

BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG
59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 22, 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, Mr. Wesley Heyser and Ms. AmyBeth Hodges. Staff present included: Mayor Theodore Streeter, Solicitor Harold Eastman, Manager Charles Gable, Borough Secretary Sara Stull, Chief Joe Dougherty, Finance Director Nicolette James, Public Works Director Dan Hilliard, Chad Clabaugh, C. S. Davidson, Inc., Borough Engineer.

Others present include: Anne Thomas, Grant Coordinator, Adams County Planning and Development; Deb Adamik, President, Main Street Gettysburg; Darlene Brown, Executive Director, PA Interfaith Community Programs, Inc. (PICPI), 40 East High Street; Dennis Hickethier, Healthy Adams Bike/Pedestrian, Inc; Harry Hartman, *Gettysburg Times*; Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street; Steve Hemler, 535 York Street; Stan Clark, 915 Fairview Avenue; Philip Goble, 132 East Middle Street; Ron Frenetle, 811 Johns Avenue. Representing the press were Jim Hale of the *Gettysburg Times* and Lillian Reed of the *Evening Sun*.

Announcements:

President Krummerich announced that an executive session of the Borough Council was conducted immediately prior to the adjournment of the August 8, 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.

President Krummerich announced that an executive session of the Borough Council shall be conducted immediately following the adjournment of this work session 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 discuss matters involving the employment, the termination of employment by resignation or retirement, and the terms and conditions of employment of current or former Borough employees; (2) to provide information and discuss matters in connection with the Borough's collective bargaining agreement with its police officers' union, Teamsters Local 776; (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 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; to consult with the Borough Manager and the Borough's solicitor relative to information and strategy in connection with pending litigation in the United States District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania, No. 1:14-CV-02002, captioned Sudhir Gangwal, Plaintiff v. Christopher Folster, individually and as an employee of the Gettysburg Borough Police Department, Defendant; to consult with the Borough Manager and the Borough's solicitor relative to a final determination issued by the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records in the appeal captioned Jim Hale and the Gettysburg Times v. Borough of Gettysburg, Docket # AP 2016-0642; 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:

Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street, expressed his concerns that “ride along” with the police are not on the agenda. He feels that it’s important that Council members ride with police and experience what the officers do each day. He also noted that, with the recent retirement of Sergeant Runk, the police department is short staffed.

Mr. Shestok pointed out that the upcoming Central Adams Joint Comprehensive Plan meeting for municipalities will be held in the near future, and hopes that Council members will be involved in these sessions.

Harry Hartman, Publisher *Gettysburg Times*, asked Chief Dougherty about the police officer shortage with the recent negotiated separation agreements of two officers. Chief Dougherty responded that part-time officers are filling in at a lesser cost than the full-timers. He said that plans call for the vacancies to be filled.

Special Presentation:

Gettysburg Inner Loop (GIL)

Chad Clabaugh, Borough Engineer, presented a power point presentation on the Gettysburg Inner Loop (GIL), Segment A project. He said that a pedestrian/bicycle bridge would be constructed over Steven’s Run along with retaining walls, milled and resurfaced pavement, curb ramps and sidewalks. Mr. Clabaugh said that the project costs would total \$1,334,461.92, with funding from CMAQ, TAP and DCNR Grants. He outlined the project schedule as follows: Authorization of funds, August 2016; Bidding, December 2016; Notice to Proceed, March/April 2017; and Complete Construction, October 2017.

Dennis Hickethier thanked Council for their support with the GIL and is grateful to everyone involved with this project.

Susan Naugle reported that ACT 13 grant money can be used for garbage cans, benches, etc., and that the application is due late September. She said that the federal and state funds can be used for the match. Mrs. Naugle said that she would be willing to follow through with the grant application if there is no objection. Council members agreed to follow through, but asked that she determine that federal and state funds can be used for the match.

Scot Pitzer stressed that he doesn’t want the Borough to get “stuck” with maintenance costs for the bridge, and asked Council to consider securing an agreement with the GIL to maintain it.

Scot Pitzer asked what part of the project is Race Horse Alley and the proposal to make it one-way. Chad Clabaugh said that it would be the next piece of the project which may take 2-4 years.

Steve Hemler asked what happens if Race Horse Alley never gets approved for one-way. Chad Clabaugh responded that people would still be able to access the bike trail regardless.

Chad Clabaugh asked Council if they would like to have a meeting with all affected property owners to inform them of the project. He would be available along with the contractors to answer any questions. Manager Gable said that a town hall meeting would be scheduled along with information on the Borough Website to inform the public.

Projects:

International Church of the Foursquare Gospel

Manager Gable reported that all necessary documents were filed successfully to meet the deadline that authorized entry into an indemnity agreement. He noted that Council approved the amendment to the previously authorized boundary line and right of way agreement with the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, relative to the Gettysburg Inner Loop bicycle/pedestrian right of way in the area of South Reynolds Street and West Middle Street at the August 8th Council meeting.

New Business:

2017 Budget

Manager Gable presented Council with the 2017 Budget Preparation Schedule as follows: Month of September - Department Heads/Manager meet; September 26, 2016 – Council Workshop (Budget Review); October 10, 2016 – Council Business Meeting. (Budget Review); October 24, 2016 – Council Workshop (Budget Review); November 14, 2016 – Council Business Meeting. (Budget Adoption or Budget Review); November 28, 2016 – Council Workshop (Budget Review); December 12, 2016 – Council Meeting. (Budget Adoption – if not adopted in November).

Manager Gable said that he is not proposing any new major initiatives for next year, but would rather finish some projects that have been on going. He asked for input from Council members.

Wesley Heyser said that a regular concern is public safety funding, specifically police department staffing. He said that this is a high priority and that his constituents have routinely said that the safety of their families is important. AmyBeth Hodges also said that police training is important.

Scot Pitzer said that he would like to see Council move forward with creating a Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) district. He said that he would like to see the vacant former REDDI property developed. Manager Gable said that this presents a “once in probably a hundred years opportunity”, and urged Council not to “settle” for anything “substandard” in a rush to get the site onto the tax rolls. He also pointed out that this would be part of the Comprehensive Plan discussions, and a project for the new Planning Director.

Susan Naugle asked if the sidewalk program project would proceed. Manager Gable said that the concept was to include this with the revolving loan which has been put on hold due to other priorities. He said that the concept was to assist property owners with the cost using a borough-managed revolving loan fund. Manager Gable said that he could include this on the work plan agenda to proceed. Wesley Heyser said that he is concerned with the staff time that would be involved with the revolving loan project included with a number of smaller projects; stating that it should be used for larger projects. Mr. Heyser suggested a Business Economic Development plan. Manager Gable said that staff will need a definitive direction to develop what Council wishes.

Susan Naugle asked when the 2016 Borough Audit would be completed. Finance Director James responded that a meeting is scheduled with the auditors and should be ready to present to Council at the September business meeting. She said that due to the new GASB 68 regulations it has taken more time to complete.

Public Comment:

Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street, said that Rad Schultz, Borough Planning Chairman, is not planning to seek reappointment when his term expires at the end of this year. He also noted that Dr. Larry Redding, Gettysburg Area School District Superintendent plans to retire in 2017.

Steve Hemler, 535 York Street, questioned why President Krummerich didn't sign the confidentiality letter to read the police report. President Krummerich said that he did sign it and may have it.

President Krummerich adjourned the meeting to an executive session at 8:23 PM.

The meeting reconvened, and with no further business to come before Council moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mr. Weaver to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary