

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President
Tina Sokolowski, Council Vice-President
Anita Barton, Council Member
Stacy Ellam, Council Member
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Member
Adrian Serna, Council Member
Karen Tutino, Council Member
Yaniv Aronson, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Cecco, Borough Manager
Michael E. Peters, Borough Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Conshohocken Borough Council duly advertised, was held at the Conshohocken Borough Hall, 400 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA. Ms. Leonard, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Council President announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for agenda items only)

There was no public comment pertaining to agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

LAND USE, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

- a.) **Consider approving Resolution 2022-07 approving the preliminary/final land development application for 261-263 East Elm Street**

Mr. Peters reviewed the requested waivers and conditions of approval per the proposed resolution. He stated that the resolution includes a condition that requires the applicant to install pedestrian warning devices to the satisfaction of the Borough Traffic Engineer to address concerns related to pedestrian safety and vehicular visibility.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-07 approving the preliminary/final land development application for 261-263 East Elm Street, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) **Consider adopting Ordinance 05-2022 amending the Borough's Solicitation Ordinance**

Mr. Peters explained that the proposed ordinance amendment removes provisions related to the fingerprinting of applicants for peddling and solicitation licenses.

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to adopt Ordinance 05-2022 amending the Borough's Solicitation Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

- c.) **Consider adopting Ordinance 06-2022 adopting the 2018 International Building Code and 2018 International Property Maintenance Code**

Mr. Peters stated that the state has adopted, as part of the Uniform Construction Code, new international codes. He reviewed the 2018 codes that were adopted by the state.

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to adopt Ordinance 06-2022 adopting the 2018 International Building Code and 2018 International Property Maintenance Code, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Leonard read and reviewed the items included on the consent agenda.

- a.) **Approve and adopt the February 2 and February 16 Regular Meeting Minutes**
b.) **Approve the February-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$483,647.95**

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve and adopt the February 2 and February 16 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Ellam made a motion to approve the February-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$483,647.95, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

a.) Conduct interviews for Board and Commission vacancies

Ms. Leonard introduced Justin Claffey who was present to interview for the EAC. Mr. Claffey discussed his educational background in sustainable engineering and his desire to make a positive impact on the community and environment. He shared that he would like to focus on sustainable stormwater management solutions and discussed the benefits of permeable pavement. He discussed his professional experience as a construction project manager.

Ms. Leonard introduced Dianne Piccone who was present to interview for the EAC. Ms. Piccone stressed the importance of biodiversity. She discussed her interest in the physical and natural environment and how reintegrating ecology into the urban fabric can benefit the community.

b.) Consider adopting the revised general procedures for the Housing Rehabilitation Program

Ms. Cecco shared that the general procedures for the Housing Rehabilitation Program must be revised to reflect the current operation of the program. Ms. Cecco reviewed the revisions, which were mostly related to program eligibility requirements.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to adopt the revised general procedures for the Housing Rehabilitation Program, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) Consider adopting the revised complaint process for Federal CDBG and Home Programs

Ms. Cecco stated that the Borough's complaint process for federally funded programs has been revised to reflect the current process. She noted that the revised plan includes the processing of Section 504 discrimination complaints.

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to adopt the revised complaint process for Federal CDBG and Home Programs, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

d.) Consider approving 400 West Elm Street financial security escrow release no. 1 in the amount of \$409,738.32

Ms. Cecco stated that the Borough Engineer has reviewed the escrow release request and is recommending the release of \$409,738.32.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve 400 West Elm Street Financial Security escrow release no. 1 in the amount of \$409,738.32, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a.) Consider approving Resolution 2022-08 authorizing submission of the DCNR grant application for the Sutcliffe Park Walking Trail Replacement Project

Ms. Cecco stated the Borough has prepared an application for the DCNR grant to replace the Sutcliffe Park Walking Trail. She reviewed the scope of services and cost estimate and explained that the grant requires the municipality to secure a 50/50 match or approximately \$281,900.00. She noted that this cost may increase slightly in the process of finalizing the grant application. Ms. Cecco indicated that the survey response rate was high and thanked residents and trail-users for participating.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-08 authorizing the submission of the DCNR grant application for the Sutcliffe Park Walking Trail Replacement Project, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to commit to reserving the required matching funds for the DCNR grant application, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 7-0.

b.) Consider authorizing Gilmore and Associates to develop a Main Street Overlay District Ordinance

Ms. Cecco reviewed the process of developing a Main Street Overlay District Ordinance, per the terms of a proposal from Gilmore and Associates. She asked Council to consider authorizing Gilmore and Associates to develop a Main Street Overlay District Ordinance for a not to exceed cost of \$25,000.00.

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to authorize Gilmore and Associates the develop a Main Street Overlay District Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Ellam. The motion carried 7-0.

c.) Consider adopting the updated Borough Typical Details Booklet

Ms. Tutino made a motion to adopt the updated Borough Typical Details Booklet, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

d.) Consider appointing applicants to the Friends of Conshohocken Parks

Ms. Tutino made a motion to appoint Brianna DePaul and Christine Dempsey to the Friends of Conshohocken Parks for three-year terms, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson reminded everyone that the Conshy Classic 5k and the St. Patrick's Day Parade were postponed until March 26, 2022. He announced that Daniel's Restaurant and Bar has opened on East First Avenue. He shared that Fritz Lodge is hosting a series of American history events with special guest speakers like Martha Washington.

Ms. Kingsley also encouraged residents to support new local businesses like Daniel's Restaurant and Bar.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no additional public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary