

## Operations Minutes December 8, 2020

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams Live pursuant to due notice to Board members and the public.

The following matter was discussed:

1. City of Reading Downtown Plus Update – Commissioner Michael Rivera, Abe Amoros, City Managing Director, Jamal Abodalo, City Director of Community Development Services, Pamela Shupp Menet, Berks County Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Economic Development and David Hunter, Executive Director of the Berks County Planning Commission.

Ms. Shupp Menet commented the County is very much looking forward to being in lock-step with the City. The Downtown Plus Update will be an important component to the Berks County Comprehensive Plan 2030 Update.

Mr. Amoros said he and Mr. Abodalo and the Mayor's Office are continuing to tweak and polish the Downtown Plus Update and are committed to moving forward with a plan by December 31, 2020. The Plan will shortly be appearing on a City Council Meeting agenda for discussion. Mr. Amoros and Mr. Abodalo are thankful and looking forward to a strong working relationship with the County and participation with its staff.

When asked by Commissioner Barnhardt what the proposal is from the City for funding the Downtown Improvement District, Mr. Amoros said the final budget is currently being deliberated and no final determination has been made, but will share those numbers as soon as it is ready.

Commissioner Rivera is looking forward to having an ongoing working relationship with the City, noting the City is the County seat and it is important the City is able to grow.

Comments - None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk