

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Tina Sokolowski, Council President
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Vice-President
Anita Barton, Senior Council Member
Alan Chmielewski, Council Member
Stacy Ellam, Council Member
Ralph Frey, Council Member
Adrian Serna, 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 at the Conshohocken Borough Hall, 400 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA. Ms. Sokolowski, Borough Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Council President announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for agenda items only)

There was no public comment.

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Conduct interviews for selected marketing services RFP respondents

Borough Council interviewed the following firms in response to the Borough's RFP for marketing services: Neff, beMarketing and Aliya Hammond Consulting.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

There were no land use matters, public hearings and ordinances.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a.) Approve and adopt the September 4 and September 18 Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 25 Special Budget Meeting Minutes**
- b.) Approve the September-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve and adopt the September 4 and September 18 Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 25 Special Budget Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve the September-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$2,978,497.23, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a.) Consider awarding a bid for engineering services for the 2023 CDBG Curb Ramp Project

Ms. Ellam made a motion to award a bid for engineering services for the 2023 CDBG Curb Ramp Project to Gilmore & Associates at a not to exceed cost of \$30,585.00, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) Consider approving the First Addendum to the Conshohocken Borough Community Shuttle Service Contract

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the First Addendum to the Conshohocken Borough Community Shuttle Service contract, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) **Consider approving the Third Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Washington Fire Company**

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve the Third Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Washington Fire Company, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- d.) **Consider approving Resolution 2024-22 setting procedural rules for compliance with Pennsylvania's Right-to-Know Law**

Mr. Frey made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-22 setting procedural rules for compliance with Pennsylvania's Right-to-Know Law, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- e.) **Consider approving a Subordination and Inter-Creditor Agreement and Estoppel regarding the refinancing of Seven Tower Bridge**

This business matter was removed from the agenda per the request of Seven Tower Bridge.

- f.) **Consider approving Resolution 2024-23 authorizing the submission of the 2024 CDBG application**

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-23 authorizing the submission of the 2024 CDBG application, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- g.) **Consider approving the Three-Year Community Development Plan for the Borough's CDBG Program**

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve the Three-Year Community Development Plan for the Borough's CDBG Program, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) **Consider approving Resolution 2024-24 authorizing the submission of a Local Share Account (LSA) grant application for the Fayette Street Road Diet Project**

Ms. Cecco asked Council to consider approving two (2) resolutions to authorize the submission of grant applications to fund the Fayette Street Road Diet Project. Ms. Cecco explained that identifying funding sources is the next step in the overall project. She discussed the opinion of probable cost for the project and provided an overview of the two (2) grant applications, Local Share Account (LSA) and Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF).

Ms. Sokolowski discussed the history of the Fayette Street Road Diet Project, shared the benefits of a road diet, provided an overview of the results of the feasibility study and discussed next steps in the process.

Mr. Serna reiterated that the purpose of the road diet is to improve safety for pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-24 authorizing the submission of a Local Share Account grant application for the Fayette Street Road Diet Program, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) **Consider approving Resolution 2024-25 authorizing the submission of a Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) grant application for the Fayette Street Road Diet Project**

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-25 authorizing the submission of a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant application for the Fayette Street Road Diet Project, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) **Consider Resolution 2024-26 authorizing the submission of a PECO Region Open Space Program grant application for the Weinmann Park Improvement Project**

Ms. Cecco shared that Borough Administration is interested in applying for a PECO Green Region Open Space Program grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 for improvements to the Weinmann Park. Ms. Cecco stated that a dollar-for-dollar match is required.

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-26 authorizing the submission of a PECO Region Open Space program grant application for the Weinmann Park Improvement Project, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

- d.) **Consider approving Resolution 2024-27 approving an extension of a temporary no parking area on First Avenue at the intersection with Harry Street and outdoor dining for a temporary basis in that area of Daniel's Restaurant**

Ms. Cecco stated that the proposed resolution would extend the no parking regulations for an additional 90 days. She shared that Borough Administration is working through a request from Daniel's to establish a permanent outdoor dining area. Chief Lennon confirmed that no incidents have occurred, and no complaints have been received.

Mr. Chmielewski made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-27 approving an extension of a temporary no parking area on First Avenue at the intersection with Harry Street and outdoor dining for a temporary basis in that area of Daniel's Restaurant, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson shared that the Conshohocken AMBUCS held its Super 3000 event to support children with special needs and the Special Olympics. He shared pictures from the EAC community cleanup and the Pumpkin Painting event the Community Center. Mayor Aronson reminded everyone about the Halloween Parade.

Ms. Barton shared that the Mary Wood Park House roof has been replaced.

Mr. Serna shared that the EAC collected 250 lbs. of trash at the community cleanup. He reminded everyone that there will be a pet costume category at the Halloween Parade.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary