

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
Wednesday, August 19th, 2015

PUBLIC MEETING

Present: Robert Frost, Mayor
Paul McConnell, Council President
James Griffin, Council Vice-President
Karen Tutino, Council Member
Anita Barton, Council Member
Robert Stokley, Council Member
Edward Phipps, Council Member

Also Present: Richard J. Manfredi, Borough Manager
Michael Savona, Borough Solicitor
Paul Hughes, Borough Engineer

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Conshohocken Borough Council duly advertised, was held at Conshohocken Borough Hall, 8th Avenue & Fayette Street, Conshohocken, Pa. Mr. Paul McConnell, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

PRAYER FOR COUNCIL

Karen Tutino, Council Member Ward 1, read a Prayer for Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McConnell noted Mr. Ryan's resignation and explained how to apply to temporarily fill the vacancy on Ward 5. Council consented to hold interviews prior to the September work session and to vote for the position during the regular session.

PRESENTATIONS

a) Landscape Architect to present Hector Street Alternatives.

Project Manager, Dana Reeves and Project Landscape Architect/Project Planner, Patty Guttenplan of Bergmann Associates gave a detailed presentation on their proposed design options for Hector Street. Following their presentation, Mr. McConnell invited public comment on the proposal.

Mr. Joe Januzelli expressed his concern that some of the proposed bumpouts may make it difficult to maneuver firetrucks in an emergency situation and suggested using mountable curbs as a possible solution to this issue; Ms. Guttenplan stated that his suggestion would be considered. Mr. Dennis Beaver then commented that the height of the trees should be

considered when determining the final design. Mr. John Costello added to Mr. Januzelli's comment and shared that that turning in this area could be difficult. Mr. Joe Forino asked if the design of Hector Street would be done in concert with the paving planned for the area and inquired on the cost. Mr. Manfredi explained that this topic would be addressed later on in that evening's agenda and that Mr. Hughes, the Borough Engineer, would have the answers. Mr. McConnell stated that Mr. Manfredi would be facilitating the next steps on this project and thanked the representatives for coming.

After a short break, Mr. McConnell reconvened the meeting and introduced the items on the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) **Accept Council Member Ryan's resignation.**
- b) **Appoint Borough Manager to serve on the Conshohocken Rowing Center Board in place of Council Member Ryan.**
- c) **Approval and adoption of July 1, 2015 and July 15, 2015 Borough Council Meeting Minutes.**
- d) **Grant a waiver of off-street parking for 128 Fayette Street, El Limon.**
- e) **Accept the June-ending Treasurer's Report.**
- f) **Deny Rams Recycling Inc.'s request for a refund of its 2012, 2013, and 2014 Business Privilege and Mercantile Tax penalties and interest.**
- g) **Grant a waiver for St. Paul's Baptist Church Picnic.**
- h) **Approve the execution of a Cooperation and Subgrant Agreement between the Borough and the Redevelopment Authority of Montgomery County.**

Mr. Griffin made a motion to accept the consent agenda as read, seconded by Ms. Tutino. The motion carried 5-0. Mr. Stokley abstained from voting on the consent agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) **Approve or reject First Avenue and Wood Street plans for minor subdivision and land development, LD-2015-03.**

Ms. Chris Stetler, Community Development and Zoning Officer, provided a summary of the project.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-14 to approve the First Avenue and Wood Street plans for minor subdivision and land development, LD-2015-03, seconded by James Griffin. The motion carried 6-0.

- b) **Consider awarding LeeLand Manor market analysis and feasibility assessment.**

Ms. Barton made a motion to award the LeeLand Manor market analysis and feasibility assessment to Urban Partners, seconded by Ms. Tutino.

Mr. McConnell invited comment on the item and Mr. Stokley shared that there was a study previously conducted within the last year and that it should also be considered. Mr. Joe Forino commented that there was a different study conducted on the Leeland Manor and it cost somewhere in the seven figures however Mr. McConnell stated that he was incorrect; Mr. Forino also expressed concern that it cost the Borough so much and suggested selling it.

After the public comment, Mr. McConnell called for a vote and the motion carried 4-2.

c) Approve or reject change orders for the Borough Hall Project.

Mr. Manfredi explained that Council had reviewed change orders at the previous session and that, since then, he and Mr. Savona met with personnel to review change order requests and a few were added as needed; the total of additional change orders was \$12,856.80. The total of all change orders being considered that evening was \$462,461.60. Mr. Manfredi invited Mr. Kane to provide a brief summary of the change orders.

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve all of the recommended change orders as outlined on Mr. Kane's report subject to the three not-to-exceed change orders not exceeding the numbers delineated for each change order, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 6-0.

d) Award 2015 Paving Project bid to Kehoe Construction.

Mr. McConnell invited Mr. Paul Hughes to summarize the item. Mr. Hughes explained that the Paving Project would cover various locations that were discussed in the spring as well as Hector Street. The base bid amount for the various locations was \$175,850.00 and the alternate bid price for Hector Street was \$215,275.00 and the grand total recommended contract was award totaled \$391,125.00. Paul Hughes also clarified that part of the total would be reimbursable by the PECO and Aqua utility companies.

Mr. Stokley made a motion to award a notice of intent to award the paving contract to Kehoe Construction with the total amount not-to-exceed \$391, 125.00 less than the offsets from the utility reimbursements, seconded by Mr. Phipps. The motion carried 6-0.

e) Consider bid proposals for the 2015 Infrastructure project.

The bid that was discussed was from Abbonizzio Contractors totaling \$578,920.00. Mr. Hughes made a recommendation to reject the bid.

After further discussion, Mr. Phipps made a motion to reject the bid proposals for the 2015 Infrastructure project, seconded by Mr. Stokley. The motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. McConnell invited public comment. Ms. Rosemary Northcutt shared that she is concerned about the number of waivers given for off-street parking; she also discussed that there may be a need for another parking garage in the future. Mr. Jim Flanagan, owner of Flanagan's Boathouse, also commented that parking is an issue. He asked that Council consider residents as well as the retail and restaurants in the Business District.

Mr. Don Morrison commented that it had been another great year for the Philly Fight.

Mayor Frost shared that the Summer Concert Series in the park this year was excellent and that he attended all four concerts. Mayor Frost also commented on the prices of childcare at the Fellowship House has increased and that a resident had expressed concern about the increase. Ms. Stephanie Cecco, Director of Parks and Recreation Services, and Mr. Manfredi explained that the price increases are due to the personnel requirements and other items that the state requires to have a licensed program.

Mr. McConnell shared that there was an article about the Community Garden recently in a local newspaper. The article highlighted a program with the CNC to donate excess crops from the garden to the community well for those in need.

Mr. Harvey Buek, Public Works Supervisor, commented that there are three streetlights between Fayette and Maple Street that now have LED lights. These are the first and only that have been put in on a trial basis. He asked that Council look at them and share their comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary