

## CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

APRIL 4, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Robert Howard on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on March 31, 2016, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG****ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Robert Howard, Nedward Jacob, Gary Anderson, Lou Radkowski, Andrew Mohney, Bob Mohr, Manager Timothy Pearson. Gregory Gebauer and Solicitor Thomas Wagner were excused

**VISITORS**

Visitors included: Heather Conrad, Katie Weidenboerner, Nancy Ovell, Roger Ovell, Michele Hockman, Don Hockman, Ryan Calaway, Betty Kruger, Bri Prusley, Amy Cherry, Kindra Aschenbrenner, Richard Sadley, Mason Catalone, Lance Mohney, Tom Nicklas, Denny Bauer and Warren Stewart.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 21, 2016  
Motion Passed

Gary Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2016, seconded by Lou Radkowski and all were in favor, except Bob Mohr who abstained.

**REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:**

Mayor Howard stated Executive Sessions were held on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 regarding legal matters (discussion with the solicitor of items involving potential litigation) and personnel matters. No decisions were made.

**PROCLAMATION: National Service Recognition Day**

Mayor Howard read a proclamation declaring April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as National Service Recognition Day and presented it to the AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers working with Headwaters Charitable Trust.

**ADDITIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**

There were no additional topics for discussion.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION:****Consider for adoption:**

Resolution No. 16-5, re: Authorizing the City Manager to execute and deliver all documents relating to the sale of property at 243 Parkview Road  
Motion Passed

Resolution 16-5, re: Authorizing the City Manager to execute and deliver all documents relating to the sale of property at 243 Parkview Road was presented for adoption.

Manager Pearson explained this was a requirement for the sale of the property donated to the City.

Nedward Jacob made a motion to adopt Resolution no. 16-5, seconded by Bob Mohr and all were in favor.

Resolution No. 16-6, re: Establishing guidelines for City Police Officers when making warrantless arrests under Section 8902 of the PA Judicial Code

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Manager Pearson explained the resolution was a requirement for the Police Department's accreditation process.

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Gary Anderson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-6, seconded by Bob Mohr.

Nedward Jacob questioned what circumstances would need to occur for an individual to be arrested for a summary offense and Chief Nicklas responded each situation is different. Normally a citation is issued but sometimes the situation escalates to a point where an arrest is necessary.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to adopt Resolution No. 16-6

Request for free parking for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Speak Up! Reach Out! Walk

A request for free parking for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Speak Up! Reach Out! Walk was presented for approval.

The event spokesperson Don Hockman provided a very heartfelt history of why this event was necessary and explained its purpose was to raise awareness of suicide prevention to the residents of the City.

The request was for free parking in the Parking Garage on May 22, 2016 during the scheduled event.

Nedward Jacob made a motion to approve the request seconded by Andrew Mohny.

Council confirmed the scheduled route for the walk and that all participants would walk on the sidewalk.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to approve the request.

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**  
Novak Group Report  
Recommendation Update

Manager Pearson provided the following update on the Novak Group Report recommendations:

The new Sewer billing software program was progressing with an anticipated start date in May.

Gary Anderson questioned the status of the Elk Creek Flood Study and Manager Pearson responded the study was nearly finished and the final report will help with future stormwater management and to determine if any assistance will need to be requested from the State.

Bob Mohr questioned if the customers could write one check for their sewer and water payment and Manager Pearson responded no, sewer payments are applied to the City's Sewer Fund and water payments are forwarded to the Water Authority.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Howard commented he attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Coffee Shop at Trinkets and Treasures and the opening of the Cobblestone Hotel, both are owned and operated by local people.

Mayor Howard also commented today he attended the 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday party for Evelyn Chase, a remarkable woman.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON  
NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on non-agenda topics.

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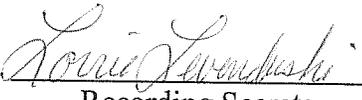
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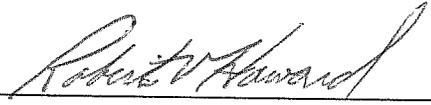
Mayor Howard made the following announcements:

- The next Council meeting will be Monday, April 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

## ADJOURNMENT

Gary Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

  
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Recording Secretary

  
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Mayor