

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 28, 2006
2:30 PM

Council present included Ted Streeter, Jamie Fleet, Holly Giles, Bill Monahan, Caroline Smith, John Murphy, Dick Peterson, Marty Qually and Mayor William Troxell. Staff present included Manager Lawver, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Harry Eastman,

Representing the press were Scot Pitzer of the *Gettysburg Times*, Meg Bernhardt of the *Evening Sun*, Max Stevens with *WGET*, Amanda Mallone with *WHP-TV* and Jocelyn Chambers with *WHVR*.

Others present included Chuck Teague, Police Chaplin, Gene Golden, Gettysburg Signs, Ruth Gritsch, Bill King, Rich Laino, Deb Small, Mona Overton, Walt Gliem, Douglas McKinney, Chris Folster, Justin Rogerson and Keith Stambaugh.

Solicitor Eastman announced an executive session was held at 2:00 PM prior to this meeting to discuss a personnel issue involving a Borough employee.

Mr. Streeter opened the meeting and asked for citizen's comments limiting them to 10 minutes.

Mrs. Ruth Grietch, Springs Avenue, asked what Council is doing about Chief Garcia and his employment status. She expressed her concerns of what has or has not been done and why it is taking Council so long.

Mr. Gene Golden, Gettysburg Signs, Buford Avenue, voiced his displeasure with the process in which Council makes their decisions that concern the future of Gettysburg. Mr. Golden expressed his skepticism of John Lawver as Borough Manager but went on to say it was a great move as he is familiar enough with the inner workings of how the Borough runs. The problem is that it has been running poorly partly due to the way it has been managed. He stated the Borough does need a change and feels Council will make the best decision.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Smith to approve the execution of the REDDI agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Eastman announced the public hearing scheduled today at 3:00 PM was to review the Flexible Residential Development Option on the application of Times Square II for its proposed planned residential development of Penn Square Townhomes. They have requested an extension to revise their plans and present again to the Planning Commission for approval.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve granting an extension to Times Square II. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt a resolution authorizing the entry into an Agreement with the United States Park Police and the National Park Service at the Gettysburg National Military Park to enable the appointment and activation, if necessary, of qualified personnel of the United States Park Police and the National Park Service Law Enforcement Rangers as special and auxiliary police of the Borough of Gettysburg on September 2, 2006 and thereafter that Theodore H. Streeter, in his capacity as President of the Borough Council and Sara L. Stull, Borough Secretary, be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Park Police and the National Park Service. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Monahan to accept on this date the resignation of Rolf Garcia as Chief of Police of the Gettysburg Borough Police Department. Said resignation being effective August 1, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Ms. Smith to authorize Theodore H. Streeter, Borough Council President and Sara L. Stull, Borough Secretary be authorized to execute on behalf of the Borough of Gettysburg the Separation and Release Agreement with Rolf Garcia in connection with his resignation as Chief of Police of the Gettysburg Borough Police Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streeter read the attached press release from Council addressing Chief Rolf Garcia's resignation.

Solicitor Eastman explained the Public Right-To-Know Law and asked that everyone follow the proper procedures in obtaining a copy of the agreement.

With no further business to come before Council, moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Fleet to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary