

COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2000

President Eline called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Ms. Giles, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Streeter, Mr. Monahan, Mr. Kreisher, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Fleet and Mayor Troxell. Staff present included: Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Main Street Director Trostle, Rec Manager Crouse, Historical Preservation Officer Powell, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert and Highway Superintendent Lawver.

Representing the press were Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times, Tammie Gitt of the Evening Sun and Jennifer Lawrence of WGET,

Moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve the Council meeting minutes of August 14 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Polly Parone, representing the Retail Merchants Association.

Don Smith, Camille Cline, Sharon DeOms, Fran Drago and Elwood Christ were observing the meeting.

Walton Davis, 301 Ridge Avenue, speaking for himself and not the Planning Commission, asked Council not to approve the proposed medical building as recommended by HARB. He is opposed to this building being placed at the rear of the property with the parking in front along South Washington Street. He believes that buildings should be along the sidewalk and cited various buildings around town that are set back and un-attractive.

Chuck Lewis, 824 Highland Avenue, is a stockholder with Giant Foods. He is disturbed with Council for its hostility toward Giant, citing recent news paper accounts. He believes that Kennie's Market should expand on its current site.

Mayor announced the next a college rep will address the next P.A.C.T. meeting.

Mr. Andrews reported that several members of Council and staff will go to Washington to meet with Senator Specter and Senator Santorum. He reported that Governor Ridge will be in Gettysburg on September 18 for the bicycle ride.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve the purchase of a banner that will be placed in the circle at a cost of \$87.50. It will be there to thank Gov. Ridge as he passes by. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline announced the Council/HARB workshop will be held on September 21 at 7:00 PM at the Gettysburg hotel on Lincoln Square.

Ms. Giles reported that all goes well with the new Rec building. The land development plan will be submitted to the Planning Commission September 18. She continued with the announcement that the Heritage Festival will be held on Sunday, September 17 at the Park.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Andrews to reappoint August Schwab, Mt. Joy Representative and Dixie VanDyke, Freedom Township representative to another 5 year term on the Rec Board. Their terms will expire in September 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles reported the Straban Township police patrols are going very well.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve the Letter of Intent authorizing the Governor's Center for Local Government Services to perform a feasibility study on forming a regional police force to include Gettysburg and the townships of Cumberland, Straban, Mt. Joy and Mt. Pleasant. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan announced College Relations Committee will meet on September 28 at 3:00.

Mr. Streeter reported that County Planner Dick Schmoyer will attend the Community Development meeting on September 25 to discuss county planning. Mr. Streeter will attend the CRIS meeting on September 13 at the Days Inn. The public meeting is postponed until November, he will keep Council updated.

Mr. Monahan asked if the MOU and Interpretive Plan will be ready for the Public Hearing on October 5th from 7 to 9 at the GAR building. Mr. Trostle said they are on schedule for the hearing.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve all bills and payrolls for the month. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Woodward to approve the grant request to the Pa. Council on the Arts on behalf of the Adams County Arts Council in the amount of \$2,000, acknowledging that an equal match will be committed in the Borough's 2001 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt the resolution authorizing Main Street's grant application to PaDCED for Design Challenge Grant in the amount of \$20,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Kreisher to approve the request of Camille Cline to place a monument in the southwest quadrant of Lincoln Square commemorating the civilian experience during the Battle. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Kreisher to adopt the resolution approving the purchase of the CATV system by Adelphia from GS Communications. Mr. Monahan abstained from the vote because his wife represents Adelphia. Motion carried.

Mr. Murphy reported that the College and Friends of the Parks are invited to the Public Works Committee to discuss the TEA-21 grant to be used for Historic Pathway projects.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Woodward to vote separately on the HARB consent agenda Item G, the proposed new medical building. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve HARB consent agenda, excluding Item G, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles asked what "urge" meant in Item F, proposal to replace windows, of the HARB summary. Dr. Powell replied that the proposed sash would match existing. The owners haven't decided if they wanted to invest in everything at this time. Ms. Giles asked why it was listed in the summary sheet. Dr. Powell replied that HARB reviewed it at the meeting, therefor it is reported.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt the amendment to the Historic District Ordinance increasing the permissible size of street clocks to 18 feet and to provide for only 1 moveable sign per property. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion continued on Item G, the proposed new medical building, 440-454 South Washington Street.

Dr. Powell reported that HARB, except Dr. Forness who was out of town, visited the site and noted that the size of the building was very large. In HARB's opinion, placing the building in the rear would work better and look nicer. They also addressed the parking garage and how many spaces are needed to service this area.

Ms. Giles asked about the street scape. Mr. Murphy said HARB compared the proposal to other 3 story buildings and they believe that the proposed medical building should be 50 feet back off the street.

Mr. Monahan asked what input HARB considered from the Task Force. Dr. Powell replied that the Task Force did not prepare a formal recommendation.

Ms. Giles asked why HARB would consider future expansion of the hospital when we don't know what the hospital will need in the future. She believes the building should be placed in the front with parking to the rear.

Dr. Powell noted this large building is unprecedented in this area other than the hospital because of its size.

Mr. Monahan asked if there is any need for the Task Force to continue meeting. Dr. Powell noted that HARB must work with each recommendation or application.

Dave Sites presented new plans and drawings with the building set back 10 feet with a green space in the front.

Dr. Powell noted that Council is just approving the site at this time, the plans will go back to HARB for review.

Mr. Kreisher asked how this building compares to the medical building across the street. Mr. Sites said the existing medical building is 25,000 square feet, whereas, his new building will be 40,000 square feet.

Mr. Eline reminded Council that the vote on Item G is only on the site location.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve Item G of the HARB summary, to site the new building at the rear of the property, noted as 'Plan C' of the conceptual plans. YEA: Mr. Murphy and Mr. Kreisher. NAY: Mr. Fleet, Ms. Giles, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Streeter and Mr. Andrews. Abstained: Mr. Eline because of his employment with the Hospital and Mr. Monahan because he felt there was not sufficient information.

Mr. Murphy noted a HARB special meeting to approve a demolition at the Dr. Krablin building at 419 South Washington Street. HARB members visited the location prior to the Council meeting.

Dr. Powell reported HARB recommends demolishing 419 South Washington Street and rebuilding with certain restrictions. He noted that any building can be saved with much investment but this one would be quite costly.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve the demolition of 419 South Washington Street as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting continued with Solicitor Eastman reporting on the ordinance vacating a portion of Lincoln Lane and Cemetery Alley. If approved tonight, he would be sending all adjoining property owners letters informing them of the ordinance as prescribed by the borough Code.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Giles to adopt the ordinance vacating a portion of Lincoln Lane and Cemetery Alley. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager's report:

A no parking restrictions will be placed at 29 Breckenridge Street under the authority of temporary parking regulations to allow the police to park when conducting walking patrols in the neighborhood. This is an effort to curb drug activity. The sign will be moved as required.

Sterner continued with a request that is intended to assist police in drug enforcement. He asked that Council approve a resolution authorizing GPU to install 9 new street lights, mainly on South Washington Street, that will provide additional lighting.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Giles to adopt a resolution authorizing GPU to install 9 street lights at various locations in the area of South Washington Street, Breckenridge Street and Zerfino Alley. Motion carried unanimously.

Sterner recommended that Council authorize him to prepare an RFP to hire a parking consultant. We will soon need to enlarge the Race Horse Alley garage and have possible locations for four other garages. We need assistance in prioritizing and planning for additional parking.

In response to Ms. Giles inquiry concerning a prior consultant, Sterner replied that he would not consider her services.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Andrews to authorize the Manager to advertise a RFP to retain a consultant to assist/study our parking needs. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan asked the progress of the Train Station. Sterner said the RFP from architects on September 22 and a recommendation will then be made at the October Council meeting.

Mrs. Stull reminded Council to bring in their ordinance books to her for updates.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Monahan to accept the J.P. Harris (formerly - G.H. Harris), exoneration report for tax year 1999. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Andrews asked who reviewed the monument request from Camille Cline. Mr. Murphy indicated the Public Works Committee sent this request to Main Street to review for quality as they have with the waysides and they sent their recommendation back to Public Works.

Mr. Eline inquired when PennDOT would be starting work in town. Mr. Lawver said they are scheduled for September 19 and would be in town for 2-3 weeks.

Council held a brief Executive Session to discuss the progress of the Wills House purchase.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary

