

COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2005

President Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Mr. Fleet, Ms. Giles, Mr. Eline, Mr. Monahan, Ms. Smith, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Miller, Mr. Peterson and Mayor Troxell. Staff included Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Chief Garcia, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Director of Planning Powell, Rec Director Corson and Finance Director Overton. Solicitor Eastman was absent.

Representing the press were Matt Major of the *Gettysburg Times* and Charles Schillinger of the *Evening Sun*.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Peterson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Eline to approve the minutes of July 11th as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in Attendance:

Attorney John Phillips introduced a proposal he was developing to utilize the Flexible Residential Development provisions of the Zoning Ordinance to subdivide nine existing townhouses at 103-115 Ridge Avenue and 530-532 West Middle Street into a project to be called "Ridgeview". He noted that he had made a preliminary application to the Planning Commission, wanted to brief Council, and was looking for direction on how to proceed. Mr. Streeter asked Attorney Phillips to explain the nature of the project, and Attorney Phillips replied that the intent was to convert these current rental units into owner occupied dwellings, with the common area adjacent (parking, gardens and grass areas) to be maintained through a homeowners association. Each unit would be deeded separately. After brief comments, Mr. Streeter suggested that Attorney Phillips take the matter to the Community Development Committee for action and a recommendation to Council.

J. R. Crushong and Geri Serrano, Gettysburg Midget Football, expressed their concerns of the Borough charging a fee for the use of the Rec Park. They feel they take care of the fields and asked Council to waive this fee. The children pay a \$35 fee but it cost \$350 to outfit one child. They are also disappointed they were asked to reschedule the games on September 11th due to the wine festival.

Mr. Miller responded Council gave the Chamber of Commerce exclusive use of the Rec Park during the wine festival. Manager Sterner noted that parking is the issue. Mr. Streeter referred this to the Public Works Committee for further discussion.

Randell Holmes, Wireless Communication Consultants, representing Verizon Wireless is attending for HARB recommendations.

Marty Qually, Corie Matejevic and Jacob Schindel were here to observe the meeting.

Mr. Streeter reported the Transportation Task Force received \$500,000 from the state to conduct a study to access the traffic east to west.

Mr. Fleet reported the College Community Committee would meet on Wednesday, August 24th at 11:00 AM at the College.

Mr. Fleet reported the Hazel Alley Group would meet on Tuesday, August 9th at 7:00 PM at the Adams County Library.

Mr. Eline reporting for Main Street noted the Town Guide Program is progressing slowly.

Mr. Eline reported the REDDI Committee didn't meet in July.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Monahan to authorize solicitor to advertise for enactment an ordinance amending the Residential Parking Permit System by designating additional portions of South Washington Street as RPP. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan reporting for the Safety Committee noted concerns with weeds throughout town. There have also been complaints about the trash not getting picked up on Steinwehr Avenue. Jake Schindel reported the Retail Merchants Association is holding their meeting on August 8th; he will give a report to Council at the next Safety Committee Meeting.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to pay all payrolls and bills for the month except the bill to the Gettysburg Convention & Business Bureau for \$300. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streeter referred the membership fee of \$300 to the GCVB to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Smith to adopt a resolution naming the York-Adams Tax Bureau or its successors as the collector and agent for the Borough to assess and collect the Earned Income Tax. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to enact an ordinance designating the York-Adams Tax Bureau or its successors as the collector and agent for the Borough to assess and collect the Emergency and Municipal Service Tax. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Eline to award the 2005-2006 insurance to Hockley & O'Donnell Insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy reported Chris Glatfelter of the Adams County Arts Council attended the Finance Committee meeting to request the grant funding allocation remain at \$4,000. The committee approved this recommendation.

Mr. Monahan reported the \$750,000 towards the PETRO Station project was approved by the State. Thank you letters were sent to state representatives.

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

Ms. Giles asked what concerns HARB members brought up during their meeting and whom they were given to. Ms. Smith responded they had concerns with several properties in the Borough that were addressed to Dr. Powell.

Mr. Fleet suggested Dr. Powell give him a list of the College properties in question and he will present them at the upcoming College Community Committee meeting.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Peterson to adopt a resolution authorizing the Borough Manager to execute a certificate of insurance for submission to the PA Department of Transportation in conjunction with the installation of granite curbs on Carlisle Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Miller reported the skate park has been doing very well with over 330 kids using it. They collected over \$2200 in fees, tickets and bottled water sold to date. The committee is asking for volunteers on August 25th to build benches around the skate park area.

Mr. Lawver reported they have not contacted the Borough about putting up benches. They should be instructed to use the same materials the Borough uses for benches. It could also pose a problem for the lawn mowers if not placed properly. The skate park committee will be contacted to discuss further.

Mr. Murphy asked the hours of operation for the skate park. Mr. Miller reported the park is open from 3-9 PM.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Monahan to reappoint Gary Sheffer to HARB for another five-year term, expiring in August 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Murphy to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of a grant application with the PA DCED, prepared by ACEDC on behalf of Kennies Markets, in the amount of \$500,000 and further authorizing the secretary to execute a certificate attesting to the adoption of this resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Monahan to except the J.P. Harris exoneration report. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lawver reported the Railroad Street project is moving along. They are preparing to begin the curbing and brick project.

Mr. Streeter asked the status of the Train Station project. Dr. Powell noted the bricks versus pavers would need to be discussed since the College made a change. Mr. Lawver explained the contract for the Majestic called for pavers the same as the Borough is using but they decided on another type of bricks. Main Street will need to place an order for the engraved bricks as soon as possible. Ms. Smith noted the Majestic Theatre Committee decided on having bricks.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Fleet to refer the brick issue to the Public Works Committee for a final review and decision. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Little reported the PACT National Night Out was a great success.

After a lengthy executive session, the President announced it was for the purpose of discussing personnel issues.

With no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary