

BOROUGH OF WEST CONSHOHOCKEN
COUNCIL MEETING
December 14, 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.

Mr. Borgerson announced that an Executive Session was held on December 6th for a personnel matter

CALL TO ORDER

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

MR. BORGERSON ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE PEOPLE IN KENTUKY AFTER A NATURAL DISASTER

ROLL CALL

Douglas Borgerson, President	Present
Tara Gorney, Vice President	Present
Tori Conicello-Emery	Present
John Cooper	Present
Stephen Blumenthal	Present
Jose Gonzalez	Present
Richard Greenstein	Present
Danelle Fournier, Mayor	Present
Michael F. English, Borough Manager	Present
John Iannozzi, Solicitor	Present
Khal Hassan, Borough Engineer	Present

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA

Mike Golden from Gypsy Saloon asked for extension of the outdoor dining since the zoning hearing held on December 9th was continued until January 13, 2022.

Mike Beck, 124 Ford Street, spoke in opposition of the outdoor dining extension.

Walter Gleba, 225 Moir Ave spoke in favor of the outdoor dining.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the regular Council Meeting of November 9, 2021.

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery
All in Favor: Yes
Motion Passed: 7-0

Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Budget Council meeting on November 29, 2021.

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez
Seconded by: Tori Conicello-Emery
All in Favor: Yes
Motion Passed: 7-0

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Doug Borgerson requested a motion to approve the bills for this month \$533,402.44. Mr. Borgerson indicated that the large portion is payroll.

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein
Seconded by: Tara Gorney
All in Favor: Yes
The motion passed: 7-0

FINANCIAL REPORT

Meg Decker indicated that the financial report indicates a balance of \$14,508,793.04 difference of negative 107,354.87 from last month.

Motioned by: Jose Gonzales
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein
All in favor: Yes
The motion passed:7-0

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. English indicated his report is in the packet. Mr. English wanted to highlight the reorganization meeting will be held on Monday, January 3rd at 7:00pm. All candidates who were elected will receive documents from the County. Mr. English acknowledged the Mayor, Recreation Committee and Fire Company for the holiday events.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT, AND MAYOR'S REPORT

Stephen Blumenthal discussed the public safety and budget requests. Meeting dates will be set in January of 2022

Jose Gonazales had nothing to report

Tara Gorney had nothing to report

John Cooper indicated that an Open Space meeting will be held on January 19, 2022 and will discuss the comments from the public on MacKenzie Park.

Mayor Fournier indicated that the holiday lighting is in judging stage. Mayor encourages the public the public to sign up for Code Red with the winter weather approaching. Matt Markland is working on Adopt-A-Fire Hydrant program. Mayor has been working with VFW with banners.

Dave Frankenfield thanked the volunteers for the breakfast with Santa and indicated that the Park Plan was posted. Mr. Frankenfield discussed the Adopt-A-Hydrant program. The radio system install has been completed and is working. Training is going well with Mr. Markland but would like to have more time before the end of the year.

James Donohue attended in place for Steve Curran and wanted to reiterate better communication throughout the Borough. With Code Red, non-emergency events should go out by text and suggested Planning Commission meeting minutes should be posted. The main comments from MacKenzie Park sketch plan is the relocation of the dog park. The Planning Commission would like to add possibly 2 more members to the Board. The Planning Commission members are in support out the outdoor dining. PC members will be putting together a year end report.

Detective Sal Carfagno is filling in for Chief Sinclair. Carfagno thanked everyone who participated in the Peer Study and the Police Department will implement all suggestions to the best of their ability. The body cameras were received and the grant for \$60,000.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

John Iannozzi wanted to update Council and public 3 matters:

1. The zoning hearing for 128 Ford Street was continued to January 13, 2022. Mr. Iannozzi indicated that the hearing was continued because there was a Right to Know request for a zoning hearing that took place in 2002 which could affect the decision of the Zoning hearing. The transcription of the previous zoning hearing in 2002 was located and provided to Zoning Board Members and Counsel and will be reviewed.
2. Resolution 2021-16 extension for outdoor dining and three options were provided for Council to decide upon.

Mr. Borgerson opened the discussion to Council. Extensive discussion took place and Mr. Borgerson asked for a motion to extend the outdoor dining resolution until April 13, 2022.

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez

Seconded by: Tara Gorney

All in favor: No

The motion passes: 6-1

3. Motion to release LS Realty Associates, LLC

Motioned by: John Cooper

Seconded by: Stephen Blumenthal

All in favor: Yes

The motion passes: 7-0

Khal Hassan wanted to update Council and Public 2 items:

1. Mr. Hassan has provided Council a form (in the packet) to sign off for projects for flood plain and referenced the residential project taking place over the bridge, which shows there is no negative impact to neighboring Boroughs, which is provided to FEMA. Ms. Gorney indicated that there is construction debris which Mr. Hassan indicated that they will reach out regarding the debris.

2. Mr. Hassan indicated that there is a storm water settlement issue in the right of way at Knob Hill. Only one estimate was received so far.
3. Mr. Hassan indicated that applicants for 1280 Valley Road came with additional information that they have less disturbance to the steep slope. Mr. Hassan indicated he is in review and will provide more information at the next council meeting which is 2 days before the zoning hearing.
4. Mr. Hassan indicated that he is meeting with Representative Dean regarding the traffic studies in the region. Conshohocken and Upper Merion are also involved, and he will update Council after that meeting. Questions were presented regarding the timing of the lights at the corner of Moorehead and Crawford.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Fire Company and Police Department Budget Requests.

Lengthy discussions took place regarding Fire company and Police Department Budget requests

2. Motion- To Approve the 2022 Borough Budget

Motioned by: Richard Greenstein
Seconded by: Stephen Blumenthal
All in favor: No
The motion passes: 6-1

3. Motion – To Adopt Resolution 2021-15 affixing the Milage Rate for 2022

Mr. English indicated that it shows there is no tax rate increase for 2022.

Motioned by: Jose Gonzalez
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes: 7-0

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Guy Davis of Balligomingo Road commented on the increase in budget items and also indicated that the Fire Company should provide a schedule on equipment replacement. Mr. Iannozzi replied to Mr. Davis comments

Chet Gleba had addressed his concerns regarding the budget, a traffic study for the intersection of Crawford and Moorehead, another company to layout the MacKenzie Park, parking along the 600 block of Ford Street and the firehouse breaking down their budget more descriptive.

Dave Frankenfield expressed that they wish to put an electric sign at the Borough Hall to advertise meetings.

Mr. Borgerson indicated that any questions presented during public comments will be answered when all of the accurate information has been provided to council.

MR. BORGERSON INDICATED THAT COUNCIL WILL BE GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND WILL NOT BE RETURNING.

ADJOURN

Douglas Borgerson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm

Motioned by: Steven Blumenthal
Seconded by: Richard Greenstein
All in favor: Yes
The motion passes:7-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Cristina Meade
Borough Secretary