



BOROUGH OF DORMONT

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE DORMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016 7:00PM
IN THE DORMONT MUNICIPAL CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Estell informed that the meeting is being live streamed on the internet (*Dormontpa.iqm2.com*) where the public can view the meeting, read agendas and meeting minutes.

Council President Maggio called the Meeting of the Dormont Borough Council to order at 7:00PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Maggio informed that there was an Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council responded to roll call:

Jeff Fabus, Kate Abel, Daniele Ventresca, John Maggio, Drew Lehman

Also present: Ben Estell, Borough Manager,
John Rushford, Borough Solicitor
Mayor Phil Ross
Dana Nardozi, Junior Council member

REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property, Supplies and Planning: Fabus briefed on their committee meeting which discussed flightless birds, no smoking in Dormont parks, the current loan of \$1 million and plans for the upcoming meeting.

Public Safety/Service: Abel commended the fire and police department for all their help with Dormont Day. Abel also recognized the Recreation Director for all her hard work with putting Dormont Day together; and Manager Ben Estell.

Abel informed that Civil Service Commission is going to meet tomorrow night to discuss the Civil Service rules that have been drafted, they will then go to Council and will be made public at that time. The Civil Service meeting will be held at the Borough Office on July 7th at 7:00 PM.

The Drug Take Back Box is not up yet.

Community Affairs/Recreation: Ventresca thanked the following volunteers for Dormont Day: the police and fire departments, Councilmembers Fabus, Abel, and Maggio; Recreation Director Kristin Hullihen; Rec Board Members Kara Walsh, Monique Fontaine, Valorie Sherman, and Ginny Stocker; and the Mayor and Mrs. Ross.

Ventresca briefed on the upcoming Community Yard Sale. Ventresca informed that the next Recreation and Community Affairs meeting will be held on Thursday July 7th and that there will be two open positions on the Rec Board.

Finance and Legal: Lehman thanked everyone for their help with Dormont Day. Lehman gave some numbers on the current budget.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Maggio briefed on the State Representative and Senator's Websites.

John Rushford informed that the buyer of the Broadway Conservatorship Property has been having some trouble because it is a Conservatorship under the Conservatorship Act. Rushford informed that they just received title insurance and the sale should go through this week and the Borough will receive around \$20,000.00 from that sale.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Estell thanked all the volunteers and Kristin Hullihen for Dormont Day.

Estell briefed on the Civil Service Rules and tests for police patrol and fire chief.

Estell gave a brief presentation on the new portal for the live council, board and commissions meetings.

Estell discussed vacant positions on the boards and commissions.

Estell briefed on the rental space in the Municipal Center and handed it over to the Property, Supplies and Planning Committee for discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING

Manager Estell OPENED the Public Hearing – for Parking Exemption Requested by Shannon Construction at 3257 West Liberty Avenue.

Ken Schultz informed that they purchased the building in efforts to move their home where they do business from five days a week. He explained that in order to improve the building they need help with parking.

Estell informed that the Planning Commission has not had a quorum for several months now. Estell explained that the three members of the Committee who were in attendance at the last meeting wished to convey

favorable opinion for this request, but cannot give an official statement without a quorum. Estell informed that from the administrative point of view, they also give a favorable recommendation.

Solicitor Rushford informed that this Public Hearing was publicly advertised in the newspaper of general circulation. Rushford explained that legally there are bases to consider alternate parking as an equal or better solution to a strict compliance with the parking regulations in the Ordinance.

Estell asked if any members of the public would like to make any comments or testify at this public hearing.

Manager Estell CLOSED the PUBLIC HEARING.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Fabus, second by Abel to accept Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M (A. Minutes of the June 6, 2016 Council Meeting, B. Warrant list for June 2016, C. Written report from the Borough Engineer for June 2016, D. Written report from the Borough Solicitor for June 2016, E. Report for the Police Department for June 2016, F. Written report from the Building and Code Department for June 2016, G. Written report of the Borough Manager for June 2016, H. 2016 Street Fair band contract, I. Appoint Dan Alwine to the Planning Commission, J. Appoint Benjamin Lancaster to the UCC Commission, K. Accept Recreation Board Members Resignations [Pete Barna and Victoria Foster], L. REBID the 2016 Road Resurfacing Projects – Contract B – Alley Resurfacing Contract, M. REBID the 2016 Road Resurfacing Project – Contract A – Street Reconstruction & Resurfacing Contract).
Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion by Fabus, second by Lehman to approve the parking request for 3257 West Liberty Avenue.

- i. Council Discussion: None.
- ii. Public Comment: None.

Motion carried 5-0.

B. Motion by Fabus, second by Abel to advertise Ordinance #1617, amending Chapter 150, as Amended, and Codified as Chapter of the Code, Regulating Borough Parks and Recreation Areas to Prohibit Smoking and Tobacco Use in Public Parks and Recreation Areas.

- i. Council Discussion: None.
- ii. Public Comment: None.

Motion carried 5-0.

C. Motion by Fabus, second by Ventresca to Advertise Ordinance #1616, amending the Borough of Dormont Code of Ordinances, Animals, to Permit and Regulate the Keeping of Chickens and Flightless Ducks within the Borough.

- i. Council Discussion: None.
- ii. Public Comment: None.

Motion carried 5-0.

D. Motion by Lehman, second by Ventresca to allow members of the Borough of Dormont Council to participate in Meetings of Council by means of telecommunication devices in accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Borough Code, Article X, Section 1001 (C).

Council Discussion: Rushford informed that under the new amendments to the Borough Code, there is an allowance for Councilmembers to participate by telecommunication devices. Rushford briefed on some of the policies/rules. Abel asked if it applies to the Mayor as well.

- ii. Public Comment: None.

Motion carried 5-0.

E. Motion by Ventresca, second by Abel to approve Resolution #7, 2016, a Resolution of the Council of the Borough of Dormont, County of Allegheny County and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, recognizing Friends of the Hollywood Theater as a Civic and/or Service Association under the Local Option Small Game of Chance Act as amended.

i. Council Discussion: Maggio informed this just helps the Hollywood Theater in their fundraising efforts to raise funds.

ii. Public Comment: None.

Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Estell informed that Dormont Pool was recognized for the Doggy Dip in the July Edition of the Pittsburgh Magazine.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Jhoeny Lamonde, 1305 Mississippi Avenue RE: Adding nephew on family pool pass.

Valerie Prosser, 3065 Earlsmere Avenue RE: Sergio's would like to hold a Benefit for Friends of Dormont Pool.

Celine Martin, 1319 Tennessee Avenue RE: Speed bumps on her street and surrounding streets. Damage to sidewalks from parking.

Ventresca informed that Movies in the Park is this Friday Between 8:30 and 9:00 PM and their showing the Minion's Movie.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lehman, second by Abel to Adjourn.