

BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG
59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2017

President Robert Krummerich called the special meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following Councilors present: Vice President Scot Pitzer, Mrs. Susan Nangle, Mr. Graham Weaver, Mr. Jacob Schindel, Mr. Wesley Heyser and Mrs. AmyBeth Hodges. Borough staff present included: Mayor Theodore Streeter; Borough Manager Charles Gable; Borough Secretary Sara Stull; Planning Director Becky LaBarre; Finance Director Nicolette James; and Public Works Director Dan Hilliard

Others present include: Deb Adamik, President, Main Street Gettysburg; Roger Lund, The Christmas Haus, 13 Baltimore Street; Lynn Chronister, Boutique 229, 327 Baltimore Street; Holly Krichten and Art Sanchez, Fourcorners Comics, 42 Baltimore Street; Patti Lawson, 515 Carlisle Street; Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street; Chris Berger 156 Seminary Avenue; Sarah Kipp 126 Baltimore Street; Judi McGee, 256 Baltimore Street; Charles Teague, 125 East Middle Street; Judith Butterfield, 999 Sunset Avenue; Brian Hodges, 137 Ridge Avenue; Paul Moschette, 201 South Washington Street; George Muschamp, 149 Carlisle Street; Ron Frenette, 811 Johns Avenue; Kurt and Nancy Kramer, 12 Wade Avenue; Susan and Jim Paddock, No Casino Gettysburg, 262 Baltimore Street; Becka Fissel, Borough Parking Enforcement Officer and Dan Siderio.

Representing the press was Jim Hale with the *Gettysburg Times*.

President Krummerich announced an executive session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg was conducted immediately following the adjournment of the October 30, 2017 Borough Council work session consistent with section 708(a)(1) of the Sunshine Act.

President Krummerich announced an executive session of the Borough Council will be conducted immediately following the adjournment of this special meeting consistent with sections 708(a)(1) and 708(a)(3) of the Sunshine Act for the following reasons and purposes: (1) to discuss matters involving the employment, the qualifications for employment, the terms and conditions of employment, the evaluation of performance, promotion or discipline of employees, to include staffing levels and salaries of current non-union employees of the Borough; and (2) to receive information from the Borough Manager relative to the possible purchase or lease of real property by the Borough.

Public Comments:

Charles Teague, 125 East Middle Street, said that Gettysburg could be affected by a casino and that it would generate negative social issues. He went on to say that it would damage the tourism in the community.

Susan Paddock, No Casino Gettysburg, 262 Baltimore Street, addressed Council with her concerns regarding the State legislation signed into law on October 30th that gives municipalities until December 31st to prohibit casinos of up to 750 slot machines and 50 table games. She said that up to 10 of these facilities are to be sold by auction next year for locations at least 25 miles from existing casinos. She urged Council to prohibit casinos before December 31st which allows time to study the issues before making any final decisions.

Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street, also asked Council to opt out of allowing a casino in Gettysburg. He said that he heard rumors that a casino operator is interested in the Gettysburg Station property, formerly the REDDI site. Mr. Shestok also asked Council to speak to surrounding municipalities to also prohibit casinos in these areas.

Paul Moschette, 201 South Washington Street, said that he had worked in casinos in Atlantic City, NJ for 23 years as an entertainer. He said that he saw the destruction that casinos can leave, and that many are now bankrupt gambling businesses. Mr. Moschette said that casinos do not belong in Gettysburg.

Manager Gable recommended that Borough Council reject all waste hauler contract bids received and re-advertise. He pointed out that the current low bidder couldn't provide the solar-powered trash compactors as required that the Borough uses at two locations. Manager Gable also noted that in prior contracts the Borough was exempt from being charged for municipal services, noting that the low bidder wanted to charge the Borough nearly \$2,000 per quarter. Manager Gable pointed out that this amount was not part of the current draft budget discussions since they were not charged before.

Moved Mr. Schindel, seconded Mr. Pitzer to reject all bids received in response to the General Specifications and Instructions to Bidders for Multiple Municipalities in Adams County relative to the Borough's contract for municipal solid waste and recyclable materials collection services. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schindel, seconded Mr. Heyser authorizing Charles R. Gable, MPA, Borough Manager, to take all steps, to include coordination with the County of Adams relative to revised contract specifications, for the purposes of soliciting bids for municipal solid waste and recyclable materials collection services, as well as procuring any necessary extension of services from the Borough's current waste hauler. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schindel, seconded Mr. Pitzer to authorize the setting of a public hearing on Monday, December 11, 2017, and the provision of public notice of the same consistent with section 609 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code relative to proposed amendments to the Official Zoning Map of Gettysburg Borough and the Gettysburg Borough Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schindel, seconded Mr. Pitzer to authorize the preparation and publication for subsequent enactment of an Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map of Gettysburg Borough and the Gettysburg Borough Zoning Ordinance consistent with information provided by the Borough's Director of Planning and Historic Preservation. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no public comment at this time.

Moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mr. Heyser to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM followed by an executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull