

Minutes for April 10, 2023 Work Session, gaveled into session at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Garry who led in the pledge to the Flag.

Ashley Kyber with the Rivers of Steel Arts Program informed council that they have been organizing to deliver several projects to council such as green space plans and talking with the Mon Valley Alliance to redevelop their exterior property as a parklet. They are also asking for a process for one project for the grass area along Railroad Street that abuts the Aquatorium they would like to do a sunflower field planting there and need to get information on how they can proceed with that. The planting goes along with one of their public art projects which would include a 150' banner that would go on the chain link fence.

Councilman Kulak questioned how high they would grow and what it does to block the view into the Aquatorium.

Ashley stated that they grow about three feet so they aren't the extremely tall ones. They want people to be able to see the murals on the chain link fence.

Rental Inspector Charlie Fritch stated that the issue he sees could be at the railroad crossings and people not hearing whistles and there are no gates or crossing arms and three feet may obstruct may cause a sighting issue with vehicles going into and out of the Aquatorium lot.

Ashley stated that she could change the species out to a lower growing species.

Terry Necciai, 400 Meade Street, representing the Main Street Program stated they had their Active Transportation meeting last week and some topics include the Pigeon Creek bridge not having sidewalk, the parking along Fourth Street and widening of West Main Street at Fourth Street for a turning lane. He presented a poster for the survey and interactive map which is on the City website for residents to state issues they feel need addressed.

Another issue is the parking spots near Main Street Gypsy that were removed when the curb cuts was put in for the new building there was 25' on one side of the curb cut and 50' on the other side and would like to see one of the parking spaces put back and PennDot stated that the City would have to ask them and would like to City to contact PennDot.

They are also looking at another planter program to add a few planters. He would like to put one over by the parking lot by the Slovak Club and a few would like to have some smaller ones outside their businesses that could be taken in at night.

He resubmitted the T-Mobile dining platform grant, there is a coupon promotion going on for the businesses affected by the water main break, World of Chocolates is on May 13th, and May 6th is the Bicycle Safety event. There is also a potential project in painting pictures on the parking meters.

There was discussion regarding the MVA meetings with Carnegie Mellon group and they will get back to the City with the next steps and how their program will be organized into operating the ap with the City and they will be setting up another meeting soon.

Chief Harris stated he has two quotes for the purchase of the two new police vehicles for council to review for Wednesday.

City engineer Frank Novotny reminded council of the email regarding the DCED grant due at the end of July if council is interested. He spoke to PennDot regarding the Route 88 storm water project and they did show interest in assisting the City in some manner. They are working on the documents for the Army Corp for the Aquatorium.

Mayor Garry stated that since there was no further business to discuss that the work session is