



BOROUGH OF DORMONT

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:30 PM

Personnel Issue

REGULAR MEETING OF THE DORMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015 7:00PM IN THE DORMONT MUNICIPAL CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Vice Council President Hodson called the Meeting of the Dormont Borough Council to order.

Hodson stated that there was an Executive Session this evening on a Personnel issue and there was an Executive Session on Tuesday, October 27 to discuss a personnel matter. Both were informational only and no vote was taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council responded to roll call:

Onnie Costanzo, Jeff Fabus, Drew Lehman, John Maggio, Val Martino, Joan Hodson

Also present: Borough Manager Ben Estell
Borough Solicitor John Rushford
Mayor Phil Ross

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ross stated that the police department answered 281 call for service. The annual Christmas Parade is coming in early December. Ross stated that he attended the first Fall Festival in Dormont Park; children and pets were in costume.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Legal: Costanzo stated that there was a 2nd budget meeting on October 6th. Discussion included Waste Management, the garbage collector, a new hire for the Park Department, hiring a full time Fire Chief, a new hire in the police department, and administrative software. Nothing has been decided yet; the next meeting is November 9th.

Costanzo gave a brief summary of the current budget report. There was a workshop on October 22nd for the Historical Study that was done. It was well attended.

Community Affairs/Recreation: Fabus stated that it was a busy October. The annual Street Fair was on the 10th. It was a great success with the many vendors and community booths; DABA, Boy Scouts, Historical Society, Dormont Elementary PFO were present again. There was also a 40th reunion for KO at the Hollywood at the same time. The Historical Society Museum was open on the 22nd during the workshop. Several painting done by the Lifespan Art Group were on display and on sale.

October 24th was the Pitt Make A Difference Day. Approximately 37 Pitt students and volunteers picked up litter throughout the borough. This year was the 2nd annual Pet Parade; about 60 people attended with their pets. About 130 kids showed up for the Costume Parade. A lot of support from local businesses. In November, every Tuesday is leaf collection.

Saturday, November 7 is the DABA Fall Craft Beer Festival at the recreation center. A lot of great things happening at the Hollywood Theater.

Cookies with Santa and Lite up Dormont is on December 5th. There is currently an opening on the Recreation Board.

Property, Supplies and Planning: nothing at this time

Public Safety/Service:

REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Kim Kunkel, Crosby Avenue, President of Main Street RE: new ideas for the holiday season; Small Business Day is Saturday, November 28th and the 2nd Small Business Saturday will be Saturday, December 5th. Main Street is planning a lot of events on Potomac Avenue. Ice Sculpting and horse carriage rides are just a few of the activities. The free movie at the Hollywood is the Muppets Christmas Carol.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

Nothing at this time.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Estell explained the couple of resignations from the Recreation Board and the one new appointment. Item L, rejection of the bids received by SHACOG for the ADA Curb Ramps; the bids came in high and will be rebid. Estell stated that he and Rushford have come up with a 60 day amnesty plan for those affected by the CENTAX/Jordan billing problems from 2012.

Estell briefed on the AT&T lease proposal for equipment at the facility.

Estell asked council to review the spreadsheet for the budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Costanzo, second by Martino to accept the Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, and Q (A. Motion to approve the written report of the Solicitor; B. Motion to approve the written reports of the Borough Officials; C. Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 5, 2015; D. Motion to approve the Warrant List for October, 2015; E. Motion to accept resignation of John Essey from Recreation Board; F. Motion to accept recommendation of the Manager to accept resignation of Shannon Venditti from Recreation Board; G. Motion to accept recommendation of the Manager to approve nomination of Nate Briggs to Recreation Board; H. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Solicitor to waive penalties and interest for 2012 refuse billing for 2603 Voelkel Avenue, due to property being sold with a free and clear title to Mr. Ron Pardini; I. Motion to accept recommendation of Dormont Volunteer Fire Department to approve appointment of Rick LaGamba to the position of Assistant Chief and Max Schoppen to the position of Captain; J. Motion to accept the recommendation of Mayor Ross to approve Dana Nardoizzi as the Keystone Oaks student representative to Borough Council; K. Motion to accept the recommendation of Borough Engineer to approve Change Order #1, for 2015 Operation & Maintenance Contract – Contract B Excavation, in the amount of (\$22,077.50), a reduction to the contract; L. Motion to accept the recommendation of Borough Engineer to reject all bids received by SHACOG for CD Year 41 7.2 ADA Curb Ramps; M. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Solicitor to approve engagement of Cafardi Ferguson Wyrick Weis + Stotler llc regarding employment matters, and other matters as may be assigned; N. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Manager to approve request by Dormont Main Street to install three (3) temporary special event signs advertising Small Business Saturday/Christmas on Main Street; O. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Manager to approve request by Dormont Main Street to close Potomac Avenue from West Liberty Avenue to Broadway Avenue on December 5, 2015 from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM for Small Business Saturday/Christmas on Main Street; P. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Manager to sell Business Parking Passes at half-price for the month of December; Q. Motion to authorize the Manager, Mayor, and Chief of Police to execute a free holiday parking plan). Motion carried 6-0.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Costanzo, second by Fabus to approve proposed Ordinance #1610, regulating non-storm water discharges to the storm drainage system to comply with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

Borough Engineer McVicar gave an explanation of the ordinance.

Public Comment:

Council Discussion:

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Costanzo, second by second by Fabus to approve proposed Ordinance #1611, to implement updated Stormwater management controls as required by federal and state regulations.

McVicar gave an explanation of the ordinance.

Public Comment:

Council Discussion:

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Costanzo, second by Martino to advertise the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Consent Order and Agreement.

Rushford gave a brief explanation of the agreement.

Public Comment:

Council Discussion:

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Costanzo, second by Lehman to approve delinquent Central Tax billing Amnesty Program.

Public Comment: Michelle Ross, Beacon Hill Avenue

Council Discussion:

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Martino, second by Hodson to reverse the decision of the Traffic & Parking Planning Commission to deny an Application for Reserved Accessible Parking Space at 2956 Voelkel Avenue for Mildred Koury.

Public Comment:

Council Discussion: Martino had questions regarding the application.

Motion by Martino, second by Costanzo to table the above motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Costanzo, second by Martino to approve the suspension of Officer Thomas Mathis for ten (10) consecutive days, as per memo from Mayor Ross.

Public Comment:

Council Discussion:

Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Brief discussion on the AT&T contract.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Fabus, second by Lehman to adjourn.