

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JULY 13, 1992**

Vice President Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:35PM with all of Council present with the exception of Jean Simpson. Also in attendance: Mayor Linn, Mr. Oyler, Chief Gantz, Mr. Lawver, Mr. Weikert, Mr. Little, Mr. Powell, Linda Filer and Tracy Lower representing the Times. Mr. Sterner was on vacation.

**Citizens in Attendance:**

1. Stephen Maitland, candidate for state representative in the 91st district attended the meeting to hear Council concerns.

2. Charlotte Armster and Betty Myers members of Zoning Board, concerned with the impact of the Hospital Expansion.

3. Willis Weikert, 55 Seminary Avenue, here to observe.

Moved Mr. Ditzler, seconded Mr. Zellner to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. DeHaas, seconded Mr. Troxell to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of July 1 as presented. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Ditzler, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to approve Council Meeting Minutes of June as presented. Motion carried.

Ms. Armster outlined her objections to the Hospital expansion, noting that the Hospital was already over their permitted lot coverage.

Betty Myers addressed Council as a neighbor of the Hospital. She is concerned about the increased storm water runoff from a proposed parking lot which would be adjacent to her property. Stated that he now suffers from standing water on her property.

Council agreed to investigate the concerns of both Ms. Armster and Ms. Myers.

Mr. DeHaas had nothing to report for the Highway Committee.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Opening of Bids for the new office building will be held on July 22 at 1:00 PM at a Special Meeting of Council.

Mr. Troxell had nothing to report for the Tree and Sidewalk Committee.

Mr. Ditzler reported that the Safety Committee approved placement of a 10 minute loading zone next to Bream Gym along Constitution Avenue as requested by the College. The Committee also approved the purchase of eight "crime watch signs" to be placed in the area of South Washington, West High Streets, Breckenridge, and Franklin Streets as requested by the Housing Committee. See report for other information discussed by the Committee.

Mr. Zellner reported that the Utility Committee has begun to check street lights.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Ditzler to appoint Carl Swinn to the Planning Commission to fulfill the term of Jessie Smith which will expire 12/1995. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. DeHaas to approve all bills and payrolls be paid for the month. Motion carried.

Mr. Murphy gave a brief review of the Finance Committee Report noting that Revenues are slightly ahead of Budget. Motions should be made tonight for contributions to the SPCA and Adams County Economic Development Office. See report for summary of revenues and expenditures.

Ms. Giles stated that Council should receive a statement from organizations requesting contributions as to the utilization of the funds.

Moved Mr. DeHaas, seconded Mr. Schmitt to approve a contribution of \$2,450. (.35 per capita) to help fund the Adams County Economic Development Office. YEA: Mr. Ditzler, Mr. Troxell, Mr. DeHaas, Mr. Zellner, Mr. Schmitt and Mrs. Gustafson. NAY: Ms. Giles.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Troxell to approve a contribution of \$1,000. to the SPCA. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gustafson reported for the Health Committee that a memo was received from Bicky Redman, Coordinator of Adams County Department of Solid Waste/Recycling. The County intends to apply for 901 Planning Grants under Pennsylvania's Act 101, Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, to study the County's solid waste alternatives.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to instruct Mr. Sterner to write a formal letter of complaint to the Public Utility Commission concerning railroad crossings. The railroad has not yet completed this project despite repeated contacts by the Borough. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Ditzler, seconded Mr. Schmitt to adopt a Resolution commending PFC Larry Runk and PFC Douglas McKinney for investigating and apprehending persons who were stealing from the Borough's parking meters. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. DeHaas, seconded Mr. Zellner to approve the County Mapping of Municipal Boundaries. Motion carried.

Mr. Lawver reported several Businesses on Baltimore Street have sent letters concerning Parking problems. Mrs. Simpson sent a reply to these Business's requesting they attend the next Parking Committee meeting to be held on July 20 to discuss these problems.

Mr. Lawver noted that a staff meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14 at 9:30 AM.



Mr. Little noted that there will be free metered parking on Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18 to assist with the Retail Merchants sales days.

Dr. Powell reviewed the revised proposal of the 1992 Community Development Block Grant allocations. As requested by Council at the Public Hearing the proposed change will add the \$28,636 "Acquisition/Relocation" which was to be for funding 135 West Middle Street to Adams County Interfaith Housing for "Housing Rehabilitation" giving a total of \$35,636.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Schmitt to approve the reallocation of Community Development Block Grant Funds to be distributed as follows: \$35,636 to Adams County Interfaith Housing Corporation for "Housing Rehabilitation" and \$28,000 to the Adams County Housing Authority for "Downpayment-Closing Cost Assistance, Frederick Douglass Homes." Motion carried.

Dr. Powell requested that Council consider applying for a grant to update the borough's comprehensive plan, to review and revise the zoning ordinance, to revise and enact the land subdivision ordinance and to change the zoning map to reflect the necessary changes. The Grant application is due on August 21 and would take approximately 2 years for completion. Borough Council will conduct a Public Hearing on August 10th at 7:00PM before the regular monthly meeting to review the proposal.

Moved Mr. Zellner, seconded Mr. DeHaas to approve a preliminary application for a grant to update the Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried.

Mr. Lawver reported that the bridge work on Racehorse Alley will soon be complete.

Ms. Filer reported that a peanut carnival will be held on July 29 from 6 to 8 PM in the Rec Park.

Mr. Zellner presented a Resolution commending the Rec Park staff, Linda Filer and Bob Heflin for their hard work and dedication.

Moved Mr. Ditzler, seconded Mr. DeHaas to approve the reports of the Treasurer, Chief of Police, Code Enforcement Officer, and Parking Department. Motion carried.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. DeHaas to approve HARB "consent agenda". Motion carried.

Council discussed the issue of certain property owners performing work on property in the Historical District without consent of HARB. They continually pay the citations received but ignore the process.

Mr. Zellner mentioned that he had observed the catch basins at the Hospital, finding water that a child could fall into. Council should look further into these concerns before making any final decisions on the Hospital zoning.

Mr. Zellner questioned why the parking on Getty Street and Washington Street is taking so long to eliminate.

Chief Gantz reported that the Safety Committee has looked into this issue and that he is preparing a scale drawing for the Committee's July meeting. An Ordinance will be prepared for Council's next meeting for review.

With no further business Mr. Ditzler moved, seconded by Mr. Zellner to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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