

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Council of the City of Lebanon, Pa., was held in Dixon Council Chamber of City Hall, Lebanon, Pa., this evening, Chairperson Martin presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Morales, Mr. Potash, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson. Absent—none.

Also present were Mayor Sherry L. Capello; City Solicitor Anthony Francos; Community and Economic Administrator Janelle Groh; Director of Administration-Assistant to the Mayor Melissa Quinones; Chief of Police Eric Sims; Fire Chief A.J. Sweitzer; Director of Public Works Chad Yeagley; 12 persons in the audience; and 2 members of the news media.

The minutes of the September 22, 2025, City Council meeting were presented by the City Clerk. There being no corrections, deletions or additions, the minutes were approved as presented.

Chairperson Martin announced that Council received budget reports for the period January 1 through August 31, 2025. Mayor Capello reported that 75percent of the fiscal year is completed; revenues are at 94 percent; and expenditures are about 70 percent. She reported that overall, we are performing better than budget in both categories.

Chairperson Martin announced that the following communications were received:

- a. Mayor Sherry L. Capello, notifying Council of the reappointment of Aria Karmazin to the City of Lebanon Planning Commission for a four-year term, effective retroactively to September 14, 2025. Mayor Capello reported that Mr. Karmazin was first appointed in February 2017, and currently serves as Chair of the Planning Commission. She added that the Planning Commission is comprised of seven members representing five zones in the city. Mr. Karmazin represents Zone 3.
- b. Mayor Sherry L. Capello, notifying Council of the reappointment of Damian Foster to the Fire and Police Civil Service Commission for a four-year term, effective October 1, 2025. Mayor Capello reported that Mr. Foster previously worked in a law enforcement capacity and has served on the Commission since August 2014.
- c. Mayor Sherry L. Capello, notifying Council of the appointment of Amanda Forteza to the Zoning Hearing Board to fill the unexpired term of Beckie Dreibelbis, effective October 1, 2025. Mayor Capello reported that she worked with Ms. Forteza on various projects and she believes Ms. Forteza will be fair. The term will expire July 15, 2027.
- d. Mayor Sherry L. Capello, notifying Council of the appointment of Jose Torres to the City of Lebanon Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate member, effective October 9, 2025. Mayor Capello reported that Mr. Torres is a retired registered nurse from the VA Medical Center. Mayor Capello indicated that she served with Mr. Torres on the Harrisburg Area Community College Advisory Board for several years. Mr. Torres

wants to serve the community during his retirement. She added that Wayne Tarvin was previously the alternate member on the Zoning Hearing Board; however, Mr. Tarvin was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Michael Barrett.

- e. Director of Administration-Assistant to the Mayor Melissa Quinones, transmitting notice of the 2026 minimum municipal pension plan contributions (Police-\$972,684; Fire-\$461,566; Non-Uniformed-\$0). Mayor Capello reported that the minimum municipal obligation is the least amount the municipality must contribute to the pension plans. The amount is calculated using the actuarial valuation. The Pa. Auditor General's Office handles the calculations and audits of the pension plans.

Mr. Martin introduced Resolution No. 31, as follows:

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF AMANDA FORTEZA TO THE CITY OF LEBANON ZONING HEARING BOARD TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF BECKIE DREIBELBIS, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025.

Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Lebanon, Pa., and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, That:

SECTION 1. The Mayor's appointment of Amanda Forteza, 422 Park Avenue, Lebanon, to the City of Lebanon Zoning Hearing Board to fill the unexpired term of Beckie Dreibelbis, effective October 1, 2025, is hereby confirmed. Said term expires July 15, 2027.

Mayor Capello reported that the *City of Lebanon Home Rule Charter* requires the Mayor to appoint members to the various boards and commission, and the *Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code* requires that the governing body make appointments to the Zoning Hearing Board; hence, the reason for both the communication and resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment.

Resolution No. 31 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Maguire. Yeas—Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Morales, Mr. Potash, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson—5; nays—none.

Mr. Morales introduced Resolution No. 32, as follows:

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSE TORRES TO THE CITY OF LEBANON ZONING HEARING BOARD AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 9, 2025.

Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Lebanon, Pa., and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, That:

SECTION 1. The Mayor's appointment of Jose Torres, One East Walnut Street, Lebanon, to the City of Lebanon Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate member, effective October 9, 2025, is hereby confirmed. Said term expires April 13, 2027.

Resolution No. 32 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Morales, seconded by Mr. Potash. Yeas—Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Morales, Mr. Potash, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson—5; nays—none.

Mrs. Haitos introduced Resolution No. 33, as follows:

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LEBANON AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, FOR THE YEARS 2026-2029.

Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, That:

SECTION 1. The agreement between the City of Lebanon and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2029, be and it is hereby ratified.

SECTION 2. A copy of said agreement is attached to and hereby made part of this agreement.

Mayor Capello reviewed the summary of the changes to the contract.

Resolution No. 33 passed finally on motion of Mrs. Haitos, seconded by Mr. Morales. Yeas—Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Morales, Mr. Potash, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson—5; nays—none.

Mr. Morales called up Bill No. 8 on final reading, the title of which is as follows: introduced Bill No. 8, as follows: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ELEVEN (PUBLIC HEALTH CODE) OF THE CITY OF LEBANON CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH ARTICLE 1108, SPECIALTY TOBACCO AND E-CIGARETTE ESTABLISHMENTS AND HOOKAH ESTABLISHMENTS, TO ENACT REGULATIONS FOR THE SALES OF TOBACCO AND E-CIGARETTES AND TO INCLUDE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF SPECIALTY TOBACCO AND E-CIGARETTE ESTABLISHMENTS AND HOOKAH ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF LEBANON.

Mayor Capello reported that pursuant to Pa. state law, the sale of tobacco to minors is prohibited. This ordinance adds an additional layer of protection to the state statute. She explained that the minor would not be punished; the retail clerk would be punished. She reported that she is not able to provide a list of all businesses primarily selling tobacco products until we have an opportunity to go into the establishments. She added that she is aware of three business establishments primarily selling tobacco products—one in the 900 block of Cumberland Street, one at Eighth and Chestnut Streets, and one on Quentin Road.

Councilmember Maguire stated that he has researched this matter and visited businesses. He observed that the tobacco products are not available to minors and the proprietor had a policy

in force not allowing minors to purchase the products. He added that he believes the ordinance will be too difficult to enforce and is not necessary.

Bill No. 8 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Morales, seconded by Mr. Martin. Yeas--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Morales, Mr. Potash, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson—4; nays—Mr. Maguire--1.

Mrs. Haitos called up Bill No. 9 on final reading, the title of which is as follows: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1701.06, "FEES", OF ARTICLE 1701, "PENNSYLVANIA CONSTRUCTION CODE", OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, PA., FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING THE FEE STRUCTURE; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF THE ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Bill No. 9 was passed finally on motion of Mrs. Haitos, seconded by Mr. Potash. Yeas--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Morales, Mr. Potash, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson—5; nays—none.

Mr. Morales called up Bill No. 10 on final reading, the title of which is as follows: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2018 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE*, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE CONDITIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL PROPERTY, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; BY PROVIDING THE STANDARDS FOR SUPPLIED UTILITIES AND FACILITIES AND OTHER PHYSICAL THINGS AND CONDITIONS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THAT STRUCTURES ARE SAFE, SANITARY AND FIT FOR OCCUPATION AND USE; AND THE CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES UNFIT FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY AND USE AND THE DEMOLITION OF SUCH STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF LEBANON; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFORE; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF THE ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Mayor Capello reported that the fees are not changing. The amendment is to add language for clarification. Councilmember Maguire stated he appreciated the provision for a ten percent discount for owner-occupied buildings.

Mayor Capello reported that the various International Codes addressed in Bills No. 10-18 are being amended to be in line with the state regulations.

Bill No. 10 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Morales, seconded by Mrs. Haitos. Yeas-- Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Morales, Mr. Potash, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson—5; nays—none.

Mr. Potash called up Bill No. 11 on final reading, the title of which is as follows: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2018 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE*, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, MOVEMENT, ENLARGEMENT, REPLACEMENT, REPAIR, EQUIPMENT, LOCATION, REMOVAL AND DEMOLITION OF DETACHED ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS

AND MULTIPLE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS (TOWNHOUSES) NOT MORE THAN THREE STORIES IN HEIGHT WITH SEPARATE MEANS OF EGRESS IN THE CITY OF LEBANON; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFORE; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF THE ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Bill No. 11 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Potash, seconded by Mr. Maguire. Yeas--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Morales, Mr. Potash, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson—5; nays—none.

Mr. Martin called up Bill No. 12 on final reading, the title of which is as follows: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2018 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE*, REGULATING THE REPAIR, ALTERATION, CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY, ADDITION, AND RELOCATION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS, INCLUDING HISTORIC BUILDINGS, IN THE CITY OF LEBANON; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFORE; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF THE ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Bill No. 12 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Potash, seconded by Mr. Morales. Yeas--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Morales, Mr. Potash, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson—5; nays—none

Mr. Maguire called up Bill No. 13 on final reading, the title of which is as follows: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2018 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE*, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, QUALITY OF MATERIALS, ERECTION, INSTALLATION, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LOCATION, RELOCATION, REPLACEMENT, ADDITION TO, USE OR MAINTENANCE OF MECHANICAL SYSTEMS IN THE CITY OF LEBANON; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFORE; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF THE ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Bill No. 13 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Potash. Yeas--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Morales, Mr. Potash, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson—5; nays—none

Mrs. Haitos called up Bill No. 14, the title of which is as follows: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2018 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE*, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, QUALITY OF MATERIALS, ERECTION, INSTALLATION, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LOCATION, RELOCATION, REPLACEMENT, ADDITION TO, USE OR MAINTENANCE OF PLUMBING SYSTEMS IN THE CITY OF LEBANON; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFOR; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF THE ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Bill No. 14 was passed finally on motion of Mrs. Haitos, seconded by Mr. Morales. Yeas-- Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Morales, Mr. Potash, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson—5; nays—none

Mr. Morales called up Bill No. 15 on final reading, the title of which is as follows: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2018 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE*, REGULATING AND GOVERNING FUEL GAS SYSTEMS AND GAS-FIRED APPLIANCES IN THE CITY OF LEBANON AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFORE; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF THE ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Bill No. 15 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Morales, seconded by Mr. Martin. Yeas-- Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Morales, Mr. Potash, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson—5; nays—none

Mr. Martin called up Bill No. 16 on final reading, the title of which is as follows: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2018 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE*, REGULATING AND GOVERNING ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING ENVELOPES AND INSTALLATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENT MECHANICAL, LIGHTING AND POWER SYSTEMS IN THE CITY OF LEBANON; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFORE; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF THE ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Bill No. 16 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Maguire. Yeas--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Morales, Mr. Potash, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson—5; nays—none

Mrs. Haitos called up Bill No. 17 on final reading, the title of which is as follows: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2018 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE*, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE SAFE-GUARDING OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE STORAGE, HANDLING AND USE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, MATERIALS AND DEVICES, AND FROM CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE OR PROPERTY IN THE OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS AND PREMISES IN THE CITY OF LEBANON; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFORE; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF THE ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Mayor Capello reported that in response to a question at the Pre-Council meeting regarding the miscellaneous and utility inspection, it is an accessory character (i.e., barn, fences higher than six feet, etc.).

Bill No. 17 was passed finally on motion of Mrs. Haitos, seconded by Mr. Potash, seconded by Mr. Potash. Yeas--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Morales, Mr. Potash, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson—5; nays—none

Mr. Maguire called up Bill No. 18 on final reading, the title of which is as follows: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2018 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE*, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE CONDITIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL PROPERTY, BUILDING AND STRUCTURES; BY PROVIDING THE STANDARDS FOR SUPPLIED UTILITIES AND FACILITIES AND OTHER PHYSICAL THINGS AND CONDITIONS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THAT STRUCTURES ARE SAFE, SANITARY AND FIT FOR OCCUPATION AND USE; AND THE CONDEMNATION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES UNFIT FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY AND USE, AND THE DEMOLITION OF SUCH EXISTING STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF LEBANON; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFORE; AND REPEALING BILL NO. 8, SESSIONS 2010-2011, THE SAME BEING ARTICLE 1901 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, PA., AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES THAT CONFLICT THEREWITH.

On motion of Mr. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Potash, Bill No. 18 was amended to delete Section 310.3. Mayor Capello explained that the amendment concerns the penalty which is already addressed in the 100 section. She added that when drafting this ordinance, Section 310.3 was accidentally included. Yeas--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Morales, Mr. Potash, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson—5; nays—none

Bill No. 18 was passed finally, as amended, on motion of Mr. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Potash, seconded by Mrs. Haitos. Yeas--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Morales, Mr. Potash, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson—5; nays—none

Mr. Martin called up Bill No. 19 on final reading, the title of which is as follows: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 1519, “CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS”, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO AMEND SUBSECTIONS REGARDING CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM REQUIREMENTS AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM REQUIREMENTS IN REGULATED RENTAL UNIT PROPERTIES.

Mayor Capello reported that this ordinance removes the language that the alarms should be centrally located and requires the installation to be outside sleeping areas and in accordance with NFPA 720 regulations.

Bill No. 19 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Haitos. Yeas--Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Morales, Mr. Potash, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson—5; nays—none.

Mr. Potash introduced Bill No. 20, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 943, “PARKS”, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION ESTABLISHING RULES AND

REGULATIONS AND FEES FOR THE DOG PARK IN COLEMAN MEMORIAL PARK.

Be It Ordained by the Council of the City of Lebanon, Pa., and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, That:

SECTION 1. The following Rules and Regulations for the Dog Park in Coleman Memorial Park are hereby established:

- (a) The dog park is open to the public from dawn to dusk unless otherwise posted.
- (b) All dogs must be registered with the City of Lebanon and have a valid Paw-Pass prior to use.
- (c) Dog owners are legally responsible for their dog's behavior and for any injury or damage caused.
- (d) Owners must closely accompany their dog(s) at all times and remain within the enclosure with them.
 - (1) It is not permitted for one person to supervise two dogs located in different areas (e.g., one in the large-dog area and one in the small-dog area)
- (e) No unattended dogs are permitted at any time. Abandoning animals is prohibited by law.
- (f) Maximum of two (2) dogs per handler in the park at one time.
- (g) Dogs must be leashed unless in the designated "Unleashed Area" only.
- (h) Small Dog Area: for dogs weighing less than 30 pounds only.
 - (1) Although not recommended, small dogs may enter the large dog area at the owner's discretion and risk.
 - (2) Large dogs are not permitted in the small dog area.
- (i) No children under 10 years of age are permitted inside the park; minors ages 10-17 must be accompanied by an adult.
- (j) Owners shall clean up after themselves and their dogs. Waste bags and trash cans are provided.
- (k) Aggressive dogs are prohibited and may result in immediate loss of park access.
- (l) Dogs in heat or that are ill are not permitted in the park.
- (m) All dogs must be licensed and properly vaccinated (rabies, distemper, parvovirus). Heartworm and flea/tick prevention are strongly recommended.
- (n) Puppies under six (6) months of age are not permitted until fully immunized.
- (o) Prong, choke, or spiked collars are not permitted.
- (p) Owners shall discourage their dog from digging to maintain safe conditions for all.
- (q) No smoking, alcohol, food, or glass containers are permitted in the park.
- (r) Professional dog training is prohibited without written permission from the City of Lebanon.
- (s) All applicants are required to sign "Acceptance of Risk and Release of Liability Waiver" form.

SECTION 2. The following fees are hereby established for the use of the Dog Park in Coleman Memorial Park:

- (a) Annual fee (up to two dogs):
 - (1) Lebanon City Resident (\$30.00)
 - (2) Non-City Resident (\$45.00)
- (b) Additional Dog - \$10.00 per dog
- (c) Replacement fee for access card and/or FOB: \$10.00

SECTION 3. Any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this ordinance.

Mayor Capello reported that staff reviewed examples of rules from multiple municipalities already operating a dog park. Mayor Capello explained that Article 943 includes a penalty section which sets the fine at a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$300.

Mayor Capello reported that she received a question regarding a day pass at the Pre-Council meeting. She added that one of the parks offers a 3-day pass for \$20.00. Chairperson Martin stated he would be interested in adding a provision for a day pass.

Councilmember Maguire asked for clarification on the provision regarding aggressive dogs. He asked if the loss of park access applies to the owner or the dog to which Mayor Capello it applies solely to the dog.

Councilmember Morales asked if an opening date has been set. Mayor Capello replied that the site is still under the control of the contractor and until everything on the punch list is completed, the park is under the control of the contractor. She added that she has considered opening the park for limited hours for the remainder of 2025; and hopefully it will be operating on a full schedule in 2026.

Cornell Wilson, 27 South Sixth Street, Lebanon, asked why there is a different fee for city residents and non-residents. Mayor Capello explained that since tax dollars will support the cost to operate and maintain the park, separate rates were established for residents and non-residents. She added that when the swimming pool was in operation, there were separate rates for residents and non-residents for season passes. In addition, the research showed that many other municipalities also charged a separate rate for residents and non-residents.

Bill No. 20 was introduced and will be considered on final reading on motion of Mr. Potash, seconded by Mrs. Haitos. Yeas—Mrs. Haitos, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Morales, Mr. Potash, and Mr. Martin, Chairperson—5; nays—none.

Mayor Capello announced the following:

- a. Eric Sims and Sean Buck were sworn in earlier today as Chief of Police and Captain of Police, respectively.

- b. The pickleball and tennis court renovations at Southwest Park have been completed and a ribbon cutting was held today. She reported that the Lebanon Valley Community Tennis Association (LVCTA) first approached the City in 2019 to discuss their interest in renovating the courts at Southwest Park. LVCTA provides free tennis clinics at Southwest Park to the youth of the community each summer. Today's ribbon cutting marked the completion of Phase 1 of the project.
- c. Drug Take Back Day is scheduled for October 26, 2025, at the Lebanon Police Department. During the last event, 32 pounds of drugs were collected.
- d. LFHS and St. Luke's Episcopal Church held a community block party at Sixth and Chestnut Streets on October 26, 2025.
- e. Trick-or-Treat is scheduled for October 31, 2025, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- f. Leaf collection will begin on November 3, 2025. The last day to place leaves curbside for collection is December 8.
- g. The City of Lebanon was nominated by USA Today for the Readers Choice Award for the best New Year's Eve Bologna Drop. Voting begins November 3.

Councilmember Maguire reported that he had an opportunity to use Liberty Trail Park and commended the staff for the completion of a very nice project. Mayor Capello reported that the arches and lighting will be installed in the near future.

Councilmember Morales thanked Making a Difference and Compeer for the recent cleanup of Veterans Memorial Walkway.

Cornell Wilson stated that the cleanup of the Veterans Memorial Walkway will probably become an annual event. He also extended thanks to the Lebanon Police Department and Lebanon Fire Department for the attendance at the recent Trunk-or-Treat held at the Lebanon Valley YMCA and the recent Block Party at Sixth and Chestnut Streets.

Mr. Wilson asked if any consideration has been given to the removal of signage for the former Northwest Elementary School. Mayor Capello responded that the permit has been approved by PennDot and the Department of Public Works will be making the changes.

Craig Gates, 44 Berwyn Park, Lebanon, announced that the Community of Lebanon's tree lighting ceremony and holiday parade are scheduled for November 21 and 22, respectively. In addition, the carriage rides are scheduled for December 5 and 12 from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Norman Tobias, 424 Weidman Street, Lebanon, asked if syringes are accepted at the Drug Take Back Day. Mayor Capello responded they are not accepted; however, syringes can be placed in the trash if they are placed in a coffee can with a lid. Chief Sims added that sometimes Wellspan and First Aid and Safety Patrol accept used syringes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

CHERYL J. GIBSON, Clerk