

**WARREN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2013 – 5:15 PM**

OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Phillips presided over the November 4, 2013, special meeting of Warren City Council in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members present and responding to roll call were: Mayor Mark Phillips, Maurice Cashman, Dr. Howard Ferguson, Samuel Harvey, John Lewis, and James A. Zavinski, Sr. Joseph Sprentz was absent. Ms. Nau, Mr. Holtz, Mrs. Leary, Chief Pascuzzi, and Ms. Stapleford of City staff were also in attendance.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Phillips welcomed Josh Cotton, Times Observer Reporter.

JOINT BILLING AGREEMENT: EMERGYCARE

(See also City Council minutes of 9/30/13 and 10/21/13)

Chief Pascuzzi stated that EmergyCare Inc. (ECI) requested the revision of the Joint Billing Agreement in order to restore their share of fees generated under the agreement. Changes in insurance reimbursements since the original agreement was implemented in 1995 have caused ECI's share of revenue to decrease from 40% to 24%. Revisions include disbursement of revenue generated under the agreement on a fixed percentage basis of 60/40, with the City retaining 60% and exclusion of specified Commercial Insurance Payors and Medicaid from joint billing. The revised agreement is expected to have no impact on City revenue.

Upon motion by Mr. Lewis and second by Dr. Ferguson, Council members present (6) voted unanimously to approve the Joint Billing Agreement with EmergyCare, Inc. to become effective January 1, 2014.

PENNVEST LOAN CLOSING DOCUMENTS

Ms. Stapleford stated that she, City Staff, and Hill Engineering, Inc. are working to complete documentation required by the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) in order to close on the financing package offered to the City for its Wastewater Facilities Improvement Projects. The City received a Funding Offer from PENNVEST dated January 22, 2013 in the amount of \$24,000,000.00 of which \$19,491,723.00 is a loan and \$4,508,277.00 is a grant.

Based upon bids received, it was determined that additional funding would be required for completion of the project. At its October 23, 2013 meeting, the PENNVEST Board approved an additional \$2,000,000.00 in loan funding. Therefore, it is necessary to further amend Ordinance No. 1832, as amended by Ordinance No. 1833, to reflect the additional loan funds. Also required is a Guaranteed Revenue Note reflecting the entire loan amount of \$21,491,723.00

Additionally, it is necessary to amend Ordinance No. 1835 pertaining to short-term interim financing. The amendment will set forth additional provisions regarding the financing. Subsequently, it is necessary to provide a General Obligation Note for the short-term interim financing.

Ordinance No. 1838: Amending Ordinance No. 1832 (as amended by Ordinance No. 1833)

Upon motion by Mr. Harvey and second by Mr. Lewis, Council members present (6) voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance amending Ordinance No's 1832 and 1833 to reflect an additional \$2,000,000.00 in PENNVEST loan funding.

Guarantee Revenue Note

Upon motion by Mr. Harvey and second by Mr. Lewis, Council members present (6) voted unanimously to approve the Guarantee Revenue Note in the amount of \$21,491,723.00 for the PENNVEST loan (with Item No. 9 to be corrected to state "One Percent").

Ordinance No. 1839: Amending Ordinance No. 1835

Upon motion by Mr. Harvey and second by Mr. Lewis, Council members present (6) voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance setting forth additional terms regarding the ErieBank Short-Term Interim Loan Financing.

General Obligation Note: ErieBank Short-Term Interim Financing

Upon motion by Mr. Harvey and second by Mr. Lewis, Council members present (6) voted unanimously to approve the General Obligation Note for the ErieBank Short-Term Interim Financing (with Item No. 9 to be corrected to state "One Percent").

Resolution No 2930: Declaration of Intent to Reimburse

Upon motion by Mr. Harvey and second by Mr. Lewis, Council members present (6) voted unanimously to approve the resolution declaring the intent to reimburse short-term borrowed funds and the City's Sewer Fund account used to construct improvements to the City's Wastewater System with funds received from PENNVEST.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Phillips declared the meeting adjourned.