

CITY OF DUQUESNE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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PRESENT: MAYOR NESBY, REV. CALDWELL, MS. HENDERSON-MURPHY AND MS. WASHINGTON. ALSO PRESENT: INTERIM CITY MANAGER MARYLOUISE BITTNER, TREASURER DAVID J.BIRES, POLICE CHIEF TOM DUNLEVY, FIRE CHIEF FRANK COBB, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL DEMECO POINDEXTER, ENGINEER DAVE GILLILAND AND CITY SOLICITOR MYRON SAINOVICH  
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CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

GEORGE KRAUS OF RICHFORD STREET STATES THAT HE HAS QUESTIONS ITEM #8 THE BOROUGH TAX. MR KRAUS ASKS IF THIS IS A NEW TAX. MR. SAINOVICH STATES THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN SET IN THE ORDINANCE IN THE PAST BACK IN THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR WITH THE BUDGET. MR. KRAUS CONTINUES ON TO ITEM #11 AND STATES THAT HE IS GLAD THAT THE CITY HAS A FITNESS COURT. MR. KRAUS ALSO STATES THAT HE HOPES THE PLAYGROUNDS WILL BE KEPT UP ALSO. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT LAST YEAR WE RECEIVED A GRANT FOR \$17,800 TO CREATE A RECREATION COMMITTEE. MAYOR NESBY THEN ASKS MR KRAUS THAT IF HE WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE AND THAT IT WOULD BE GREAT IF HE DOES. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT IT WOULD BE AN OVERALL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS IN ORDER TO SIT ON THAT COMMITTEE. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE IF YOU KNOW SOME OF YOUR NEIGHBORS THAT ARE INTERESTED WE ARE LOOKING ANYWHERE FROM 5-12 INDIVIDUALS FROM ALL DENOMINATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY NO MATTER WHAT IT IS OLD, YOUNG, BLACK, WHITE OR WHATEVER IT MAY BE. MAYOR NESBY CONTINUES ON TO SAY WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE REBUILDING OUR COMMUNITY. MR. KRAUS THEN ASKS ARE THERE SCHEDULES FOR PAVING STREETS THIS SUMMER? COUNCILWOMAN HENDERSON-MURPHY RESPONDS STATING THAT WE DO NOT HAVE A SCHEDULE AS OF YET BUT WE ARE LOOKING IN TO IT, HOWEVER WE WILL PRIORITIZE WHAT STREETS WILL NEED THE MOST AND DO THOSE FIRST. MR. KRAUS THEN SAYS REGARDING THE GENTLEMAN ASKING AT THE WORKSHOP ABOUT THE WATER AND BEING



CONTACTED MR. KRAUS STATES THAT HE REMEMBERS A FEW YEARS AGO THAT HE WAS NOTIFIED THAT HIS WATER WAS TURNED OFF BY A ROBO CALL, DO WE STILL HAVE THAT? EVERYBODY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE I LIVE WAS CONTACTED BY A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY THAT THE WATER WAS GOING TO BE TURNED OFF. MAYOR NESBY RESPONDS SAYING YES WE DO HAVE ACCESS TO ROBO CALLS. MR. KRAUS ASKS WHO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SIDEWALKS ON RT. 837? MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT IT DEPENDS ON WHERE IT IS. MAYOR NESBY CONTINUES TO SAY IT MAY BE PENNDOT OR IT MAY BE US. COUNCILWOMAN HENDERSON-MURPHY AND COUNCILMAN CALDWELL BOTH ASKS WHERE AT ON RT. 837? MR. KRAUS RESPONDS FROM GRANT STREET ON DOWN TO THE BRIDGE. COUNCILMAN CALDWELL STATES THAT HE IS UNSURE AND TO LET HIM CHECK INTO THAT.

WILLIAM DANKO AT 501 CRAWFORD AVENUE ASKS IF THE CITY HAS LAWN MOWERS, TRACTORS AND WEED WHACKERS TO DO THE JOB. COUNCILWOMAN HENDERSON-MURPHY RESPONDS STATING THAT WE DO NOT HAVE TRACTORS WE WERE JUST TRYING TO PRICE LAWN MOWERS AND BACKPACK BLOWERS SO WE ARE JUST GOING TO PURCHASE ANOTHER ONE BUT WE DO HAVE SOME BUT WE NEED A NEW ONE. MR DANKO ASKS ARE THEY USABLE? COUNCILWOMAN HENDERSON-MURPHY RESPONDS STATING THAT YES THEY ARE USABLE BUT LIKE I SAID WE ARE GOING TO GET ADDITIONAL ONES AND SOME BACKPACK BLOWERS, HOWEVER WE DO NOT HAVE A TRACTOR. MR DANKO STATES NO TRACTORS JUST LAWN MOWERS AND CONTINUES ON TO SAY NOT TO BE SARCASTIC BUT WE WILL BE LIVING IN A JUNGLE AGAIN THIS YEAR. COUNCILWOMAN HENDERSON-MURPHY ASKS WHY DO YOU SAY THAT? MR DANKO REPLIES STATING THAT IF YOU GO TO SOME OF THESE LOTS NOW YOU'LL SEE HOW HIGH THE GRASS IS ALREADY AND NOTHING IS BEING DONE. THE ONLY ONE I SEEN CUTTING GRASS WAS A GUY FROM THE COUNTY CUTTING COUNTY LOTS OVER ON PRISCILLA THEN HE GOES UP TO THE HOUSING PLANT UP THERE OFF OF CRAWFORD. MAYOR NESBY INTERJECTS STATING THE REASON FOR THAT IS BECAUSE SHE CONTACTED THEM AND PRIOR TO THAT THE CITY OF DUQUESNE WAS CUTTING IT. MR DANKO STATES THE CITY CUT THE GRASS IN 2017 AND THE COUNTY START CUTTING IT IN 2018. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT THAT IS CORRECT. MR DANKO ASKS WHO IS SELLING THESE PROPERTIES HERE THE CITY OR THE COUNTY. MAYOR NESBY RESPONDS STATING THAT THE COUNTY IS SELLING THE PROPERTY. MAYOR NESBY CONTINUES ON STATING THAT SHE ACTUALLY ASKED FOR A MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH THE COUNTY REGARDING THE SELLING OF THE PROPERTY AND IN 2018 WE HAD A DEVELOPER COME IN FROM DC WHO WAS INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING THAT AREA. MAYOR NESBY CONTINUES STATING THAT THE COUNTY WOULD NOT CONSIDER SELLING THEM ANYTHING UNDER THAN \$75,000 AN ACRE. MAYOR NESBY CONTINUES ON STATING THAT AGAIN IN 2019 WE HAD BROUGHT IN A DEVELOPER WHO DONE A PRESENTATION IN FRONT OF YOU ALL. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT



THE DEVELOPER WANTED TO COME IN AND DO SOMETHING WHICH WAS RETAIL RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL IN THAT AREA AND THE COUNTY WOULDN'T CONSIDER IT AT ALL. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT THE NEXT THING SHE KNEW WE HAD SIGNS UP SELLING EACH ONE OF THOSE PARCELS OF LAND FOR \$5000. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT THE PROBLEM SHE HAS IS THAT LAND A THIRD OF THE LAND IS FOR THE CITY OF DUQUESNE IS OWNED BY THE COUNTY AND WHEN WE LOOKED AT THE INFORMATION LAST YEAR THERE WAS \$385,000 THAT WAS DUE TO THE CITY AND BACK TAXES THAT THE COUNTY IS ACTUALLY TAX EXEMPT FROM BUT IT IS \$385,000 AND I THOUGHT THE COUNTY SHOULD HAVE TO PAY THE CITY SOMETHING BECAUSE THEY LEFT THAT LAND ABANDONED AND BLIGHTED FOR OVER 17 YEARS. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT THEY PASSED A RESOLUTION LAST YEAR TO SUE THEM AND WE PROBABLY WOULD NOT HAVE WON. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT SHE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA TO DOCUMENT IT AND CONTINUES TO SAY THAT SOMETHING WAS DONE WRONG TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY BUT OUR PRIOR SOLICITORS THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH THEM BECAUSE OF HOW MUCH BUSINESS THEY DID WITH THE COUNTY AND WITH THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH. MR DANKO ASKS IS THERE GOING TO BE ANY FUNDING TO DEMOLISH SOME OF THESE BLIGHTED PROPERTIES. MAYOR NESBY RESPONDS STATING HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED WITH THAT AND THAT SHE LOVES HIM FOR LISTING EVERYTHING ABOUT IT. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT YOU KNEW AS WELL AS I DO BEFORE RUNNING FOR OFFICE OR BEFORE ANY OF US GOT HERE THAT WE HAD A LOT OF ISSUES. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO WAVE A MAGIC WAND AND IT BE TAKEN CARE OF IN ONE YEAR. MAYOR NESBY CONTINUES ON TO SAY THAT WE ARE NOT EVEN GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO IT WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND THAT WE NEED YOU ALL TO ACTUALLY PARTICIPATE IN CHANGING THE WAY OUR CITY ACTUALLY LOOKS. MAYOR NESBY STATES IF YOU SEE THESE ABANDONED HOUSES OR WHATEVER IT MAY BE YOU NEED TO WRITE THEM ON DOWN YOU NEED TO SEND THEM ON OVER HERE TO COUNCILMAN RIGHT HERE CALDWELL SO WE CAN SEE IT. MAYOR NESBY STATES HOW WE DO THIS IS WE BREAK IT DOWN BY WARDS AND DISTRICTS BASED ON YOU THE PEOPLE AND THEN BASED ON WHAT YOU WANT IN THAT SECTOR AND THAT IS WHAT WE DO. MAYOR NESBY CONTINUES ON SAYING THAT WE HAVE TO COME UP WITH A PLAN AND ONCE WE COME UP WITH A PLAN WE CAN GET MONEY. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT SHE SPOKE WITH THE STATE ON SEVERAL OCCASION AND WHAT THEY SAID IS THAT WE HAVE NOT PUT A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TOGETHER TO DO THE DEVELOPMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY. MAYOR NESBY ASKS THAT AT ANY POINT IN TIME AND WE HAVE 10 DIFFERENT COMMITTEES IF YOU WANT TO SIT ON ANYTHING SO THAT YOU CAN BE APART, GIVE YOUR IDEAS OR SHARE YOUR VISION FOR A BETTER DUQUESNE YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME AND THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN. MR DANKO STATES THAT HE IS GOING TO GO BACK TO COMMENTING AND STATES YOU PEOPLE YOU MEAN NONE OF YOU FROM CITY COUNCIL COMES



FROM THE MCKEESPORT BRIDGE TO DUQUESNE. MAYOR NESBY RESPONDS WITH YES. MR DANKO REPLIES STATING THAT YINS CAN'T SEE THE GARBAGE AND THE WEEDS AND EVERYTHING DOWN THERE TO MAKE A DECISION ON YOUR OWN WITHOUT THE CITIZENS TELLING YOU THAT IT LOOKS LIKE A PIECE OF SHIT DOWN THERE. MAYOR NESBY RESPONDS STATING THAT EACH ONE OF HAS A DEPARTMENT THAT WE ARE RESPONSILBLE FOR AND EACH DEPARTMENT ARE RESPONSILBLE FOR VARIOUS SECTORS IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT TASK IS DONE SO WHEN THESE ISSUES HAPPEN YOU NEED TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL INDIVIDUAL OF THAT DEPARTMENT WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THAT HAPPEN. COUNCILWOMAN HENDERSON-MURPHY INTERJECTS STATING THAT'S WHY WE JUST TOLD YOU THAT PART OF RT. 837 IS NOT DUQUESNE SO EVERYTHING THAT YOU SEE ON RT 837 IS NOT FOLLOW UNDER DUQUESNE. COUNCILMAN CALDWELL INTERJECTS STATING THAT WE CAN MAKE A PHONE CALL NOW THAT IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION. COUNCILMAN CALDWELL CONTINUES TO SAY THAT WE'LL MAKE THE PHONE CALLS AND TALK TO THEM ABOUT DOING THEIR PART WHY WE CONTINUE TO DO OURS. WE HAD A MEETING TODAY WITH DEMECO ABOUT US MAKING SURE THE RESIDENTS GRASS IS GOOD MAKING SURE THAT WE CLEAN UP A LOT OF THINGS IN THE CITY THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER SO WE DON'T LOOK SO BAD. MAYOR NESBY INTERJECTS SAYING SIR WE ARE GOING TO SEND A LETTER BECAUSE AS I REPEATEDLY HAVE SAID MAKING PHONE CALLS IS NOT ENOUGH BECAUSE THERE IS NO DOCUMENTATION OF ANY THING THAT HAS TRANSPIRED FROM PHONE CALLS MADE. MAYOR NESBY CONTINUES ON TO SAY THAT IT LITERALLY NEEDS A LETTER OR AN EMAIL NEEDS TO BE SENT OUT SO THAT YOU GET A WRITTEN RESPONSE BACK SO THEREFORE WE CAN TELL YOU WHEN YOU CALL US OR COME BACK DOWN HERE IN FRONT US AND SAY WELL WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS THAT YOU DIDN'T DO IT, NOW THAT WE HAVE A WRITTEN LETTER FROM PENNDOT STATING THAT THIS IS WHAT THEY INTEND TO DO IN THAT SECTOR THT IS NOT OWNED BY THE CITY OF DUQUESNE. COUNCILWOMAN HENDERSON-MURPHY STATES THAT AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING I WILL HAVE SOME ANSWERS FOR YOU STATING THAT SHE WILL CONTACT PENNDOT. MR DANKO CONTINUES ON SAYING THAT YOU LIVE HERE AND WHEN YOU COME FROM THE MCKEESPORT BRIDGE INTO THE CITY IT LOOKS LIKE A GARBAGE DUMP WITH ALL THAT GARBAGE DOWN THERE. MR DANKO ASKS HOW MANY EMPLOYEES DOES THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS. COUNCILWOMAN HENDERSON-MURPHY RESPONDS STATING THAT WE HAVE ONE THATIS OUT ON WORKMAN'S COMP, A MECHANIC AND THREE THAT ARE CURRENTLY WORKING. COUNCILWOMAN HENDERSON-MURPHY STATES THAT IT IS A TOTAL OF FIVE EMPLOYEES IN PUBLIC WORKS. MR DANKO THEN ASKS IF THAT IS ALL THE EMPLOYEES YOU HAVE HOW IS WORK GOING TO GET DONE IN THE CITY. COUNCILWOMAN HENDERSON-MURPHY STATING THAT IF WE HIRE MORE EMPLOYEES WHICH SHE WANTED TO DO BUT WE CAN NOT BECAUSE OF OUR BUDGET UNLESS WE INCREASE THE TAXES EVEN MORE SO WHEN WE DID DO THAT YOU GUYS



WERE UPSET. COUNCIL WOMAN HENDERSON-MURPHY CONTINUES ON STATING THAT WE HAVE TO JUGGLE WITH WHAT WE HAVE YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING. MR DANKO INTERJECTS SAYING WELL HERE'S THE THING I'M OLD SCHOOL DON'T BEAT AROUND THE BUSH WE DON'T HAVE THE EMPLOYEES DOWN THERE MAINTAINING THE PARK LIKE IT SHOULD BE, PLAIN AND SIMPLE, THAT'S MORE ACCEPTABLE. COUNCILWOMAN HENDERSON-MURPHY STATES TO MR DANKO THAT SHE ANSWERED YOUR QUESTIONS THOUGH AND THAT WE ARE GOING TO ADVERTISE FOR SEASONAL WORK SO THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES OUT BUT ONCE AGAIN THE FULL TIME EMPLOYEES WE CANNOT HAVE ANYMORE WITHOUT RAISING TAXES. COUNCILWOMAN HENDERSON-MURPHY STATES HOW WILL WE PAY THEM THEY HAVE TO BE PAID RIGHT. MR DANKO STATES THAT HAVING FULL TIME EMPLOYEES THAT ARE GETTING BENEFITS AND STUFF IS BETTER THAN HAVING A BOY SIT THERE DOING \$7/HR SMOKING A CIGARETTE NOT DOING NOTHING. MAYOR NESBY INTERJECTS STATING THE SAME AMOUNT OF EMPLOYEES WHICH WERE EMPLOYED HERE INSIDE THE CITY OF DUQUESNE IS THE SAME IT'S BEEN UNDER THE PRIOR ADMINISTRATION SO RATHER THEY WERE PARTNERED TOGETHER UNDER THE OLD ADMINISTRATION AND DECIDED NOT TO DO IT THIS YEAR UNDER THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IT IS THE SAME AMOUNT OF PERSONNEL AS IT WAS BEFORE. MAYOR NESBY CONTINUES IN SAYING THAT WHAT WE DID DO WAS LAST YEAR AND IN 2017 THERE WERE THREE EMPLOYEES WHICH WERE HIRED IN 2018, WE CUT THEIR HOURS WE GAVE THEM 4 DAYS A WEEK WE BOUGHT THEM DOWN TO MINIMUM WAGE AND HIRED SIX PEOPLE TO HELP WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF THE HIGH WEEDS AND DIFFERENT THINGS LAST YEAR. MR DANKO ASKS DID THAT WORK OUT FOR YOU. MAYOR NESBY REPLIES STATING THAT WHAT IT DID WAS MR DANKO INTERJECTS STATING THAT IT DIDN'T WORK OUT IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT HERE IS ANOTHER THING AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED BEFORE WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING IN THE CITY OF DUQUESNE AT THE LAST COUNT IT WAS 938 ABANDONED PROPERTIES AND VACANT LOTS. MAYOR NESBY CONTINUES ON TO SAY THAT SHE HAS DISCUSSED THIS WITH COUNCILMAN CALDWELL AS WELL AS THE SOLICITOR AS FAR AS CREATING SOME TYPE OF AMNESTY PROGRAM TO DO AWAY WITH SOME OF THE BACK TAXES SO THAT WE CAN MAKE THAT LAND MOBILE AND FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT PURCHASE IT TO DEVELOP IT. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT SHE HAS ALSO SPOKEN WITH COUNCILMAN CALDWELL ABOUT SOME OTHER THINGS THAT WHEN IT WAS TIME FOR HIM TO DO HIS REPORT THAT I'LL ACTUALLY ASK HIM ABOUT THOSE OTHER ITEMS AS WELL. MR DANKO RESPONDS STATING THAT MAYBE IF YINS WOULD MAYBE SEND SOMETHING TO THE COUNTY TO REDUCE THE PRICE OF SOME OF THESE LOTS. MR DANKO ALSO STATES THAT ANYBODY IN THEIR RIGHT MIND IS NOT GOING TO PAY \$5000 FOR A LOT. MAYOR NESBY RESPONDS SAYING THAT IS WHAT THE AMNESTY PROGRAM WOULD DO, IT WOULD BE MORE OR LESS TALKING ABOUT THE FORGIVENESS OF THE BACK TAXES FOR SO MANY YEARS SO THAT WE CAN



MOVE THAT LAND, SELL IT OR REHAB IT SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES. MAYOR NESBY CONTINUES ON SAYING THAT SOMEONE MAY WANT TO PURCHASE IT IF THEY DON'T HAVE TO PAY. MAYOR NESBY CONTINUES ON TO SAY THAT SOME OF THE PROPERTIES HERE HAVE BEEN VACANT AND BLIGHTED FOR 10 YEARS OR MORE AND SOME OF THE LAND OWNED BY THE COUNTY HAS BEEN VACANT FOR 17 YEARS. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT 17 YEARS IS A LONG TIME FOR SOMEONE JUST TO BE SITTING ON IT AND THEY HAVEN'T PAID ANY TAXES AND THE COUNTY GETS AWAY WITH IT BUT SOMEBODY ELSE HAS TO PAY THOSE BACK TAXES AND THEY ARE NOT WILLING TO. MAYOR NESBY CONTINUES ON SAYING THAT THEY ABANDONED THE PROPERTY AND THEY OWE 10 YEARS OF BACK TAXES ON IT. MAYOR NESBY ALSO STATES THAT THE TAXES OWED ON IT IS NOT WORTH THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY THAT'S HERE SO THAT'S WHAT THE AMNESTY PROGRAM WOULD DO. MR DANKO STATES THAT THE ONE CITY VEHICLE WAS WRECKED WHAT EVER HAPPENED WITH THAT, WHAT'S THE OUTCOME OF THAT? MAYOR NESBY RESPONDS STATING THAT THE WRECKED CITY VEHICLE WILL BE COVERED BY THE INSURANCE OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO RAN INTO IT. MR DANKO THAN ASKS IF THE POLICE CAR THAT WAS RECENTLY WRECKED IS THAT DEMOLISHED OR ABLE TO BE REPAIRED. MAYOR NESBY CALLS ON POLICE CHIEF DUNLEVY TO RESPOND. CHIEF DUNLEVY RESPONDS STATING THAT HE WAS CONTACTED BY THE INSURANCE AGENCY 2 DAYS AGO ABOUT IT. CHIEF DUNLEVY STATES THE VEHICLE IS TOTALED AND THE CONDITIONS LOOKS TO BE NOT THE FAULT OF THE CITY OF DUQUESNE. CHIEF DUNLEVY STATES THAT HE IS NOT GOING TO GO IN THE DETAILS OF IT BUT THE ESTIMATE THAT WAS SENT TO US FROM THE INSURANCE AGENCY SEEM UNGODLY LOW FOR THE VAULE OF THE VEHICLE. CHIEF DUNLEVY STATES THAT THE POLICE CAR HAS ABOUT \$15000 OF EQUIPMENT INSIDE OF IT THAT WE ARE GOING BACK AND FOURTH WITH THE INSURANCE COMPANY ABOUT. MR DANKO ASKS IF THE TREASURER EVER GET HIS COMPUTER BACK IN HIS ROOM. MAYOR NESBY RESPONDS SAYING YES. CITY TREASURER DAVID J BIRES RESPONDS STATING THAT THE COMPUTER DOESN'T WORK. MR BIRES ALSO STATES THAT HE CAN'T DO WHAT HE NEEDS TO DO AND THAT IT IS VERY DISAPPOINTING. MR DANKO ASKS MR BIRES IF HE WAS BACK TO SIGNING THE CHECKS. CITY TREASURER DAVID J BIRES RESPONDS STATING YES I'M SIGNING THE CHECKS. MR DANKO RESPONDS SAYING THAT'S GOOD. MR BIRES TELLS MR DANKO THE REASON HE IS NOW SIGNING THE CHECKS IS BECAUSE THE CITY MANAGER IS GONE AND MY NAME HAS TO BE ON THEM. MR BIRES CONTINUES ON TO SAY THAT IF THE CITY MANAGER WAS STILL HERE THAT HE PROBABLY WOULDN'T SEE THEM STILL TO THIS POINT IN TIME. MR DANKO STATES THAT THEY SHOULD JUST LET YOU DO WHAT YOU ARE TO DO UNTIL YOUR TERM IS UP AND THEN THEY CAN DO WHAT THEY WANT WITH THE NEW TREASURER. CITY TREASURER DAVID J BIRES RESPONDS STATING THAT THEY WILL. MR DANKO STATES THATHE HATES TO BRING UP BAD NEWS BUT THE VEHICLE THAT THE DEA CONFISCATED AND NOW THE MAYOR IS USING WHO AUTHORIZES THE PEOPLE TO USE THAT VEHICLE. MR



DANKO ASKS IS ANYONE GOING TO RESPOND. CITY TREASURER DAVID BIRES STATES THAT HE'LL ANSWER IT AND MAYOR NESBY INTERJECTS STATING NO YOU WON'T. MR BIRES AGAIN STATES THAT HE CAN ANSWER THE QUESTION AND MAYOR NESBY TELLS HOM NO YOU WON'T. MR DANKO STATES LET HIM PUT IT THIS WAY I'M ASKING A QUESTION AND DON'T WANT ANYONE TO BEAT AROUND THE BUSH AND I DON'T WANT TO BE BULLSHITTED. MR DANKO CONTINUES ON STATING THAT HE HAS ASKED QUESTIONS AND BEEN LIED TO OK. MR DANKO STATES THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE PERSON UP THERE I LOOK TO THAT HAS INTEGRITY AND SHE KNOWS WHO SHE IS. MR DANKO STATES THAT SHE HAS NEVER LIED TO ME OR BEAT AROUND THE BUSH. MR DANKO ASKS WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT DEA VEHICLE. CITY TREASURER DAVID BIRES INTERJECTS STATING EXCUSE ME MR DANKO I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING SINCE I AM NOT ALLOWED TO SPEAK. MR BIRES STATES IMPERMISSIBLE USES AND ASKS MR. DANKO TO READ WHAT IT SAYS AND THAT IT IS HIGHLIGHTED. MR DANKO ASKS IF HE SHOULD READ IT OUT LOUD. MR BIRES RESPONDS SAYING READ IT OUT LOUD. MR DANKO READS IMPERMISSIBLE USES THE USE OF FORFEITED PROPERTY BY NON LAW ENFORCEMENT OR PERSONNEL. PERSONNEL FROM NON LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO USE SHARED VEHICLES OR FORFEITED PROPERTY ITEMS RETAINED FOR OFFICIAL USE OR PURCHASED WITH SHARED FUNDS UNLESS THE PROPERTY IS PURCHASED FOR JOINT LAW ENFORCEMENT PUBLIC SAFETY USE SEE SECTION 81C FOR PUBLIC USE. MR DANKO STATES THAT ANSWERS HIS QUESTION. A GENTLEMAN FROM THE CROWD STATES THE QUESTION IS, IS THE MAYOR THE CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> CLASS CITY. CITY TREASURER DAVID J BIRES STATES THAT SHE IS NOT. MR DANKO ASKS IS SHE LAW ENFORCEMENT OR NOT. MR BIRES CONTINUES TO STATE THAT SHE IS NOT AN OFFICER. MR DANKO ASKS MAYOR NESBY IF SHE HAS A LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATE. MAYOR NESBY RESPONDS STATING THAT SHE HAS THE 3<sup>RD</sup> CLASS CITY CODE. A WOMAN FROM THE CROWD INTERJECTS TELLING MR DANKO WILL HE HAVE A SEAT CERTIFICATE AND CONTINUES TO ASK MR DANKO WHY IS HE RUNNING THIS WHOLE MEETING. MR DANKO RESPONDS SAYING MA'AM YOU CAN SPEAK...MAYOR NESBY CALLS FOR ORDER. A WOMAN FROM THE CROWD STATES THAT ALL THE MAN IS DOING IS ASKING QUESTIONS AND CONTINUES TO SAY THAT HE IS ALLOWED TO ASK QUESTIONS. SOLICITOR MYRON SAINOVICH STATES THAT THE MAYOR UNDER THE 3<sup>RD</sup> CLASS CITY CODE IS THE HEAD OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SO SHE IS OFFICIALLY UNDER THE 3<sup>RD</sup> CLASS CITY CODE CONSIDERED PART OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY SO THEREFORE UNDER THAT 3<sup>RD</sup> CLASS CITY CODE SHE WOULD BE PERMITTED TO DRIVE A POLICE VEHICLE FOR ANYTHING. MR DANKO STATES NOT FOR ANYTHING. SOLICITOR SAINOVICH STATES THAT WE HAVE A POLICY HERE THAT THE PEOPLE THAT ARE DRIVING THE VEHICLES ARE TO BE DRIVING THE VEHICLES FOR CITY PURPOSES AND THAT WHENEVER THE VEHICLES ARE NOT IN USE FOR CITY PURPOSES THEN WHAT HAPPEN IS THE VEHICLES ARE TO BE KEPT HERE TO HIS UNDERSTANDING AND THE KEYS ARE TO



REMAIN HERE WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. MR DANKO STATES THAT THEY ARE NOT AND THE KEYS ARE TO BE TURNED IN EVERY NIGHT. MR DANKO STATES THAT THE CITY PASSED A RESOLUTION TO HAVE ALL KEYS TURNED IN THAT NIGHT. MAYOR NESBY RESPONDS STATING LET ME ADDRESS THAT FOR YOU SOMETIMES I ATTEND MEETINGS, I ATTEND MEETINGS IN THE EVENING FOR THE COG I ATTEND SEVERAL DIFFERENT MEETINGS OUTSIDE THE NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS. MAYOR NESBY CONTINUES ON SAYING NORMALLY WHEN I COME BACK HERE TO PARK THE VEHICLE THERE IS NO WAY FOR ME TO GET BACK HOME SO I DRIVE THE VEHICLE BACK TO MY HOME. MAYOR NESBY STATES AGAIN LET ME GO BACK, MR DANKO INTERJECTS SAYING SO THERE'S NO POLICE OFFICER ABLE TO LET YOU IN. MAYOR NESBY ASKS TO LET ME IN WHERE, MR DANKO REPLIES TO LET YOU IN THE BUILDING. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT SHE IS THE CHIEF LAW OFFICIAL AGENCY WE ALLOW MY CHIEF TO TAKE HIS VEHICLE HOME. MAYOR NESBY STATES WE ARE GOING TO LIMIT THESE QUESTIONS SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE CONDUCTING BUSINESS OF THE CITY. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT IF YOU HAVE ANYMORE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS YOU CAN ADDRESS THE APPROPRIATE PERSON AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WORKSHOP OR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. MAYOR NESBY ASKS DOES ANYONE ELSE HAVE ANYTHING ELSE THAT WANTS TO DISCUSS AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT IN TIME.

JEANETTE CURLY 17 N. 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN DUQUESNE AND I'M TALKING ABOUT THE HILLSIDE ON CHERRY WAY WHERE THEY DUMP COUCHES AND THREW DEBRIS ALL OVER THE TOP OF THAT HILL. COUNCILWOMAN HENDERSON-MURPHY RESPONDS ASKING MS JEANETTE WHERE IS THAT. MS CURLY RESPONDS SAYING THAT 17 N 4<sup>TH</sup> IS GOING PASS THE POINT WHERE I AM STANDING, CHERRY WAY IS RIGHT BEHIND IT SO RIGHT BEHIND IT IS THE HILLSIDE THAT THE COUCHES, THE DEBRIS AND OTHER STUFF ARE ON. MS CURLY STATES THAT IT HAS BEEN THAT WAY FOR LIKE 3 YEARS AND I BEEN IN THAT PLACE FOR LIKE 4 YEARS. MS CURLY STATES THAT I AM WORRIED ABOUT THAT BECAUSE I HAVE KIDS AND THERE IS A SMELL COMING FROM THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR THAT THE WINDOW IS CRACKED SO MUCH AND THERE ARE OTHER SMELLS THAT COME FROM THAT AREA. COUNCILWOMAN HENDERSON-MURPHY RESPONDS STATING THAT WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE LOOK AT IT.

ELIZABETH FLOWERS 114 VIOLA AVENUE AND MY COMPLAINTS ARE WE HAVE SOME POT HOLES THAT ARE ON VIOLA AVE IN BETWEEN THE 2 CLUSTERS OF COTTAGE APARTMENTS THERE IS ONE AND THEN ON THE OTHER END IF YOU GO UP 2<sup>ND</sup> ST AND YOU GO TO THE RIGHT THERE ARE POTHOLES THERE. MS FLOWERS ALSO STATES THAT THERE IS SOMEONE DUMPING MATTRESSES AND FURNITURE IN THE ALLEY IF YOUR ARE ON 2<sup>ND</sup> ST GOING TOWARDS 1<sup>ST</sup> ST IN THE ALLEY ACROSS FROM CAMP AVENUE. MS FLOWERS SAYS THE HILLSIDE OF THE COTTAGE APARTMENTS ON 1<sup>ST</sup> ST THE



LANDLORD DOES NOT CUT THAT AND STATES THAT LAST YEAR SHE COMPLAINED ABOUT IT NOW THAT WE ARE GOING INTO ANOTHER YEAR. MS FLOWERS STATES THAT IT IS OVER GROWN ALREADY BUT IT'S NOT AS BAD BUT THE SIDEWALK IS STATRING TO DISAPPEAR ON 1<sup>ST</sup> ST. MAYOR NESBY RESPONDS STATING THAT SHE THINKS THAT IT'LL BE MORE EFFECTIVE IF WE ACTUALLY SENT A FORMAL LETTER OUT TO THEM AND THEY SEEM TO ADRESS IT MORE.

RESIDENT AT 109 KENNEDY AVENUE STATES THAT SHE DOES A LOT OF WALKING AND THE OTHER DAY THERE IS AUTO REPAIR PLACE OUT ON THE RT 837 AND HE HAS TRUCKS THAT TAKE UP THE WHOLE SIDEWALK. THE RESIDENT STATES THAT SHE HAD TO WALK IN THE STREET TO GET AROUND THE TRUCKS. THE RESIDENT STATES THAT IF HE CAN PARK HIS TRUCKS SIDWAYS A LITTLE BIT SO THAT PEOPLE DON'T HAVE TO WALK IN THE STREETS. THE RESIDENT STATES THAT IT'S TERRIBLE. COUNCILWOMAN HENDERSON-MURPHY ASKS IF IT'S BETWEEN THE SUNOCO AND WHERE THE DAIRY QUEEN USED TO BE WHERE THE CAR WASH WAS. THE RESIDENT SAYS YES. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT WE'LL HAVE TO CHECK TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY ORDINANCES REGARDING THAT IF NOT WE MAY WANT TO CREATE ONE AND THAT WE SHOULD ALSO SEND THEM A LETTER ASKING THEM TO THAT AS WELL. THE RESIDENT SAYS THAT SHE DOESN'T WANT HIM TO HAVE TO REMOVE THEM JUST PARK THEM AT AN ANGLE. SOLICITOR SAINOVICH ASKS IF THEY ARE STANDING OUT OVER THE SIDEWALK AND CONTINUES ON SAYING THAT IF THEY ARE OVER THE SIDEWALK THAT THEY HAVE TO BE REMOVED. MR SAINOVICH STATES THAT WE DO NOT HAVE AN ORDINANCE LIKE THAT YOU MAY NEED TO CALL THE POLICE AND SAY YOU ARE HAVING A DIFFICLUT TIME PASSING AS A PEDESTRIAN AND THAT YOU WANT THIS VEHICLE MOVED OUT OF THE WAY SO THATYOU DON'T HAVE TO STEP OUT INTO THE STREET AND GET HIT.

CALVINA HARRIS AT 216 LIBRARY COURT STATES THAT SHE NOTICED ON TV THAT VARIOUS AREAS IN PITTSBURGH ARE HAVING A CLEAN UP DAY. MS HARRIS ASKS WILL WE BE ABLE TO HAVE ANYBODY TO TRY TO HAVE A CITY WIDE CLEAN UP DAY. MS HARRIS STATES THAT SHE IS NOT ABLE TO ORGANIZIE IT BUT SHE WILL HELP. MS HENDERSON-MURPHY STATES THAT MIGHT BE SOMETHING NICE TO DO TO COLLABORATE WITH THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB. MS PAT FROM THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB SAYS NO BECAUSE THEY DO A CLEAN UP WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB. MS PAT STATES THAT AT ONE TIME A CHILD WAS PRICKED BY SOMETHING AND WE WERE HELD LIABLE SO WE NO LONGER USE CHILDREN FOR THAT. MS HARRIS STATES THAT THEY DO HAVE IT IN THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH AND THAT SHE HAS SEEN A LOT ON THE TV LATELY. MS HARRIS STATES THAT SHE DOESN'T KNOW HOW THEY DO IT BUT THEY DO IT AND IF WE CAN DO IT WITH SAFETY I'LL BE WILLING TO HELP BECAUSE I DON'T SEE HOW YOU ALL CAN LIVE AND DO ALL THIS THIS SUMMER. MS HARRIS STATES THAT ALLEY BEHIND STATE STREET THAT STAYED LIKE A



JUNGLE FOR ALMOST ALL SUMMER. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT HERE IS HOW THIS WORKS, IT WORKS BY US THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY IDENTIFYING THIS LIKE SAY FOR EXAMPLE IF IT'S DISTRICT 3 SECOND WARD OR WHATEVER IT MAY BE. MAYOR NESBY CONTINUES ON TO SAY WHAT WE CAN DO AS A COMMUNITY WE CAN POST IT OUT, WE CAN ASK FOR IT TO BE DONE, WE CAN SOLICIT HELP AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, WE CAN DO IT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH, AND WE CAN ACTUALLY SIT DOWN WITH ONE OF THE COMMITTEES BECAUSE THERE IS SO MUCH AND THE ONLY WAY WE DO IT IS BY WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM. MAYOR NESBY CONTINUES STATING THAT IF WE CAN SIT DOWN AND IDENTIFY EACH BLOCK, EACH WARD, AND EACH DISTRICT WE CAN IDENTIFY HOUSES, IDENTIFY THE CLEAN UP, IDENTIFY THE DEVELOPMENT AND WE CAN DEVELOP THE RECREATION. MS HARRIS INTERJECTS SAYING THAT SHE IS TALKING ABOUT CLEAN UP DAY AND WE NEED TO DO ONE THING AT A TIME. MS HARRIS STATES THAT IF WE CAN CLEAN UP THE CITY IT WILL BEGIN TO LOOK BETTER. MS HARRIS ALSO STATES THAT WHOLE CITY NEEDS TO BE CLEANED UP. MS HARRIS STATES THAT SHE HOPES THAT SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO LIVE LIKE THIS THIS SUMMER. COUNCILWOMAN HENDERSON-MURPHY SAYS MAYBE IF WE CAN CREATE A LETTER AND SEND IT TO THE CHURCHES AND MAYBE HAVE THE YOUTH AND THE CHURCHES HELP US PICK A DAY. MS HARRIS RESPONDS SAYING THAT WE NEED TO START WE KEEP TALKING ABOUT THINGS AND DON'T START. MS HARRIS STATES THAT WE NEED TO DO ONE THING AT A TIME BECAUSE WE CAN'T DO 50 THINGS AT ONE TIME AND WE NEED TO ADD CLEANING UP THE CITY ON THE PRIORITY LIST. MS HARRIS STATES THAT SHE HOPES THAT SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO COME TO THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING TO TALK ABOUT THIS.

COUNCILWOMAN WASHINGTON STATES THAT SHE KNOW THAT MS ESTELLE SCHUMACHER HAS A LITTLE STREET CLEAN UP IN HER AREA AND LAST YEAR I HAD ONE IN MY AREA WITH THE CITY HELPING ME OUT. MS WASHINGTON STATES THAT SHE THINK THAT SHE IS HAVING ONE MAY 25 IN WHICH I VOLUNTEERED TO HELP HER. MS WASHINGTON STATES THAT MAYBE WE NEED TO BREAK UP THE STREET AND HAVE PEOPLE LIST THE STREETS. MS WASHINGTON ALSO STATES THAT WE HAVE SOME MOVERS THAT MAY BE CLEANING PEOPLES BASEMENTS OUT THAT IS DUMPING ALL THIS STUFF IN OUR ALLEYS IN THE LOWER PART OF DUQUESNE. MS WASHINGTON STATES THAT SHE HAS WENT TO THESE SITES AND HAS PICTURES OF THE STUFF DUMPED. MS WASHINGTON STATES THAT SHE DOESN'T KNOW IF THESE PEOPLE ARE FROM DUQUESNE THAT HAVE HAULING JOBS THAT ARE DUMPING THE STUFF OR WITHIN DUQUESNE BUT THEY ARE DUMPING IN THE VACANT ALLEYS WHERE THERE ARE NO LONGER HOUSES.



**COUNCILWOMAN HENDERSON-MURPHY STATES THAT SHE WILL ASK THE CITY MANAGER IF SHE DOESN'T MIND TO CREATE A LETTER TO SEND TO THE CHURCHES AND THE YOUTH CAN COME OUT TO HELP US FOR MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>.**

**POLICE CHIEF DUNLEVY STATES THAT IF YOU SEE SOMETHING HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY TO DIAL #911 BECAUSE HE WANTS TO CATCH WHO IS DOING IT.**

**DAVID WHITE STATES THAT HE IS NOT FROM THE CITY OF DUQUESNE BUT THE LORD HAS SHOWED ME TO OPEN UP A CHURCH ON SECOND AVENUE AND I HAVE BEEN TALKING WITH THE MAYOR AND I'M OUT HERE TO ASSIST. MR WHITE STATES THAT THERE IS SOME CRYING GOING ON HERE IN THE CITY AND THE LORD SENT ME OUT HERE TO MAKE CHANGE NOT JUST HERE IN THE CITY BUT ACROSS THE WHOLE WORLD. MR WHITE STATES THAT IF YOU SEE HIM PREACHING OUT HERE ON THE CORNERS IT'S TIME TO GET RIGHT. MR WHITE CONTINUES ON TO SAY RIGHTEOUSNESS DON'T COME WITH A COLOR, MURDER DON'T COME WITH COLOR AND CRIME DON'T COME WITH A COLOR. MR WHITE STATES THAT IT'S WRONG. MR WHITE STATES THAT IF YOU GIVE HIM SO BAGS AND GLOVES HE WILL BRING THE YOUTH WITH HIM. MR WHITE STATES THAT HE JUST NEEDS A FACILITY TO HOUSE THEM IN. MR WHITE STATES THAT HE LOOKED AT THE BUILDING UP THERE ON CHESTNUT STREET, LET HIM INSIDE THERE AND HE WILL TEACH THESE CHILDREN. MR WHITE STATES THAT IT'S TIME FOR THE CITY TO SHINE.**

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**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO SEND LETTERS ACCEPTING BID OFFERS FOR SHACOG ITEMS WITH NO REQUIREMENT TO PURCHASE ITEMS IN ANY QUANTITY IN THE FUTURE WAS MADE BY MS WASHINGTON AND SECONDED BY MRS HENDERSON-MURPHY. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE NUMBER AND COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF DUQUESNE FOR 2019 WAS MADE BY REV CALDWELL AND SECONDED BY MRS HENDERSON-MURPHY. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM MADE BY MRS HENDERSON-MURPHY AND SECONDED BY MS WASHINGTON. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY 2015 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN WAS MADE BY MRS HENDERSON-MURPHY AND SECONDED BY MS WASHINGTON. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

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**MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 9 WORKSTATIONS AND A CAMERA STORAGE SYSTEM FOR VARIOUS CITY OFFICES AND INSTALLATION LABOR AT A TOTAL COST OF \$9000 WAS MADE BY MS WASHINGTON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR NESBY. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE HEALTHCARE PLAN AS RECOMMENDED BY THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND THE ACT 47 COORDINATOR RENEWING MAY 1, PENDING APPROVAL BY THE EMPLOYEES PER UNION CONTRACT. MAYOR NESBY ASKS WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO OFFERED US A HEALTHCARE PLANS. MAYOR NESBY ALSO ASKS ARE WE NOT GOING TO FOLLOW UP WITH THEM OR ARE WE NOT GOING TO LOOK AS FAR AS FIRST COMMONWELATH OR THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS. INTERIM CITY MANAGER MARYLOUSIE BITTNER RESPONDED STATING THAT SHE NEVER RECEIVED ANY OTHER INFORMATION FROM THEM AND THAT IS ALL THAT SHE CAN TELL YOU. MR DOUGHERTY, ACT 47 COORDINATOR RESPONDS ALSO STATING TO MAYOR NESBY THAT WE MET WITH THE CITY'S HEALTH INSURANCE BROKER MARK PERHACS WHO HAS THE ABILITY TO BREAK DOWN THE MONEY AND INSURANCE TO US AND IN FACT HE REACHED OUT TO US. MR DOUGHERTY STATES THAT HE SAVED SUBSTANTIAL FUNDING AND ADVISED EQUAL OR BETTER COVERAGE TO THE EMPLOYEES SO THE MANAGERS REACHED OUT TO THE UNION AND WE MADE BEGINNING EXCHANGES SEPARATE FROM THE UNION. MR DOUGHERTY STATES TO MAYOR NESBY THAT MARK DOES HAVE TO ACT IN OUR BEST INTEREST. COUNCILWOMAN HENDERSON-MURPHY ASKS IF WE ARE MAKING A MOTION TO APPROVE SOMETHING THAT'S NOT FINALIZED. MR DOUGHERTY RESPONDS TELLING MS HENDERSON-MURPHY THAT WE ARE GOING TO APPROVE IT FOR US, THEN THE UNION APPROVES IT AND THEN IT WILL GO THROUGH. MOTION WAS MADE BY MS WASHINGTON AND SECONDED BY MRS HENDERSON-MURPHY. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MEMBERSHIPS TO THE SRCOG FOR \$10000 AND TO TABLE THE MOTION FOR CONNECT AND FOR MIP WAS MADE BY MS WASHINGTON AND SECONDED BY REV CALDWELL. MOTION CARRIED 4-0,**

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE LAND AND BUILDING TAX RATES FOR 2019 WAS MADE MS WASHINGTON AND SECONDED BY REV CALDWELL. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE EARNED INCOME TAX RATES FOR 2019 WAS MADE BY MS WASHINGTON AND SECONDED BY MRS HENDERSON-MURPHY. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**A MOTION FOR THE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR LANDLORD TENANT INSPECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS WAS TABLED UNTIL NEXT MONTH.**

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**MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT AN OUTDOOR FITNESS COURT UNDER THE NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN GRANT WAS MADE BY MS WASHINGTON AND SECONDED BY MRS HENDERSON-MURPHY. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT WAS MADE BY MS WASHINGTON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR NESBY. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE CREATING TOBACCO-FREE ZONES AT LOCAL PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS WAS MADE BY MS WASHINGTON AND SECONDED BY MRS HENDERSON-MURPHY. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE COMPLETE STREETS POLICY WAS MADE BY MRS HENDERSON-MURPHY AND SECONDED BY REV CALDWELL. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR FINANCIAL SOFTWARE (HARRIS) AND RELATED SERVICES BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT THE ONLY THING SHE HAS TO SAY ABOUT THIS ONE IS WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THE SAFECHOICE SOFTWARE. COUNCILWOMAN HENDERSON-MURPHY RESPONDS STATING THAT THE CONTRACT IS UP IN JUNE. MAYOR NESBY ASK IF IT WAS ONLY ANNUAL. INTERIM CITY MANAGER MARYLOUISE BITTNER RESPONDS YES AND THAT IT'S AN ANNUAL LICENSE FEE. MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS HENDERSON-MURPHY AND SECONDED MS WASHINGTON. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE RACHAEL AFOIABI ACCESS TO DESIGN THE CITY'S WEBSITE AT NO COST TO THE CITY. INTERIM CITY MANAGER MARYLOUISE BITTNER ASKS IF SHE CAN ADD ONE THING TO THAT STATING AS FARAS ACTUALLY GETTING THE WEBSIT UP AND RUNNING THERE MAY BE CHARGES FOR THAT BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO HAVE A HOSTING SERVER SERVICING ALL THOSE TYPE OF THINGS BUT THIS IS JUST FOR THE DESIGN. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT IS CORRECT AND THAT WE ALREADY HAVE THOSE FEES ALREADY ASSESSED SO THAT WOULD BE DIFFERENT THAN THE ACTUAL WEB DESIGN. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT SHE HAS ALSO SENT AN EMAIL OUT TO YOU ALL AS WELL TO IDENTIFY WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE INSIDE OR IDEAS THAT YOU MAY HAVE AS WELL. MOTION WAS MADE BY MS WASHINGTON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR NESBY. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

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**ACCOUNTS & YOUTH SERVICES**  
**NO REPORT FOR ACCOUNTS & YOUTH SERVICES**

**WATER DEPARTMENT / DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES**

**MS WASHINGTON:** IN FEBRUARY THE WATER DEPARTMENT FIXED THE PUMP STATION AND STAND PIPE SITE. THERE WERE ALSO 2 METER WIRES REPAIRED, 2 METERS WERE REPLACED, 1 MAIN LINE REPAIRED, 4 VALVES EXERCISED, 9 HYDRANTS WERE FLUSHED, AND 2 SERVICE LINES WERE REPAIRED.

ON MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> WE HAD FRANK DIPAOLO SHOW ME WHERE THE SITE OF THE ARTESIAN WELLS WERE AND HE ALSO GAVE ME A TOUR OF THE PUMP STATION, THE STAND PIPE AND THE RESERVOIR. IT HAD AN UNSAFE WOODEN NET OR METAL CABINET AROUND WHICH IS VERY UNSAFE AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE REPAIRED. MS WASHINGTON STATES THAT SHE THINKS IT WAS BUILT YEARS AGO BUT JOHNNY GYURE FROM WHAT SHE IS TOLD.

ON MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> I TOURED THE MCKEESPORT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TREATMENT PLANT.

EFFECTIVE APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> THE DEP WILL REQUIRE ALL COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS TO BE TESTED 4 TIMES A MONTH AT DIFFERENT SITES AND THIS IS FOR FREE CHLORINE TESTING. THE REQUIRED LEVELS FOR FREE CHLORINE HAS INCREASED FROM 0.02 TO 0.2

MS WASHINGTON STATES THAT SHE HAD A COMPLAINT ABOUT MUDDY WATER ON MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> IN WHICH I HAD FRANK BLEED THE LINE THAT FED THAT PARTICULAR HOME ON MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> AND A SAMPLE WAS TAKEN AT MCKEESPORT LAB AND THE TEST RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE FOR ECOLI AT THE TIME. IF NECESSARY WE'LL HAVE FRANK TAKE SAMPLES FROM OTHER RESIDENTS THAT ALSO FEED OFF THAT LINE TO FOLLOW UP.

MS WASHINGTON ALSO STATES THAT AT THE LAST METTING MR MCKEEVER VOICED HIS CONCERNS ABOUT THE QUALITY OF THE WATER AT HIS CHURCH. THE PASTOR AT HIS CHURCH HAS INFORMED HIS CHURCH NOT TO DRINK THE WATER AND THAT IT WAS UNSAFE. WE ASKED IF HE NEEDED HIS WATER TESTED TO EASE ALL HIS CONCERNS. THE TESTING WAS DONE AT THE CHURCH AND DETERMINED NEGATIVE. MR MCKEEVER STOPPED IN APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> TO THANK US FOR THE SERVICE.

AS OF APRIL 23, 2019 THE TOTAL DELINQUENT WATER AMOUNT IS \$59,795.48 AND THIS IS FOR WATER BILLS OVER \$75. WE ARE SCHEDULING FOR ANOTHER WATER TERMINATION SWEEP AROUND MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AND I WANT TO DISCUSS WITH THE SOLICITOR ON CHANGING THE POLICY FOR



TERMINATING WATER OVER \$75 BECAUSE THE RESIDENTS ARE WELL AWARE OF THIS AND THEY USE IT TO THEIR ADVANTAGE.

I HAD 2 EMPLOYEES WHO ATTENDED A PA RULES WATER TRAINING CLASS ON APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> FOR RETAINING AND OBTAINING CERTIFICATION AND AS FAR AS THE GARBAGE AND THE RECYCLING WE ARE RECEIVING LESS CALLS ABOUT THE TRASH REMOVAL BUT STILL THERE ARE ISSUES ABOUT RECYCLING SO I ASK AGAIN PLEASE CALL COUNTY HAULING OR PUBLIC WORKS AT 412 469 1166 TO LEAVE YOUR COMPLAINTS.

MR SAINOVICH RESPONDS STATING THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IS YES YOU CAN CHANGE THE RULES. MS WASHINGTON REPLIES OK SO THERE'S NOTHING THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, NO RESOLUTION MR SAINOVICH INTERJECTS STATING YES WE HAVE TO MAKE A RESOLUTION TO MAKE THE NEW RULE AND MS WASHINGTON STATES AGAIN THAT THE RESIDENTS ARE WELL AWARE THAT IF THERE BILL \$90 THEY'LL PAY \$25 TO GET IT UNDER THE \$75 TO NOT HAVE THEIR SERVICE TERMINATED. MS WASHINGTON STATES THAT IS THE REASON WHY WE HAVE THIS BIG DELINQUENT BALANCE AND I DON'T THINK IT'S RIGHT.

#### DEPT. OF STREET & PUBLIC WORKS

MRS HENDERSON-MURPHY: WE WERE GIVING PERMISSION BY GEORGE TO START ADVERTISING FOR SEASONAL WORK AND WE WILL BE ADVERTISING THAT SHORTLY.

WE NEED A NEW LAWNMOWER AND 2 BACKPACK LEAF BLOWERS. WE ESTIMATED AND CHECKED AT LOWES THE LAWNMOWERS WERE FROM \$299.99 - \$419 AND THE DIRECTOR WILL DETERMINE WHICH ONE IS BEST FOR THE CITY. THE BACKPACKS, WE NEED 2 OF THEM AND THEY ARE \$219 EACH. THESE ARE JUST ESTIMATES AND THEY DO NOT INCLUDE TAXES.

WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR A TREE COMPANY TO CUT CERTAIN TREES IN THE CITY THAT OUR BUCKET TRUCK CAN'T REACH.

MRS HENDERSON-MURPHY ALSO WANTS TO THANK THE STREET DEPARTMENT AND THE DIRECTOR MR POINDEXTER. SHE STATES THAT THE DEP WAS HERE LAST MONTH AND WE HAD OVER 200 TIRES THAT WE HAD TO GET RID OF. MRS HENDERSON-MURPHY STATES THAT THEY DID AN EXCELLENT JOB AND THAT THIS JUST DIDN'T START WITH US THE TIRES HAVE BEEN THERE FOR YEARS. THERE WERE ALSO OVER 75 TELEVISIONS THAT WE HAD TO GET RID OF AND WE AVOIDED AN ENORMOUS CITATION.

MRS. HENDERON-MURPHY ALSO STATES THAT EVEN THOUGH WE DON'T HAVE A LOT IN THE STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES BUT WHEN THEY



**PUT THEIR MIND TO IT THEY CAN WORK TOGETHER AND GET THINGS DONE SO AGAIN I THANK THE STREET DEPARTMENT FOR WHAT THEY DID.**

**ON THURSDAY APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> WE RECEIVED AN EMAIL FROM JIM HESS IN WEST MIFFLIN REQUESTING TO PAVE BELMONT STREET AT HALF THE COST OF \$18,000. DAVE THE CITY ENGINEER REVIEWED THE CITY'S STREET MAP AND THE COUNTY ASSESSMENT MAP THE ENTIRE WIDTH OF BELMONT STREET IS WEST MIFFLIN, THEREFORE WE WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT.**

**MAYOR NESBY SUGGESTS SENDING A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO WEST MIFFLIN STATING THE FINDINGS ON THAT AND THAT WE WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT AND TO THANK THEM FOR ANY OTHER JOINT ADVENTURES THAT THEY MAY WANT TO DO WITH US.**

**MAYOR NESBY STATES IN CASE SOMEONE WANTS TO SEE AND REVIEW WE ALSO HAVE OUR COST SHARE PLAN FOR THE MON FAYETTE EXPRESSWAY. MAYOR STATES THAT SHE DOES BELIEVE THAT WE ARE GOING TO PAY CLOSE TO \$123,000 FOR OUR COST SHARE FOR THE COMPLETEION OF THE MON FAYETTE EXPRESSWAY. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT IF YOU WANT TO LOOK WE DO HAVE THIS AND I'LL MAKE SURE THAT IT IS AVAILABLE FOR YOU IN THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE.**

#### **DEPT. OF PROPERTIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**REV CALDWELL: I TALKED WITH THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND WE ARE TRYING TO FIND A WAY THAT WE WILL MAKE SURE THROUGH OUT THE SUMMER TRY TO KEEP THE GRASS AT A MINIMUM SO THAT WE CAN DO AS MUCH AS WE POSSIBLY CAN, NOW SOME PROPERTIES WE CAN'T CUT THE GRASS BECAUSE THEY ARE OWNED BY DIFFERENT PEOPLE. THERE WAS A LAW PASSED THAT WE ARE NOW ALLOWED TO SUE DIFFERENT COMPANIES, REALTORS AND STUFF THAT OWN THESE PROPERTIES THAT DON'T MAINTAIN THEM. WE ARE NOW ALLOWED TO TAKE THEM TO COURT SO THEY CAN BE FINED FOR NOT KEEPING THE PROPERTY CLEAN. WE ARE NOW TRYING TO COME UP WITH A RESOLUTION FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE PRIVATE OWNERS OF SOME OF THESE PROPERITES THAT THE GRASS IS GROWING OUT WHERE THE PROPERTIES ARE NOT COVERED WHERE ANIMALS ARE LIVING INSIDE THESE HOUSES. WE WANT TO COME UP AITH A RESLOUTION SO THAT WE CAN FINE THEM AN ASTRONOMICAL PRICE THAT IT WILL CAUSE THEM TO COME AND BOARD UP SOME OF THE HOUSING AND PUT THEM THE WAY THE SHOULD BE AS WELL AS KEEP THEIR PROPERTY CLEANED UP. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING INTO THE AMNESTY PROGRAM TO SEE HOW THIS PROGRAM ACTUALLY WORKS SO THAT WE CAN GET SOME OF THESE PROPERTIES BACK ON THE TAX ROLL AND AS FAR AS THE HOUSES THAT NEED TO BE TORN DOWN WE HAVE A GRANT RUNNING NOW THAT WE ARE WAITING TO BE APPROVED BECAUSE WITH THE HIGHWAY COMING IN WE ARE LOOKING FROM SECOND STREET ALL THE WAY UP TO SEVENTH**



STREET TO TRY TO DEAL WITH SOME OF THESE ABANDONED HOUSES SO THAT WHEN PEOPLE COME INTO DUQUESNE OFF THE HIGHWAY THEY WILL HAVE A GOOD VIEW OF WHAT THE CITY OF DUQUESNE SHOULD LOOK LIKE.

MAYOR'S REPORT / NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR NESBY: WE HAVE THE 2019 FIRST QUARTER INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE REVIEW ON THE RETIREMENT SO IF ANYONE WANTS TO SEE THAT OR REVIEW IT THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU AS WELL TO REVIEW. THE FINDINGS FOR THE PENSION FROM DEC.1, 2015 TO DEC. 31, 2017 SO THIS IS BASICALLY FROM THE PRIOR ADMINISTRATION BUT WE RECEIVED IT. COUNCILWOMAN WASHINGTON INTERJECTS AND ASKS MAYOR NESBY IF SHE REALLY NEEDS TO READ THIS AND MAYOR NESBY RESPONDS WITH YES. THE AUDIT REPORT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS: THE NEW UNIFORM EMPLOYEES AND OFFICER EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN:

FINDING #1 - INCORRECT DATA ON THE CERTIFICATION OF THE AG385 RESULTING IN NET UNDER PAYMENT OF STATE AID

FINDING #2 - FAILURE TO DEDUCT AND DEPOSIT MEMBER CONTRIBUTION AND UNDER THE POLICE THE NEW UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES AND FIRE PENSIONS PLAN

FINDING #3 – FAILURE TO TIMELY PAY THE MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE PLAN.

MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT IF YOU WANT TO REVIEW THIS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU ALL TO REVIEW.

MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT OUR BOND RATING HAS INCREASED FROM TRIPLE B MINUS TO DOUBLE B. MAYOR NESBY STATES REASON IS BECAUSE WE SWITCHED TO A NEW SYSTEM WHICH IS CALLED SAFECHOICE. MAYOR NESBY CONTINUES ON TO SAY THAT THE CLERICAL UNIT INSIDE THE CITY OF DUQUESNE DID NOT UTILIZE IT SO WE DON'T HAVE ANY OF THE DATA FOR 2018. COUNCILWOMAN WASHINGTON INTERJECTS AND STATES THAT ISN'T TRUE. MAYOR NESBY STATES THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT THEY ARE SAYING HERE. COUNCILWOMAN HENDERSON-MURPHY ASKS TO SEE THAT REPORT. MAYOR NESBY RESPONDS STATING THAT YOU HAD ALL THIS MAILED TO YOU AND THAT ALL THIS INFORMATION WAS EMAILED TO YOU ALL REGARDING IT BUT IT GOES BACK TO THE INFORMATION NOT BEING RECEIVED. MAYOR NESBY ASKS GEORGE WHAT HE THINK THE REPORT SAYS. MAYOR NESBY ASKS IS THAT NOT WHAT IT BASICALLY SAID. MR GEORGE DOUGHERTY RESPONDS STATING THAT THE STANDARD & POORS HAS CONCERNS FOR THE 2018, THE LACK OF FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND BOOK KEEPING. COUNCILWOMAN WASHINGTON STATES THAT IT'S BECAUSE



SAFECHOICE DID NOT SUPPORT IT. MR DOUGHERTY STATES THAT S&P DID NOT IDENTIFY SAFECHOICE AS THE PROBLEM IT'S WAS THE CITY'S ADMINISTRATION AND THE CITY MANAGER. MS WASHINGTON STATES THAT'S RIGHT IT'S NOT THE EMPLOYEES IT'S THE FACT THAT THE THEY GOT A NEW SYSTEM AND ALL THE INFORMATION WAS NEVER PUT INTO THE NEW SYSTEM. MS WASHINGTON STATES THAT WE GOT WHAT WE PAID FOR.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

SOLICITOR MYRON SAINOVICH STATES THAT HE NEEDS AUTHORIZATION FROM THE CITY TO DEAL WITH ATTORNEYS PLABLENSKI AND GRITSKY FOR ONE OUR EMPLOYEES WHO WAS THE PRIOR MANAGER REGARDING HIS STATUS EITHER AS AN EMPLOYEE OR AS A LLC AND I NEED AN IMMEDIATE RESPONE TO THAT. MAYOR NESBY MAKES THE MOTION AND MS WASHINGTON SECONDS THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH BILLS WAS MADE BY MRS HENDERSON-MURPHY AND SECONDED BY MS WASHINGTON. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

POLICE CHIEF DUNLEVY: NO REPORT

BUILDING INSPECTOR / CODE ENFORCEMENT

DEMECO POINDEXTER: NO REPORT.

CITY MANAGER

MARY LOUISE BITTNER: WE NEED A MOTION TO MEET IN AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS. MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR NESBY AND SECONDED BY MS WASHINGTON. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

DAVID GILLILAND: NO REPORT.

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CONTROLLER'S REPORT

NO REPORT.

FIRE REPORT: NO REPORT

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TREASURERS REPORT

DAVID J. BIRES: REPORT NOT READ.



**ACT 47 GEORGE DOUGHERTY: NO REPORT**

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**NICKOLE NESBY, MAYOR**

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**MARYLOUISE BITTNER, INTERIM CITY MANAGER**