

BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG
59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MAY 23, 2016

President Robert Krummerich called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following Councilors present: Vice President Scot Pitzer, Ms. Susan Naugle, Mr. Graham Weaver, Mr. Jacob Schindel, Ms. AmyBeth Hodges, and Mr. Wesley Heyser. Staff present included: Mayor William Troxell, Attorney Richard Thrasher, Manager Charles Gable, Borough Secretary Sara Stull, Chief Joe Dougherty, Finance Director Nicolette James, and Borough Engineer, Chad Clabaugh, C. S. Davidson, Inc.

Others present include: Gary Pulcini, Financial Solutions LLC; Deb Adamik, President, Main Street Gettysburg; Darlene Brown, Executive Director, PA Interfaith Community Programs, Inc. (PICPI), 40 East High Street; Harry Hartman, Publisher, the *Gettysburg Times*; Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street; Steve Hemler, 535 York Street; Stan Clark, 915 Fairview Avenue; Ted Streeter, 111 East Middle Street; Stephen Brown, 20 East Middle Street; and John Newbold, 930 Highland Avenue. Representing the press were Jim Hale of the *Gettysburg Times* and Lillian Reed of the *Evening Sun*.

Announcements

An executive session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg was conducted immediately prior to the adjournment of the May 9, 2016 Borough Council meeting consistent with sections 708(a)(1), 708(a)(2), 708(a)(3), 708(a)(4) and 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act.

An executive session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg was conducted on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. consistent with sections 708(a)(1), 708(a)(2), 708(a)(4) and 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act for the following purposes: 1) to provide information and to discuss matters involving the employment of current employees of the Gettysburg Borough Police Department relative to the May 12, 2015 arrest of Derek Twyman; (2) to provide information or to discuss strategy in connection with any grievance matters filed by Teamsters Local 776 or any other matters threatened to be filed by the police officers' labor union; (3) to consult with the Borough Manager and the Borough Solicitor in connection with information or strategy on which identifiable claims or complaints are expected to be filed against the Borough of Gettysburg and its employees in connection with the May 12, 2015 arrest of Derek Twyman; and (4) to review and discuss Borough business which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege or could lead to the disclosure of information or matters of confidentiality protected by law.

An executive session of the Borough Council shall be conducted immediately prior to the adjournment of this meeting consistent with sections 708(a)(1), 708(a)(2), 708(a)(3), 708(a)(4) and 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act for the following reasons and purposes: (1) to provide information and to discuss matters involving the employment of

current employees of the Gettysburg Borough Police Department relative to the May 12, 2015 arrest of Derek Twyman; (2) to provide information or to discuss strategy in connection with any grievance matters filed by Teamsters Local 776 or any other matters threatened to be filed by the police officers' labor union; (3) to provide information and to discuss and consider matters in connection with the possible purchase of real property by the Borough of Gettysburg; (4) to consult with the Borough Manager and the Borough's legal counsel in connection with information or strategy on which identifiable claims or complaints are expected to be filed against the Borough of Gettysburg and its employees in connection with the May 12, 2015 arrest of Derek Twyman; and (5) to review and discuss Borough business which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege or could lead to the disclosure of information or matters of confidentiality protected by law.

Public Comment:

Steve Hemler, 535 York Street, expressed his concern with the Borough borrowing 4 million dollars, and said that it will increase taxes. He also stressed that the tax burden is already too high for Borough residents.

Deb Adamik, President, Main Street Gettysburg, thanked the Borough Council members that attended the recent ribbon cutting at Appalachian Brewing Company on Steinwehr Avenue.

Stan Clark, 915 Fairview Avenue, read a *Gettysburg Times* article from 2011 in which quoted Councilman Bob Krummerich as saying that, "if the Borough's cash reserve fund would keep growing, a serious discussion of property tax relief might be possible when we start to pay off the 2013 bonds. Mr. Clark said that he was "anxious to know when these discussions will begin".

Mr. Clark said that he stopped in the Borough office Friday afternoon to file a request for information, and said that he was disappointed that he couldn't get the information that he wanted at that time.

Special Presentation:

General Obligation Bond

Gary Pulcini, Bond Consultant, Financial Solutions LLC, reviewed the progress on the proposal for the Borough to borrow 4 million dollars. He pointed out that Gettysburg Borough maintains an A-plus rating from the Standard and Poor's Bond Rating Service. Mr. Pulcini stated that these are the lowest interest rates for issuing bonds since 1965. He reviewed the following handouts: the net debt service schedule, budgeted proposal for \$4,000,000 additional funding, and the new money funding studies. Mr. Pulcini stressed that obtaining this bond would in no way affect the Borough's mileage rate. Mr. Weaver asked if this meant that there would be no property tax increase and Mr. Pulcini said that was correct.

At this time there was discussion regarding the bond issuance. It will be added to the June Council agenda for approval.

Mayoral Candidates:

Ted Streeter, 111 East Middle Street and Stephen Brown, 20 East Middle Street, each introduced themselves, and said that they are interested in fulfilling the remainder of Mayor Troxell's term. They each gave a brief history of themselves and why they are interested in the position.

Mr. Streeter said that he served on both the Gettysburg Borough Council and the Gettysburg Municipal Authority Board, and feels that he would be qualified for the position.

Harry Hartman asked Mr. Streeter how he would handle the situation if something negative would come out of the police study that Borough Council authorized since he and Chief Dougherty are friends and next-door neighbors. Mr. Streeter responded it's his job, and that he would handle it professionally no matter the outcome.

Mr. Brown said that he is a career police officer and has retired to Gettysburg six years ago. He said that he heard of the police issues and feels that he could be of great service. Mr. Brown said that he would like to see more community policing along with walking and bike patrols. He also said that both training and equipment are important for the police officers.

Projects:

New Modern Rules of Procedure (PBA) (Project 2016-20) Rules of Conduct in Public Meetings

Council discussed Mrs. Naugle's suggestions regarding limiting the first public comment period to only agenda items, and other comments could be made at the second public comment period. After some discussion members agreed to conduct both public comment periods with any topic. President Krummerich said that if Council approves, the Solicitor could prepare a resolution for approval at the June Council meeting.

Verizon Cell Booster Lease Agreement (Project 2016-27)

Manager Gable gave a brief update regarding the Verizon Cell Booster request from 2014. He said that Verizon has decided to place this project on hold indefinitely.

Wall Alley One-Way Proposal (Project 2016-31)

Manager Gable reported that a traffic count in Wall Alley has begun with assistance from the County. He noted that a letter was received from the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church stating that they would be interested in taking over a portion of the

alley if the Borough would vacate the alley. They would be interested in discussing this matter further.

Other Business:

Susan Naugle asked that a citizen complaint at the last Council meeting, if staff reviewed the contract for Comcast Cable requiring them to maintain a local office. Manager Gable responded that due to the workload, he has not had time to review the contract.

Susan Naugle asked if Chief Dougherty followed up with the City Mart owner on Carlisle Street that attended the last Council meeting to discuss several business issues. Chief Dougherty responded that the police are patrolling the area everyday. He said that he has not met with the owner yet, but plans to discuss placing cameras at his store.

Public Comment

Darlene Brown, 40 South Street, reported that the alley behind the Dobbin House has a huge hole that needs repaired. Manager Gable responded that he would forward the information to the Public Works Director to repair.

Stan Clark, 915 Fairview Avenue, said that he heard that three police officers attended a bike course, and said that he would be willing to help with fundraising to assist getting bikes. Chief Dougherty said that Officer Pruy is working with a local business to obtain bikes through a grant.

President Krummerich asked that individuals waiting for the Council to reconvene after an executive session wait in the main lobby and not outside the Council's meeting room. He said that a person used foul language recently prompting a complaint.

President Krummerich adjourned the meeting to an executive session at 8:40 PM. The meeting reconvened and with no further business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary