

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

PUBLIC MEETING held via GoToMeeting video/teleconference

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

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Cecco, Borough Manager
Michael E. Peters, Borough Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Conshohocken Borough Council duly advertised, was held remotely using the GoToMeeting platform. Colleen Leonard, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 thanked everyone for attending the virtual Council meeting. She reviewed the meeting logistics and participation instructions. Ms. Leonard announced that an Executive Session was held immediately prior to the public meeting on legal matters.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Recognition of 32 Years of Service, Ralph Gambale, Public Services

Ms. Leonard announced that the recognition of Mr. Gambale would be rescheduled due to the inclement weather.

b.) Recognition of Fire Stipend Recipients of 2020

Ms. Leonard announced that the recognition of 2020 Fire Stipend recipients would be rescheduled due to the inclement weather.

LAND USE, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

a.) Consider approving Resolution 2020-32 approving second amended final land development for SORA West

Mr. Peters provided a brief overview of the application and reviewed the conditions of approval per the proposed resolution. Ms. Leonard had a question regarding condition no. 9, which requires the applicant to perform a solar glare assessment. Ms. Leonard asked if there is any scenario that the hotel would not be built, making the condition futile. Rich Gottlieb, the applicant, responded that Keystone plans to move forward with the construction of the hotel.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-32 approving second amended final land development for SORA West, seconded by Ms. Tutino. Mr. Stokley recused himself. The motion carried 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a.) Approve and adopt the November 4 and November 18 Regular Meeting Minutes and the November 4 Special Meeting Minutes**
- b.) Approve the November-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,589,743.46**
- c.) Adopt and approve the FY21 Budget and adopt and approve Ordinance 02-2020 to levy real estate tax for 2021 and fix the rate thereof**

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a.) Consider reappointing applicants to Boards and Commissions

Mr. Griffin made a motion to reappoint Marty Eckert to the Civil Service Commission for a six (6) year term; Timothy Beckel to the EAC for a three (3) year term; Sarah Aronson to the Friends of Conshohocken Parks for a three (3) year term; Stacy Ellam to the Human Relations Commission for a three (3) year term; Marissa Buck to the Dog Park Advisory Committee for a three (3) year term; MacKenzie Breinlinger to the Dog Park Advisory Committee for a three (3) year term; Georgina Weber to the Dog Park Advisory Committee for a three (3) year term; and Mark Danek to the ZHB for a three (3) year term, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) Consider appointing applicants to Boards and Commission vacancies

Ms. Flanagan made a motion to appoint MaryKate O'Brien, Kurtis Miller and Ashley McQuaide to the EAC, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Barton made a motion to appoint Lindsey Neal and Chelsea Woicekowski to the Dog Park Advisory Committee, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Griffin made a motion to appoint Jessica Sullivan to the Mary Wood Park Commission, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to appoint Daniel Swartley-McArdle and Dana MacNeal to the Planning Commission, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to appoint Alan Chmielewski and Marlowe Doman to the Zoning Hearing Board, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) Consider appointing a Chair and Vice Chair to the EAC

Ms. Tutino made a motion to appoint Domenic Rocco as Chair of the EAC and Timothy Beckel as Vice Chair of the EAC, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

d.) Consider approving and authorizing advertisement of the 2021 meeting schedules for Borough Council and Boards and Commissions

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve and authorize advertisement of the 2021 meeting schedules for Borough Council and Boards and Commissions, seconded by Ms. Tutino. The motion carried 7-0.

e.) Consider approving Resolution 2020-33 extending temporary no parking regulations within the Borough of Conshohocken

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-33 extending temporary no parking regulations within the Borough of Conshohocken, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

a.) Consider approving the Second Amendment to the Completion Covenant, Completion Guaranty and Agreement of Sale for SORA West which includes the First Amendment to the Declaration of Condominium of SORA West Condominium

Mr. Peters explained that the approval of the second amended final land development application for the SORA West project would require amendment of the completion documents. He reminded Council that the completion documents guarantee that the entire unified development will be completed.

Mr. Peters reviewed the revisions to the Second Amendment to the Completion Covenant, Completion Guaranty and Agreement of Sale and the condominium documents to address changes proposed in the second amended final land development for SORA West.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve the Second Amendment to the Completion Covenant, Completion Guaranty and Agreement of Sale for SORA West which includes the First Amendment to the Declaration of Condominium of SORA West Condominium, seconded by Mr. Griffin. Mr. Stokley recused himself. The motion carried 6-0.

b.) Consider approving the Third Amendment to the Completion Covenant, Completion Guaranty and Agreement of Sale for SORA West

Mr. Peters reviewed the revisions to the Third Amendment to the Completion Covenant, Completion Guaranty and Agreement of Sale to address changes proposed in the second amended final land development for SORA West.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve the Third Amendment to the Completion Covenant, Completion Guaranty and Agreement of Sale for SORA West, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. Mr. Stokley recused himself. The motion carried 6-0.

c.) Consider approving the third and final security escrow release for 304 East Hector Street in the amount of \$1,243.20

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve the third and final security escrow release for 304 East Hector Street in the amount of \$1,243.20, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 7-0.

d.) Consider approving a tuition reimbursement for Officer Eric Hall for the 2021 Spring Semester

Ms. Flanagan made a motion to approve a tuition reimbursement for Officer Eric Hall for the 2021 Spring Semester, seconded by Ms. Tutino. The motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brittany Rogers, Executive Assistant to the Borough Manager, stated that no public comment was received via email submission.

There was no additional public comment.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson recognized the success of the Virtual Menorah Lighting and the Christmas Drive-in Movie.

Ms. Barton wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

Mr. Stokley wished everyone a happy holiday season and new year.

Ms. Flanagan wished everyone a merry Christmas, happy Chanukah and a healthy New Year.

Ms. Tutino wished everyone a happy holiday.

Mr. Griffin wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. He reminded everyone to continue following COVID-19 safety protocols.

Ms. Sokolowski wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and good fortune in 2021.

Superintendent Metz thanked the officers of the Police Department for their hard work and service to the public. He also thanked Borough elected officials and the public for their support of the Police Department. He recognized the hard work and dedication of the Fire Police.

Ms. Leonard thanked the entire Borough staff for their hard work in 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary