

**BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG
TROXELL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
JULY 26, 2021**

President Jacob Schindel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following **Councilors present:** Vice President Wesley Heyser, Mr. Christopher Berger, Mr. John Lawver, Mrs. Judith Butterfield and Mr. Matthew Moon. Ms. Patricia Lawson was present via telecommunications. **Staff present included:** Mayor Theodore Streeter; Borough Manager Charles Gable; Assistant Borough Manager/Secretary Sara Stull; Police Chief Robert Glenney, Parking Manager Rebecca Fissel; Director of Historic & Environmental Preservation Debra English; Planning Director Carly Marshall; Planning Assistant Karen Mesher; Public Works Director Robert Harbaugh; and Chad Clabaugh, Borough Engineer, C. S. Davidson, Inc. Borough Solicitor Harold Eastman, Barley Snyder was absent.

Others present included: Jill Sellers, President of Main Street Gettysburg; Representing the press was Jim Hale with the *Gettysburg Times*; and filming by *Community Media-ACCTV*.

Announcements

President Schindel announced that he would be resigning due to the upcoming purchase of a house located outside of the Borough. He praised Borough Councilors and Borough Staff for their hard work and dedication. Council will formally accept his resignation at the upcoming August 9th meeting.

President Schindel announced an executive session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg was conducted immediately following the business meeting of the Borough Council held on Monday, July 12, 2021, consistent with section 708(a)(1), 708(a)(3), and section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act. An executive session of the Borough Council will be conducted immediately following the adjournment of this work session meeting consistent with section 708(a)(1), section 708(a)(3) and section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act for the following purposes: (1) to discuss matters involving the employment, the terms and conditions of employment of current or prospective Borough employees; (2) to consider and discuss the purchase, sale or lease of real property; and (3) to review and discuss matters of Borough business which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege or lead to the disclosure of information or matters of confidentiality protected by law.

Public Comment – Restricted to Old Business and New Agenda Items (not tabled items).

There were no public comments at this time.

New Business

2022 – 2026 Capital Improvement Plan

Manager Gable gave a detailed presentation on the proposed five-year Capital Improvement Plan that includes approximately 38 projects that totals 26.8 million dollars (see attached). Some of the proposals are to revitalize the Baltimore Street corridor; building a parking garage on the Middle Street parking lot; develop a visitor center with public restrooms on the property at 340 Baltimore Street; upgrade the facilities and equipment for the Public Works Department; and a splash pad that could be converted to an ice rink at the Gettysburg Recreation Park.

Old Business

PBS 2021-5 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)

Manager Gable gave a presentation on the American Rescue Plan Act stating that the Borough would receive approximately 3.1 million (see attached). He noted that these funds must be appropriated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026. Borough staff recommends replenishing the reserve funds used to cover the pandemic losses and also to return staffing to the departments that were affected. This would include rehiring the one furloughed police officer, three vacancies in the public works department, and one in administration.

Public Comment (open to items not on the agenda)

There were no public comments at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary