

MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
4th MONDAY – WORKSHOP
Location: Latin American Club
April 24, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Fenyes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and advised the audience that the meeting for Monday, April 24, 2017 will be audio taped by Ford City Borough and Lisa Bittner. Is anyone audio or video taping the meeting? Caroline Hassa is audio and video taping the meeting. Jon Andreassi – Leader-Times is audio taping the meeting. [David Croyle – Kittanning Paper arrived after the meeting started.]

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Fenyes lead everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Kathy Bartuccio, Beth Bowser, Carol Fenyes, Ray Klukan, Tyson Klukan, Marc Mantini and Mayor Cogley were present.

ATTENDANCE

Ed Schmitt – Gibson-Thomas Engineering, Solicitor Alyssa Golfieri, Police Chief/ Borough Manager Michael Greenlee and Borough Secretary Lisa Bittner were also present.

CITIZENS COMMENTS - AT THIS TIME AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no Citizen Comments at this time.

GIBSON THOMAS - Edward Schmitt

Ed Schmitt submitted the reports the WTP Construction Project. (Attachments)

WATER PLANT PROJECT

Bowser made a motion to approve Pennvest Pay Requisition #9 in the amount of \$187,829.43 and authorize the Council President to sign as presented by Gibson-Thomas. Seconded by Mantini. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

PENNVEST – SEWER PROJECT

Bartuccio made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 10-2017 authorizing the execution of a Reimbursement Resolution for Project Costs to be submitted with a request to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PennVEST) for a Letter of No Prejudice related to the Ford City Storm Sewer Project. Seconded by Bowser. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

BOROUGH MANAGER – EIP RECOMMENDATION #11

Bowser made a motion to extend the appointment of Michael Greenlee, the Borough Chief of Police, as Interim Borough Manager, effective immediately until such time that Borough Council fills the office of Borough Manager. Seconded by Bartuccio.

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Marc Mantini		nay	Kathy Bartuccio	aye	
Beth Bowser	aye		Carol Fenyes	aye	
Ray Klukan		nay	Tyson Klukan		nay

Tie Vote 3 -3

Mayor Cogley breaks the tie in favor of extending the appointment. (Attachment)

Motion Passes.

HIRING – SEASONAL LABOR

Bowser made a motion, based on the recommendation of the Interim Borough Manager, to hire Timmy Porter, Robert Shaffer, Timothy Tedeski, and Amos D. Woodside as part-time Seasonal Laborers at a pay rate of \$10.50 per hour, effective immediately. Seconded by Mantini.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

STORM SEWER DRAINS

Bowser made a motion to authorize Gibson-Thomas to direct Red Zone to conducted a Cleaning and CCTV internal video inspection of our Storm Sewer Drains for an amount not to exceed \$127,403.00. Seconded by T. Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

PLANNING COMMISSION

T. Klukan made a motion to appoint Kristen Angehr to the Planning Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2020. Seconded by Bowser. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

EIP – PHASE #2 FUNDING -- EIP RECOMMENDATION #9 & #10

Bartuccio made a motion, based on the Five-Year Financial Plan recommendations prepared by The Novak Consulting Group, to apply for EIP – Phase #2 Funding for creating an updated Comprehensive Plan and an updated Zoning Ordinance. Seconded by Bowser.

Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department	Library
Parks & Recreation	Planning Commission
Shade Tree	Other

There will be no report from the Fire Department.

Parks & Recreation – Joe Peters, explained the trail meeting held in New Bethlehem provided good information. They will be attending their next meeting [May 22]. Businesses are encouraged to attend the meetings. Grant money is available and a group is needed to go after the grant. Peters explained the Fire Dept. will be removing, this Thursday [April 27], the unsafe slides and teeter totters from 7th Avenue Playground. Trees were marked for removal. Once the mulch/ fall protection is installed 7th Avenue will be ready to open. Peters stated Boulder Park is looking good. Peters asked for an update on the 14th Street Trail Grant.

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Borough Manager Greenlee stated there is still money left to spend and all options are available to complete the project. [Deadline 12-31-2017] Greenlee explained three will be fired as Supervisors for the Playgrounds. They must have their Act 33 & Act 34 clearances.

Council President added one additional Supervisor is need for the Playground.

Peters added that the start of the Ford City Trail [nearest the Veteran's Bridge] could either be a starting point of ending point for trail users. Might be possible to connect to the Great Allegheny Passage.

Ford City Public Library – Anita Bowser, stated they will be closed the week of May 14. They will be working on repairs and need ladders and drop cloths.

Planning Commission – Richard Wakefield, explained they are working on upgrading the comprehensive plan and ordinances.

Council President stated she was contacted by a representative from Armstrong County Planning about the Blight Task Force they are creating. Council President Fenyes was asked to be a member of the task force. They will be meeting in May, June & July to determine how the money allocated by the County will be spent.

Alyssa Golfieri explained the “NOV” Notice of Violation process. A letter is sent and a time limit to become compliant is included. If nothing happens a “NOV” is sent, this also includes a time frame. Enforcement at the Magisterial District level if the “NOV” is ignored.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – OPEN COMMENTS AT THIS TIME

There were no Citizen Comments at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council President stated there will be an Executive Session immediately following the meeting to discuss legal matters and personnel.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary read from a list of prepared announcements. (Attachment)

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club

NEXT 4th MONDAY

Monday, May 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Latin American Club.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Comments were made by Mantini & R. Klukan that required no action to be taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mantini made a motion at 7:27 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by T. Klukan. Motion Carried. 6-0 Unanimous

Carol Fenyes

Lisa Bittner

