

## COUNCIL MEETING

January 13, 2003

President Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Holly Giles, William Monahan, Brian Allen, John Murphy, Caroline Smith and Mayor Troxell. Mr. Miller, Mr. Eline and Mr. Fleet were absent. Staff present included Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert, Historical Preservation Officer Powell, Parking Manager Little, Rec Director Corson, Interim Police Chief Grissom, Main Street Manager Trostle and Admin. Assistant Powell.

Representing the press were Beth Kanagy of the *Gettysburg Times* and Rob Jordan of the *Evening Sun*.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Smith to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve the December 9 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Cathy Creswell, Adams County Economic Development Agency (ACEDA), was here to present the REDDI proposal. She reviewed the site plan of the redevelopment area on map A defined as: North boundary of West Water Street to Fourth Street North to Rock Creek South to 6<sup>th</sup> Street Area and west one block, south of Hanover Street/York Road past the Square to one block west of North Washington Street. The project area includes all properties adversely affected by the blight. She asked for Council to approve the area designated for redevelopment through the REDDI program.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Smith to approve the REDDI proposal district. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Creswell continued by outlining a proposal for a joint Borough/ACEDC grant application to the US DEC for funds to begin a redevelopment project north of the CSX railroad, bounded on the west by Carlisle Street and on the east by North Stratton Street. The property earmarked for redevelopment is now owned by the Cullisons. She answered the questions of Council, stating the plan is to use grant funds to purchase the property (gaining control) after an appraisal and a purchase negotiation, demolish the existing buildings and clean up environmental issues. The vacant lot would then be offered for sale to a developer through a RFP process whereby the community would prepare a very detailed specification. Prior to releasing the RFP, Council and the community will have opportunity to design the specifications for a suitable development.

Moved Mr. Streeter seconded Mr. Murphy to approve a joint grant application with the Adams County Economic Development Office to the US DEC for grant funds to

funding to begin re-development of the Cullison property to the rear of Carlisle Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Troxell reported the Adams County Boroughs Association meeting would be held on Monday, January 20 at the Gettysburg Family Restaurant.

Mr. Streeter reported he would be attending the Transportation Task Force meeting. He also reminded Council of the workshop scheduled for Tuesday, January 14 at the Hotel at 5:30PM.

Mr. Streeter asked Rec Director Beth Corson to serve on the North Gettysburg Trail Design and Construction committee now being formed by the Adams County Office of Planning and Development.

Moved Ms. Gilles, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt an ordinance to remove the RPP from the first 4 parking spaces on the south side of Springs Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Murphy to adopt an ordinance setting the fees for parking at the Race Horse Alley parking garage at \$.50 per hour and \$35.00 per month. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles reported there are still parking issues in regards to the new medical center parking lot on South Washington Street. Parking Manager Little will be meeting with the medical center and Hospital representatives to discuss the parking arrangements for the public. Further discussion will take place at the next Safety Committee meeting.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve HARB consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan reporting for the Legislative Committee announced Council will meet with Senator Punt on Friday, January 17 at 10:00AM at his office.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Giles to adopt a resolution authorizing Met Ed to install a streetlight at the junction of Pape Alley and South Franklin Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Allen reported the skate park equipment was delivered to the Rec Park. The equipment total value is worth \$50,000.

Ms. Giles asked if CDBG funds could be used towards the skate park project. Dr. Powell reported CDBG funds could be used for recreational programs however specified programs would need to document participants, how many are residents and



their incomes. This because the CDBG program must benefit low to moderate income persons.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Allen to adopt a policy regarding requests for public records pursuant to the Right to Know Law. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Monahan to authorize the hiring of Justin Rogerson as a police officer to replace Officer Charles Fritz who will retire in February. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt a resolution authorizing Justin Rogerson to attend municipal police officer training, and agreeing to abide by all rules established by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan requested that Wilbur Smith Associates attend a meeting to present to Council for an update on the parking study. He expressed his displeasure and disappointment on the length of time that Wilbur Smith has taken to complete this work. He recommends that our displeasure be conveyed to that firm. Mr. Little will contact Wilbur Smith Associates and ask them to attend the Safety Committee meeting and give Council a presentation of the parking study.

Move Mr. Streeter; seconded Mr. Monahan to accept the J.P. Harris exoneration reports for tax years 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Monahan to reappoint Carl Swinn to an additional five-year term to the Gettysburg Municipal Authority Board. This term will expire in December 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull  
Borough Secretary