster-Filotei asked for discussion and Solicitor Elash said this is what the Public Hearing was on. Mayor Cherepko said yes, this was the Public Hearing that we just had. This is in regard to the street openings here throughout the City of McKeesport. We are looking to make sure that we set a standard not just for, for mostly it's our utility companies anytime they cut into our roads, whether it's a break or whatever it is to enhance their service, we are going to make sure that they meet the criteria that we put forth which includes five (5) feet of where their hole is on either side of the hole in addition to curb to curb. There is also some language in there that says if they were to cut more than three (3) within twenty-four (24) months, three (3) times on the same block, then they would be required to repave and resurface that entire block. So, we are looking to protect our investment that we make, not just on the roads that we have been repairing but roads that have been repaired over the last couple years. We are just trying to make sure that we increase the life of the roads. Obviously, here in the City there have been roads that have been neglected for years and years because of lack of funding and lack of resources. So, through McKeesport rising we are trying to address the main ones and through this bill we will make sure through Steve at the Public Works Department he will oversee and make sure that they are restoring the roads in the condition that they are supposed to be in and he will have to sign off on each and every road opening.

**Bill #37** – Introduced by Luethel Nesbit – An Ordinance of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, vacating a Portion of Gleditsch Alley, a 20' Public Right-of-Way as Located in the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Containing an Area of 5,140.0 Square Feet More or Less.

Mayor Cherepko said this vacation of this part of this Alley will be yet another development that we have going on here in the City. I think we talk each and every month about a lot of the good things that are happening from an economic development standpoint of things, whether it's RIDC, whether it's the Christy Park Corridor, whether it's in downtown along Walnut Street, whether it's on Fifth Avenue with all the excitement or in this particular area on East Fifth Avenue. This will vacate the alleyway that runs right behind Car Wash 48 for a

development that will take place. That's the old Sparkles Car Wash, across from Pennzoil at the corner of Hartman and Lysle Boulevard and this will help consolidate all of the separate properties into one so that they then can build the building for the new establishment. I'm not sure where we are or at this point if they have their name on anything. I know there's a public hearing coming up, or Zoning, they are going to what Zoning? Solicitor Elash said we will be voting on tonight to reverse subdivide the parcels and get a Conditional Use. Mayor Cherepko said so that development will be able to have an official announcement coming very shortly and that will be down on the East Fifth Corridor of the City.

**Bill #38** – Introduced by Brian Evans - An Ordinance of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Amending Ordinance No. 14-25, as Amended, to Amend the Municipal Officers and Employees Pension, Annuity, Insurance and Benefit Fund or Funds, to Reflect Changes Resulting from Collective Bargaining.

Solicitor Elash said these are tweaks to our pension language for the drops and for some other provisions to line them up with the Collective Bargaining, what's actually in the Plan, some of the things that were a little messed up from our last Audit there were a few findings that we had to correct. That's this one and the next one.

Mayor Cherepko asked, recommendations? Solicitor Elash said yes. Solicitor Elash said yes there were provisions that were contrary in our Pension Plan. One said one thing and then later it said something else so we had to get them both saying the same thing.

**Bill #39** – Introduced by Keith Soles – An Ordinance of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Amending Ordinance No. 13-15, as Amended, to Amend the Police Pension, Annuity, Insurance and Benefit Fund or Funds to Reflect Changes Resulting from Collective Bargaining.

Solicitor Elash said this is the same exact thing.

**Bill #40** – Introduced by Timothy Brown – A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Designating September 19 through October 13, 2019, as Radical Days in the City of McKeesport.

Mayor Cherepko said this is obviously us with the RAD Funding we get, our regular pavilions from September 19 through October 13, 2019, can be reserved

free of charge. You still have to get a permit from the City and still have to put a deposit with the City just in case something went wrong but you would be reimbursed your entire deposit. That does not include the Social Hall, the Main Pavilion or the Blue Top, but all your other pavilions.

**Bill #41** – Introduced by Luethel Nesbit – A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Authorizing the Proper City Officials to Enter into a Sub-Recipient Agreement with the McKeesport Housing Corporation.

Solicitor Elash said this is our yearly Sub-Recipient Agreement between MHC, McKeesport Housing Corporation, and what's the next one, Mr. Collura. One is, Mayor Cherepko said this one is just for \$9,000 it wasn't the full one. Solicitor Elash said yes, this is for us, the Sub-Recipient Agreement with McKeesport Housing Corporation for use of revolving land funds for the Fiscal Year 2019.

**Bill #42** – Introduced by Brian Evans – A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Authorizing the Proper City Officials to Enter into an Agreement with David Collura for Wildlife Removal Services.

Solicitor Elash said this is the second Sub-Recipient Agreement, this is a Contract Agreement for CDBG. Mayor Cherepko said David Collura is our wildlife control. He's the one that comes out to your house if you are in need whether it's raccoons or skunks, groundhogs, whatever the case may be. He comes out and sets up a trap for you and you notify me when the trap is occupied and he comes and removes it.

**Bill #43** – Introduced by Keith Soles – A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Authorizing the Proper City Officials to Enter into an Agreement with David Collura.

Solicitor Elash said this is the one I thought we were talking about twice. This one needs pulled off; we have to correct his amounts. So, we are going to ask for a Motion to Amend the Agenda to Remove Bill 43 and also 45 and replace on the Agenda new Bill 45.

**Bill #44** – Introduced by Timothy Brown – A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Approving a Reverse Subdivision Request from J&K Viking Lounge, Inc., 3413 Versailles Avenue, McKeesport, to Combine Two (2)

Lots, (381-D-112 and 381-D-106) Into One. The Property Exists in a C-4 Zoning District.

Mayor Cherepko said this is the reverse subdivision request of the Viking. It will still leave a right-of-way.

**Bill #45** – Introduced by Brian Evans – A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Approving Both a Conditional Use Request to Construct a Fueling/Recharging Station in a C-3 Zoning District and a Reverser Subdivision Request from Morris Knowles & Associates, Inc., 443 Athena Drive, Delmont, PA, to Combine Twelve (12) Lots (379-S-338, 379-S-346, 379-S-358, 380-D-168, 380-D-170, 380-D-173, 380-D-174, 380-D-181, 380-D-196, 380-D-207, 380-D-208, and 380-D-209) Into One. The Property Exists in a C-3 Zoning District.

Mayor Cherepko said this is the development that we were speaking of when we were vacating the alley up above. So, this will take all of those separate parcels and combine it into one so that the development can take place. Solicitor Elash said yes, the title she read is for the Bill that we will be amending the Agenda to put on. The Bill on your Agenda simply is a reverse subdivision combining all of those lots into one parcel but we are also approving the Planning Commission's recommendation for a Conditional Use for a gas station.

Vice President of Council Brewster-Filotei asked if there was anything else and said ok that adjourns tonight's Work Session.

Vice President of Council Brewster-Filotei said oh, sorry, Council Reports.

### **Council Reports**

Mrs. Nesbit – I would like to let everybody know that Action Housing has finished the house on the corner, I don't have the exact address. Do you remember what it is? Mayor Cherepko said it's right across from Twin Rivers so it would be somewhere around, the address is on Bailey though, 1400 maybe? Mrs. Nesbit said it's completed and ready for occupancy. With the sale of that house we are going to build another one next to it. We've been working in conjunction with the City to finally get this done and we also are going to be able to do façade repairs in the cultural district for ten (10) recipients that already live there and as we get more money we can do more homes in the cultural district but the first ten that applied they will be approved and we will do that. Mayor Cherepko said I want to

thank Lue and Action Housing. When we first got into office it's hard to believe 7-8 years ago, when we applied for funding up there to get rid of some of the vacant houses at the time CITF money. We had to get a little creative with it. We were denied based on it was just demo. We told them that it was a revitalization project that step one, phase one was just to get rid of the blighted homes and we finally get to carry out 7 years later the total end which is building new homes. So, there's a new home built. There's a buyer as well that's going through all of the requirements at this time. There will be more houses that are going to be built up there, more houses rehabbed in that particular area and I know Senator Brewster really pushed hard for this, Austin Davis, Representative Davis, as well, so as they continue to fight for the funding that we can get to do these types of projects in the City we are extremely grateful for that and we would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge them and their efforts. We are excited, Lue thank you, because Action Housing ended up being the one, and Lue and I talked for a few years about this. I almost want to say before you were on Council. We were really trying to partner with this and make this a reality and it's exciting. It's a beautiful home. We had a chance to go through it today and we are very excited so thank you for all your efforts Lue as well.

Mr. Evans – Nothing.

Mr. Soles – Nothing.

Mr. Brown – Nothing.

Vice President of Council Brewster-Filotei said alright, that adjourns the Work Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice President of Council Brewster-Filotei said alright, that adjourns the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette James  
City Clerk and Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

Jamie Brewster-Filotei  
Vice President of Council

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