

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING
June 8, 2021
7:00 PM

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Public Meeting Agenda/Sunshine Act" public notice was provided to the Times Herald Newspaper and posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall as required by law.

CALL TO ORDER

Douglas Borgerson, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Douglas Borgerson, President	Present
Tara Gorney, Vice President	Absent
Tori Conicello-Emery	Present
John Cooper	Present
Stephen Blumenthal	Present
Jose Gonzalez	Present
Richard Greenstein	Arrived at 7:03pm
Danelle Fournier, Mayor	Present
Michael F. English, Borough Manager	Present
John Ianouzzi, Borough Solicitor	Present
Khal Hassan, Engineer	Present
Michael Sinclair, Police Chief	Present

A moment of silence took place for John Lattanzi, a long- time member of the George Clay Fire Department who passed away on May 19, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Borgerson opened the floor for public comment on agenda items.

Al DeGennaro, Deputy General Counsel of JP Mascaro discussed the financials of the contract bid for recycling. Michael English, Borough Manager suggested that council make a motion to award the recycling contract to JP Mascaro.

Guy Davis, resident of West Conshohocken, expressed that the Borough should eliminate recycling

Michael Golden & Kim Strengari of Gypsy Saloon thanked the Council for the Temporary Outdoor during COVID dining resolution and requesting that it be extended further.

Pat Zapian, 247 Moir Ave, spoke in favor of the outside dining as long as it does not interfere with travel on the sidewalks

Kyle Beck, 126 Ford St, spoke in opposition to outdoor dining due to noise and traffic

Michael Beck, 124 Ford St, spoke in opposition to outdoor dining due to noise, traffic and parking

UPDATE ON CONCEPT PLAN FOR 1280 VALLEY ROAD DEVELOPMENT

Dan Rowley, attorney for Merion Ridge LLC and Jeremy Wood, owner of 1280 Valley Road were present at the Council meeting and led a lengthy discussion regarding the proposed development at 1280 Valley Road which is scheduled for a zoning hearing on July 8, 2021. Slides were also presented to Council and everyone in attendance. A motion was made to send Borough Solicitor and Borough Engineer to oppose the zoning application

Motioned by: John Cooper

Seconded by: Stephen Blumenthal

Abstained: Richard Greenstein, Jose Gonzalez and Douglas Borgerson

In favor: Tori Conicello- Emery, John Cooper and Stephen Blumenthal

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the regular Council Meeting of May 11, 2021 which took place at Mackenzie Park.

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal

Seconded by: John Cooper

All in Favor: Yes

Motion Passed: 3-0

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Doug Borgerson requested a motion to approve the bills for last month for the total amount of \$394,428.08.

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez

Seconded by: Richard Greenstein

All in Favor: Yes

The motion passed 6-0

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jose Gonzalez discussed the six proposal to RFP Investment Banking services. The balance as of June 8, 2021 is \$15,257,742.93

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez

Seconded by: Richard Greenstein

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes 6-0

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. English stated that his report is in the packet. Mr. English extended the appreciation for the memorial service of John Lattanzi. Dave Frankenfield and Mr. English spoke to PennDOT regarding removal of the Spring Garden St Bridge from 76. Mr. English spoke to Rob Dronitsky about the hours of the public works employees for summer hours. Mr. English spoke to PECO and the work on Matsonford Road would be completed by Friday.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT, AND MAYOR'S REPORT

Steve Blumenthal thanked for all the efforts for the memorial of John Lattanzi. Mr. Blumenthal briefly discussed the LOSAP program, the body cameras for the police department and a revised point system for George Clay will be submitted in 2022.

Mayor Danelle Fournier discussed West Conshohocken Clean Up event which is tentatively scheduled for September 25th from 10-12. The karaoke charity event at the VFW was postponed, the movie night in the park is coming along no dates set and Mayor asked President Douglas Borgerson to read the Resolution honoring John Lattanzi resolution.

Mr. David Frankenfield thanked for the Council for the Resolution for John Lattanzi. The Fire Company report is in the packet. The Fire Company is having a meeting on the June 17th regarding a replacement driver and someone to look over code enforcement.

Chief Sinclair discussed the Code Red system and successful so far. No noise complaints for this month. Chief Sinclair also discussed the PCCD.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

John Ianozzi recommended the Marriott tax assessment appeal stipulation in the amount of \$13,420.33 be signed by the Solicitor.

Motioned by: John Cooper
Seconded by: Jose Gonzalez
All in favor: Yes
The motion passed 6-0

Khal Hassan reports that the CBDG ramp project is progressing and bids should be received soon regarding this and the 2021 paving project. The Borough has been working with Kolea's regarding the parking on Apple Street and parking is now open to the residents.

John Cooper would like to set up a meeting with Parks and Rec, Pat Zapien, Steve Blumenthal and Engineer in the next few weeks

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Borgerson indicated that there are no guidelines yet from the state has been given regarding COVID relief funds for the Borough.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-05 honoring John F. Lattanzi, Jr..

Motioned By: John Cooper
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes: 6-0

2. Motion to approve the request by Mayor to purchase a 2021 Ford Police Interceptor. A lengthy discussion took place between Mayor, Council and Police Chief regarding the replacement of a police vehicle and budget.

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes: 6-0

3. Motion to authorize that Police Chief purchase the Body Camera System as outline in the April 6, 2021 quote by WatchGuard Video. Police Chief Sinclair led a lengthy discussion regarding the body camera system.

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein
Seconded by: John Cooper
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes: Yes

4. Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-06 addressing the Temporary Requirements and Guidelines for Outdoor dining during the COVID-19 Transmission Mitigation in the Borough.

There was lengthy discussion between Council members. Doug Borgerson recommended a stipulation to extend outside dining for 30 days without music. A lengthy discussion took place between Council, Borough Solicitor and residents. Mr. Borgerson asked for public comment before Council voted. Michael & Kyle Beck spoke in opposition to extend. Doug Borgerson asked for a motion to extend the outdoor dining until July 16, 2021 without music or amplified noise .

Motion by: Jose Gonzalez
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery
All in favor: 6-0
The motion passes: 6-0

5. Motion to award JP Mascaro a 3 year contract with the West Conshohocken Borough for recycling.

Motioned by: John Cooper
Seconded by: Jose Gonzalez
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes: 6-0

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

David Frankenfield spoke more in detail about the Spring Garden bridge removal.

Pat Zapian commented about getting more signs at MacKenzie Park for park reservation as more people are using the park, delivery vehicles and comments from the community that are posted on Facebook

Dick Kenna commented about the hedges on the corner of Ford & Elizabeth and spoke of Valley Road concerns.

ADJOURN

Douglas Borgerson stated that there would be an Executive Session to discuss Personnel issues. Since there would be no decisions made the Council would not be coming back into session, Douglas Borgerson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Motioned by: Stephen Blumenthal
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes: 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Cristina Meade
Borough Secretary