

Special Council Meeting Minutes

December 4, 1989

President Stokes called the special meeting to order at 3:30 pm; all of Council in attendance as well as Mayor Linn, Chief Gantz, Mr. Sterner, Mr. Lawver, Larry Kinneman, Al Bair, Warren Stouck, Bob Crouthamel, Frank Sapp and Merle Simpson.

Mr. Stokes stated the purpose of the meeting - to receive recommendations from Mr. Simpson on which bid and/or alternates to select for the parking deck construction. Would also appreciate a consensus on the size of the deck.

Comments for citizens began with Larry Kinneman of the Retail Merchants Association. Mr. Kinneman favors the larger deck with rest rooms.

Al Bair, President of Gettysburg National Bank, agreed that the larger facility should be constructed.

Bob Crouthamel read a letter from the Chamber of Commerce supporting construction of the larger deck with rest rooms. He noted the cost of the larger facility would be less now than to add on at a later date.

Frank Sapp also supported the larger parking deck.

Merle Simpson, the Project Engineer for Walker Engineering, presented the recommendations of his firm, as outlined in his letter, that being to award to Richard D. Poole, Inc. without any of the alternates.

Mr. Stokes reviewed the memo from the Borough's consultant Barbara Chance. Included with her memo was a new pro forma which indicates a very workable project. Her recommendation to build the larger facility.

At this time a lengthy discussion ensued as to the inclusion of rest rooms in the deck. Administration staff (Chief Gantz, Mr. Sterner and Mr. Lawver) and Mr. Simpson voiced opposition to the rest rooms due to maintenance problems, additional cost to build and maintain, and the possibility of persons loitering in the area, possibly discouraging parkers from using the facility. Others, including Mr. Schmitt, Mrs. Daniels, and Mrs. Simpson, noted that the need for rest rooms was great and that problems could be overcome. No decision was made at this time as to a solution to this issue.

Mrs. Daniels indicated to Council her views regarding the size of the deck. Her position clearly favoring the reduced size due to her belief that need was not as great as some suggested, thus resulting in a cost savings.

Mr. Witt also voiced his position favoring the smaller deck, noting he feels the Borough cannot afford the larger.

Mr. Stokes requested other Council members to voice their opinions. Mayor Linn, Mr. Heflin, Mrs. Simpson, Mr. Songer, Mr. Schmitt, and Mr. Frazee favoring the larger deck. (Mr. Ditzler left the meeting shortly prior to this time.)

Moved Mrs. Daniels, second Mr. Witt to accept Alternate number 1 (that being to reduce the size of the deck). Voting aye Mrs. Daniels and Mr. Witt; nays Mr. Heflin, Mrs. Simpson, Mr. Songer, Mr. Schmitt and Mr. Frazee. Motion defeated.

Moved Mrs. Simpson, second Mr. Frazee to reject Alternate 1. Ayes - Mr. Heflin, Mrs. Simpson, Mr. Songer, Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Frazee; nays - Mrs. Daniels and Mr. Witt. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Frazee second Mr. Heflin to reject Alternate 2 (elimination of the brick facing). Unanimous - motion carried.

Moved Mr. Songer second Mr. Frazee to reject Alternate 3 (change in lighting). Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Frazee second Mr. Heflin to reject Alternate 4 (landscaping and site work). Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 5:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sara L. Weaver". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sara L. Weaver
Borough Secretary