

BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG
59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 30, 2017

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

Others present include: Deb Adamik, President, Main Street Gettysburg; Patricia Lawson, 515 Carlisle Street; Chris Berger 156 Seminary Avenue; Charles Strauss, 38 West Middle Street; Monica Oss, Chief Executive Officer, Open Minds, Lincoln Square; Philip Goble, 132 East Middle Street; Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street; Becka Fissel, 264 South Washington Street; Tammy Murdorf; Mike Tallent, 811 Johns Avenue and Nancy and Kurt Kramer, 12 Wade Avenue. Representing the press was Jim Hale of the *Gettysburg Times*.

President Robert Krummerich announced that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the 2018 Budget.

President Robert Krummerich announced an executive session of the Borough Council was conducted immediately following the adjournment of its October 23, 2017 work session meeting consistent with sections 708(a)(1) and 708(a)(3) of the Sunshine Act.

President Robert Krummerich announced an executive session of the Borough Council shall be conducted immediately following the adjournment of this work session consistent with section 708(a)(1) of the Sunshine Act to discuss matters involving the employment and the terms and conditions of employment of employees of the Borough to include Borough staffing levels and salaries of current non-union employees of the Borough.

Public Comments:

Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street, addressed Council and said that he supports staff and noted the hard work involved in putting this budget together. He said that Councilman Heyser and Pitzer held a nice informative Town Hall meeting recently. Mr. Shestok said that some of the budget issues to address are the nonexempt properties, but noted that the College voluntarily pays property taxes on many of its buildings. He also said that he doesn't feel the parking rates should be increased on the square, and asked Council to continue with a proposal to place meters on a portion of the Gettysburg Middle School parking lot. He also said that Council members should provide their own tablet computers that the Borough shouldn't purchase them.

Nancy Kramer, 12 Wade Avenue, thanked Council, Borough Manager Gable and staff for all their hard work. She said that taxes are reasonable here compared to other places she lived, and said that she would be willing to pay higher taxes for the safety of the Borough. Mrs. Kramer also said that she supports funding for Main Street Gettysburg, because of all the valuable services they provide to the Borough such as seeking grants and other economic development.

Philip Goble, 132 East Middle Street, addressed Council and said that the chief needs more officers and would support that. He also asked why the parking department wasn't under the police department instead of hiring a parking manager since both are law enforcement.

Kurt Kramer, 12 Wade Avenue, addressed Council about his displeasure in regards to a certain Council member's writing on social media post negative things about the Borough Manager. He said that Council and staff should be working together on the same team. Mr. Kramer said that the attacks on staff are demeaning and negative, and that he would expect higher standards from elected officials.

2018 Budget Discussion

Manager Gable said that he removed the Council computer tablets from the 2018 Budget. Councilman Schindel expressed his opposition to remove the tablets stating the vulnerability especially with the numerous public records requests that the Borough receives. Councilman Pitzer said that he spoke with two other municipalities that have changed to computers for the purpose of paper reduction.

Manager Gable went on to review the following 2018 Budget fund items:

- Fund 30 – Capital Reserves Fund
- Fund 01 – General Fund
 - Staffing Levels in Each Department (*executive session*)
 - Staff Salary Adjustments (*executive session*)
 - Non-Profit Appropriation Levels
 - Parking Program Adjustments
 - \$2.00/hour on Square??
 - \$1.75 One Block Each Direction from Lincoln Square??
 - Sunday Enforcement??
 - Local Privilege Permit (LPP)??
 - Regulations on LPP??
 - Parking Violation Discount??

Council consensus was to keep the front end loader and parking garage maintenance in the budget. Councilwoman Hodges opposed the front end loader.

Council consensus regarding parking adjustments were as follows: Yes for Sunday enforcement; charge \$1.50 on square and one block each direction from Lincoln

Square; Charge \$30.00 for a Local Privilege Parking Permit; Garage remains at \$1.00 hour; Reinstate the parking violation discount.

Councilwoman Naugle and Councilman Schindel approves starting the Borough Newsletter. The new Council can review and reopen the budget in January if they wish to add the newsletter.

Deb Adamik, President, Main Street Gettysburg said that Main Street prepared a Master Plan for the Borough. They need additional staff and funding to continue with the many services they provide to the Borough.

Manager Gable announced that the next Budget Work Session would be held on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Public Comments:

Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street, addressed Council and said that they should support the non-profits because they are good for the Borough, especially Main Street Gettysburg who is the “economic arm”.

Monica Oss, Chief Executive Officer, Open Minds, Lincoln Square, addressed Council stating that she supports the higher parking rates and Sunday enforcement in the tourist area, stating that tourist will pay higher for the convenience. Ms. Oss also favored the proposed local privilege pass for parking, but said that the pass should only be applied outside of the tourist area.

President Krummerich adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM for an executive session. The meeting reconvened and with no further business President Krummerich dismissed the meeting at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary