

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President
Jane Flanagan, Council Vice-President
Tina Sokolowski, Council Member
James Griffin, Council Member
Karen Tutino, Council Member
Yaniv Aronson, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Peters, Borough Solicitor

PUBLIC HEARING ON CDBG APPLICATION

Ms. Leonard invited Nancy Nugent, Home Program Consultant, to the podium. Ms. Nugent shared that this hearing was the first of two (2) public hearings regarding the Borough's 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. She explained that the CDBG application required that the Borough engage citizen participation to involve the public in determining the community development needs in Conshohocken. Ms. Nugent shared that the Borough would be receiving \$125,347.00 in federal funds from the State Department of Community & Economic Development. Ms. Nugent shared that in previous years CDBG grant funds have been used on housing rehabilitation and installation of curb ramps. There was no public comment.

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Conshohocken Borough Council duly advertised, was held at the Conshohocken Borough Hall, 400 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA. Ms. Colleen Leonard, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

PRAYER FOR COUNCIL

Ms. Sokolowski read a Prayer for Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Leonard announced that an Executive Session was held on September 12, 2018 for a property matter.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no Presentations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Leonard read and reviewed the items included on the consent agenda.

- a.) Approve and adopt the July 25 Special Meeting, August 1 and August 15 Meeting Minutes
- b.) Accept the August-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$623,258.68

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve the consent agenda items a.) and b.), seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 5-0. (Barton and Stokley - absent)

Ms. Leonard asked Council to consider a motion to approve the August 31, 2018 Obermayer invoice for Special Counsel legal services for the E.F Moore site and 7 Tower Bridge site in the amount of \$64,735.29.

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve the August 31, 2018 Obermayer invoice for Special Counsel legal services for the E.F Moore site and 7 Tower Bridge site in the amount of \$64,735.29. The motion carried 5-0 (Barton and Stokley – absent)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.) **Consider adopting Ordinance No. 04-2018 Historic Residential Conservation Overlay District Ordinance Amendment**

Mr. Peters reviewed the proposed ordinance, which amends the Borough's Zoning Ordinance by repealing Part 19-C HC-Historic Conservation Overlay District and replacing the Part with new regulations related to single-family detached dwellings constructed more than 50 years ago. He explained that the ordinance provides that expansions/alterations to historic single-family detached dwellings are permitted, provided that the dwelling will continue to be utilized as a single-family detached dwelling only. He also explained that the ordinance provides restrictions and regulations for demolition or conversion of historic single-family detached dwellings, and contains conditional use standards and application requirements. Lastly, Mr. Peters provided an overview of the ordinance adoption process, which included review by the Borough Planning Commission and the Montgomery County Planning Commission and advertisement.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 04-2018 Historic Residential Conservation Overlay District Ordinance Amendment, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 5-0. (Barton and Stokley – absent)

- b.) **Consider authorizing the adoption of the Halloween Parade as a Borough Special Event per Administration's recommended event logistics**

Ms. Leonard invited Ray Sokolowski, Director of Public Services, to the podium. Mr. Sokolowski provided an overview of Borough Administration's recommendations for the event logistics.

Mr. Griffin made a motion to adopt of the Halloween Parade as a Borough Special Event per Administration's recommended event logistics, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 5-0. (Barton and Stokley – absent)

- c.) **Consider approving Resolution 2018-20 authorizing the creation of procedures and requirements for the recognition of long-term Borough residents aged 100 years or older**

Mr. Peters reviewed the proposed resolution, which establishes the minimum eligibility requirements, nomination process and selection process for recognizing Borough residents aged 100 years or older.

Ms. Flanagan made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-20 authorizing the creation of procedures and requirements for the recognition of long-term Borough residents aged 100 years or older, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 5-0. (Barton and Stokley – absent)

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) **101 Birthday Proclamation for William "Bud" Reilly"**

Ms. Flanagan read a Proclamation recognizing the 101st birthday of William "Bud" Reilly.

- b.) **Consider a motion to authorize advertisement of the proposed amendment to the SP-4 Zoning Ordinance**

Mr. Peters shared that Keystone Property Group filed a petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance's provisions for the SP-4 Specially Planned District with respect to building and wall height. He explained that the proposed ordinance amendment provides a maximum building height of 190 feet, provided the additional height is necessary to accommodate mechanical equipment to advance Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) design elements. Mr. Peters stated that the ordinance amendment also provides a maximum wall height of 14 feet with specific regulations related to location, visibility and design features.

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to authorize advertisement of the proposed amendment to the SP-4 Zoning Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 5-0. (Barton and Stokley – absent)

c.) Consider a request for extension of land development approval for 204 East 8th Avenue

Mr. Peters stated that the Borough received a request for a six (6) month extension of land development approval for 204 East 8th Avenue. He shared that land development approval for the project was granted in September 2015 and that the Borough Ordinance contains a three (3) year limitation for development. He confirmed that the applicant is actively working with the Borough to revise the plans to meet the conditions of the resolution.

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to grant an extension of land development approval for 204 East 8th Avenue, seconded by Ms. Leonard. The motion carried 5-0. (Barton and Stokley - absent)

d.) Consider approving a Fire Prevention Demonstration for Fire Prevention Week

Ms. Leonard shared that Tim Gunning, Fire Chief, is requesting Council's approval to host a fire prevention demonstration for Fire Prevention Week on October 11, 2018 at 7:00pm. She added that West 5th Avenue between Harry Street and Hallowell Street would be closed for the event beginning at 6:00pm.

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve a Fire Prevention Demonstration for Fire Prevention Week, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 5-0. (Barton and Stokley - absent)

e.) Consider authorizing the tuition reimbursement for Sergeant Shane Murray

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to authorize the tuition reimbursement for Sergeant Shane Murray, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 5-0. (Barton and Stokley - absent)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Zale, 200 West Elm Street, inquired about establishing a crosswalk at Washington Avenue and Harry Street. Mr. Sokolowski confirmed that the intersection is included in the Borough-wide line-painting project. Mr. Zale also spoke about truck traffic and road conditions on West Elm Street. Ms. Leonard and Ms. Sokolowski responded that Borough Administration is working with PennDOT to evaluate truck traffic and routes.

Ana DeSantis, 200 West Elm Street, spoke about the road conditions on West Elm and asked that Council and Administration advocate that PennDOT improve the road as soon as possible.

Robert Moore, resident, inquired about the location of the 2018 Christmas Tree Lighting. Council confirmed that the Mary Wood Park House could be utilized for the event.

Mayor Aronson thanked Sergeant Lennon for instructing the Trail and Bike Safety Class. He also thanked all parties responsible for making the Suicide Prevention Event a success.

Mr. Griffin reminded everyone to attend the Conshohocken Funfest on September 22, 2018.

Acting Chief Metz announced that the Police Department would be hosting Coffee with a Cop at Brunch on October 3, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary