

BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG
59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MAY 29, 2018

President Susan Naugle called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following Councilors present: Mr. Wesley Heyser, Ms. Patricia Lawson, Mr. Christopher Berger, and Mr. Charles Strauss. Vice President Jacob Schindel and Mr. John Lawver were absent. Staff present included: Mayor Theodore Streeter; Solicitor Harold Eastman; Borough Manager Charles Gable; Borough Secretary Sara Stull; Chief Joe Dougherty; Parking Manager Richard Miller; Interim Public Works Director Robert Harbaugh; and Chad Clabaugh, Borough Engineer, C. S. Davidson, Inc. Planning Director Becky LaBarre was absent.

Others present include: Karla Trout, Executive Director; Dorothy Puhl, President, Board of Trustees; Genevieve Felty, Karen Arthur, Mary Sue Cline, Mary Lou Berg, Michael Delany and Tony Tem Burge representing the Adams County Public Library; Robin Fitzpatrick, President, Kaycee Kemper, Solicitor Gary Hartman and Ronald Hankey Board Member representing the Adams County Industrial Development Authority; Deb Adamik, President, Main Street Gettysburg; Director Sherri Clayton-Williams; Assistant Director and Comprehensive Planner Andrew Merkel; and Carly Marshall, Comprehensive Planner, representing the Adams County Office of Planning and Development; Gary Shaffer, Chairman, HARB; Nancy and Kurt Kramer, 12 Wade Avenue; Stephanie Pililis, 100 Baltimore Street, Becka Fissel, Gettysburg Parking Enforcement Officer and Karen Mesher, Borough Planning Department. Representing the press was Jim Hale with the *Gettysburg Times*.

President Susan Naugle made the following announcements: Borough Council will conduct a Town Hall Meeting on June 7th at 7:00PM, at the Gettysburg Fire Department. Residents from all WARDS are invited to attend; Borough Newsletters will be ready for distribution later this week; USS Gettysburg Crew Members had a nice visit in Gettysburg recently, and another group plans to come back in July; Healthy Adams County 2018 Community Health Assessment Forum on Wednesday, June 13, 8:00 AM to 3 pm, at HACC; and there will be free admission to the Wills House June 9th thru August 12th.

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President Susan Naugle announced an executive session of the Borough Council will be conducted immediately following the adjournment of this meeting consistent with sections 708(a)(1) and 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act for the following purposes: (1) to discuss matters involving the employment, the qualification for employment, appointment, termination of employment, the terms and conditions of employment, the evaluation of performance and promotion of Borough employees; and (2) to review and discuss items of Borough business which, if conducted in public, would either violate a lawful privilege or lead to the disclosure of confidential information.

Special Announcement:

Chief Joseph Dougherty announced his retirement effective June 9, 2018. He served the Gettysburg Borough since 2006, but has been in law enforcement over forty years. Chief Dougherty thanked his citizens and said that he plans to continue his work with the various organizations he's been involved with. He said that if there are "any conspiracy theorists out there, there's no conspiracy, it's just time".

There were no public comments at this time.

Special Presentation:

Karla Trout, Executive Director and Dorothy Puhl, President, Board of Trustees; Adams County Public Library addressed Council that changes are being considered for the library. The current building has less square footage than its exterior wall suggests, and that space is at a premium. They asked Council to take part in the community conversations that will be part of the planning and decision making process. Ms. Trout said that they are working with The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation, and that more information can be found on the Adams County Library Website.

Old Business:

Staff Hiring Status – Manager Gable reported that a part time custodian was hired pending the background investigation. A flower watering person was recently hired, and will begin when the hanging planters are placed downtown.

Town Hall Meeting Update – Councilman Heyser reported a Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for June 7th at 7:00PM, at the Gettysburg Fire Department. Residents from all WARDS are invited to attend.

Fuel System – Manager Gable reported that two bids were received for the vehicle fueling equipment at the public works building as follows: Keystone Petroleum Equipment of Mechanicsburg in the amount of \$38,170; and PWI Petroleum Equipment of New Oxford in the amount of \$30,301. Council will award the bid at the June meeting after staff reviews the bids for completion.

Council Laptop Computers – Manager Gable reported that the computers have arrived and will be ready to use for the June Council meeting.

PBS 2018-1 MS4 – Chad Clabaugh, Borough Engineer, C. S. Davidson, Inc., gave a brief presentation on the Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP) and Technical Deficiency Comment Updates. The MS4 schedule is as follows: Present revised plan and receive authorization to advertise PRP at the June Council meeting; advertise PRP on June 12th for public comment; public meeting to be held on June 25th; address public comments on July 12-13; and submit final revised PRP to DEP by July 17th.

Manager Gable recommended that Council appoint a nine-member Storm Water Focus Group by June 30th. Council authorized staff to place the motion on the June agenda to advertise the Pollutant Reduction Plan.

PBS 2017-2 Rezoning – ROR District – Manager Gable displayed sketch plans of how a building would look on the Gettysburg Station property (formerly REDDI site) prepared by the Adams County Office of Planning & Development. He pointed out that it was barely noticeable in most angles from where the pictures were taken from.

Robin Fitzpatrick, President, Adams County Industrial Development Authority announced that a sales agreement has been signed by Timothy Harrison a New York Developer. She said that it does require an approved land development plan prior to settlement. Ms. Fitzpatrick pointed out that he has a nine-month due diligence period to allow time to review environmental conditions and go through the process of planning and permitting before he decides to commit to a project or walk away. She noted that he has developed properties in Hamilton Crossings, Allentown, and an entire mixed-use block in State College.

President Naugle and Councilman Strauss expressed their concerns for the need of further review of the proposed ordinance.

Councilman Heyser said that after over a year of discussions it's time for Council to proceed with the proposed ROR Ordinance. He pointed out that they received extensive input from the Adams County Office of Planning and Development, positive recommendations from the Borough Planning Commission, and a line-by-line review of the proposed ordinance during Council's April meeting.

After further discussions the majority agreed to place on the June Council agenda to authorize borough staff to prepare a motion authorizing the drafting of an ordinance and the setting of a public hearing date.

Gary Hartman, attorney for Adams County Industrial Development Authority said that Timothy Harrison will not pay for an expensive conceptual plan at this time, but believes he would come and talk with officials to see what the community wants.

New Business:

PBS 2018-4 Chapter 15 Parking Revisions– Parking Manager Miller asked for Council input regarding the parking ordinance relating to placing merchandise in parking spaces. He pointed out that the owner of Gallery 30 has purchased several bags to reserve metered parking spaces. Mr. Miller said that he has received numerous citizen complaints due to merchandise/obstructions placed in the reserved parking spaces.

President Naugle said that when the ordinance was written to reserve parking spaces it was intended for loading and unloading purposes, and not to place merchandise or obstructions on the streets. She said that Council will need to review the ordinance to prohibit placing obstructions on the streets. President Naugle asked that staff prepare recommendations and present to Council.

Public Comments:

Stephanie Pililis, 100 Baltimore Street, addressed her concerns regarding the need for parking relief for residents that have no parking place available. The building she rents from has no place for them to park. Ms. Pililis said that she approached Council a few years ago about the same issue.

Manager Gable said that Council authorized with the 2018 budget to proceed with a local permit parking pass for Borough residents.

President Naugle adjourned the meeting at 10:15 PM to an executive session. President Naugle dismissed the executive session at 10:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary