

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President
Tina Sokolowski, Council Vice-President
Anita Barton, Council Member
Kathleen Kingsley, Council Member
James Griffin, 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 7:02 PM.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Leonard announced that prior to the regularly scheduled public meeting, the Borough held a special public meeting at 6:00pm to present the proposed FY2022 budget.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

There were no land use matters, public hearings and ordinances.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

a.) Conduct interviews for Board and Commission reappointments

Ms. Leonard introduced Debbie Stovall who was present to interview for reappointment to the Human Relations Commission. Ms. Stovall discussed her commitment to serve her community. She also discussed the role of the Human Relations Commission and her desire to advocate, enforce and promote equality. She shared that she serves on the Montgomery County Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Committee.

Ms. Leonard introduced Domenic Rocco who was present to interview for reappointment to the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). Mr. Rocco discussed the importance of educating residents on environmental matters. He explained how the EAC provides guidance and education to the public. He shared accomplishments of the EAC and current initiatives such as recycling and cleanup, shade trees and the Green Business Recognition Program.

MANAGER MATTERS

a.) Consider approving Resolution 2021-29 extending temporary "to-go" parking restrictions within the Borough

Ms. Cecco explained that Borough Council previously approved resolutions which established temporary to-go parking within the Borough, specifically three (3) 15-minute to-go parking spaces on Fayette Street between East Second Avenue and East Third Avenue; four (4) 15 minute to-go parking spaces on Fayette Street Between East First and East Second Avenue; and one (1) 15 minute to-go parking space on East first Avenue. She shared that the Parking Task Force reevaluated the regulations and recommended that Borough Council consider making the parking restrictions permanent. Ms. Cecco asked Council to consider extending the temporary "to-go" parking restrictions while administration drafts an ordinance amendment for Council's consideration. She confirmed that the businesses in this area are support of the to-go parking spaces.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-29 extending temporary "to-go" parking restrictions within the Borough, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 6-0. (Stokley absent)

b.) Consider approving a fee waiver request for a fundraiser for the Angioma Alliance

Ms. Cecco shared that the Borough received a fee waiver request from a resident to host a fundraiser for the Angioma Alliance on September 24, 2022 at Sutcliffe Park.

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve a fee waiver request for a fundraiser for the Angioma Alliance, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 6-0. (Stokley absent)

c.) Consider authorizing a request for an extension of the 2018 CDBG contract for the purpose of expending all housing rehabilitation funds

Ms. Cecco stated that the deadline to expend 2018 CDBG funds is December 19, 2021. She explained that activities in the Rehabilitation Program slowed due to the COVID pandemic and that \$19,022.65 remain for rehabilitation activities using 2018 CDBG funds. She asked Council to consider approving the submission of a six (6) month time extension request to the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to expend funds to close out the 2018 CDBG Program Year.

Ms. Barton made a motion to authorize a request for an extension of the 2018 CDBG contract for the purpose of expending all housing rehabilitation funds, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 6-0. (Stokley absent)

DEPARTMENT MATTERS

There were no department matters.

LEGAL MATTERS

There were no legal matters.

COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson thanked all the residents who voted on Election Day and recognized all candidates for office. He shared photos from the Halloween Parade and thanked the Borough for hosting the event. He also shared that HOW Real Estate held its annual pumpkin carving event.

Ms. Barton recognized election workers who volunteered at the polls on Election Day and thanked all the residents who voted on Election Day.

Ms. Kingsley shared that she enjoyed participating in the Halloween Parade and thanked everyone who attended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Makoid, 112 West 9th Avenue, congratulated Mayor Aronson on his second term as Mayor of Conshohocken.

Dianne Piccone, 821 Harry Street, reported an ongoing issue with the backflow preventer at her condominium residence. Ms. Leonard provided information on backflow prevention testing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary