

**MEETING MINUTES
FORD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
BC3 Armstrong
August 26, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Call the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and advise the audience that the meeting on August 26, 2024, is being audio taped by Ford City Borough to be made available for borough councilmembers.

Is anyone else audio or video taping the meeting?

Leader Times, recording audio.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Carol Fenyes, Vice President Richard Chimka, Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant, Councilwoman Sally Beck, Councilman Tom Ondrusek, Mayor Tim Bureau,
~~Borough Manager Charles Stull, and Solicitor Anna Hosack~~

Absent: Councilwoman Vicki Schaub, and Sr. Engineer Joel Romagna

CITIZENS AGENDA COMMENTS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS – An Executive Session took place on July 29th, 2024, to receive legal advice from the Solicitor.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Bill List, July 24, 2024
2. Bill List, August 12, 2024
3. Treasurer's Report, July 2024
4. Water Report, July 2024
5. Zoning Report, July 2024
6. Code Enforcement Report, July 2024
7. Fire Report, July 2024
8. Police Report, June 2024
9. Meeting Minutes, July 22, 2024
10. Meeting Minutes, July 29, 2024

Having no objections, the consent agenda was passed.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Charles Stull, Ford City Borough Manager, has prepared an update regarding recent borough matters as well as his existing projects.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance 761: Abolishing Wards

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to adopt Ordinance 761 abolishing all wards, shifting the number of councilmembers to seven at large, and providing a coordinating election schedule for filling vacancies. Vice President Richard Chimka seconds the motion.

Council comments: Council President Carol Fenyes clarified that this decision would allow members of Council to be elected at large, but residents would still vote at their respective polling place.

Motion carried: 5-0

2. Public Works Department Temporary Crew Leader Position

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to establish a Memorandum of Understanding with United Steel Workers Local 158-02 to recognize a temporary crew leader position at the borough. Councilwoman Sally Beck seconds the motion.

Council comments: Council President Carol Fenyes expressed the need for establishing this position following the unexpected death of the borough's Public Works Director.

Motion carried: 5-0

3. Temporary Crew Leader – Travis Farester

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to designate Travis Farester as the temporary crew leader for the Ford City Borough Public Works Department under the terms and conditions outlined in the memorandum of understanding. Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

4. Opening Bank Accounts

Vice President Richard Chimka made the motion to open three accounts at S&T Bank for the purpose of designating fund locations for the Library Fund, Fire Fund, and Streetlight Fund, and authorize all necessary borough officials to effectuate the same. Councilwoman Sally Beck seconds the motion.

Council comments: Borough Manager Charles Stull clarified that the borough used to have these accounts, and it is important that those accounts be reopened in order to properly allocate those funds to the respective accounts.

Motion carried: 5-0

5. Contractor Agreement – Kevin Nelson

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to ratify the approval of a contractor agreement with Kevin Nelson for oversight on the upcoming waterline projects as well as other limited services outlined in the agreement. Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant seconds the motion.

Council comments: Council President Carol Fenyes explained that Mr. Nelson would be contracted to have eyes on the upcoming waterline project.

Motion carried: 5-0

6. Ford City Borough (LERTA) Improvement Area Abatement Application

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion to table the approval of a Ford City Borough Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) application submitted by Gerard Miklos to participate in the Tax Abatement Program outlined in Ordinance 680 and authorize appropriate borough officials to take any and all necessary actions to effectuate the same. Vice President Richard Chimka seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

7. Liquid Fuels Tax Fund Examination Engagement Letter

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to approve an engagement letter provided by the Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General for auditing services of Ford City Borough's 2022-2023 Liquid Fuels Tax Fund, and authorize all necessary borough officials to effectuate the same. Vice President Richard Chimka seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

8. Borough of Ford City Stormwater Authority Public Official Policy

Vice President Richard Chimka made the motion to approve the purchase of a Public Officials policy through Tuscano Agency on behalf of the Borough of Ford City Stormwater Authority in the amount of \$2,245.00 and authorize all necessary borough officials to effectuate the same. Councilwoman Sally Beck seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

9. Armstrong Trails Adopt-A-Trail Program

Councilwoman Mary Alice Bryant made the motion to admit the Ford City Borough portion of the Armstrong Trails into the Adopt-A-Trail Program allowing trail users to maintain the trail in a limited capacity authorized by Ford City Borough Council. Councilwoman Sally Beck seconds the motion.

No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

-Armstrong Associates Federal Credit Union parking on Ford St
Members of Armstrong Associates Federal Credit Union attended the meeting to express frustration with parking on Ford St., specifically outside of their business. Council offered to remedy the situation by increasing parking enforcement on Ford St.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Council President Carol Fenyes announced that First Friday will be on September 6th, and the Ford City Hose Co #1 Street Fair will begin on August 30th.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING –September 23rd, 2024, 6:30 PM at BC3 Armstrong

ADJOURNMENT – 7:01 PM

Councilman Tom Ondrusek made the motion for adjournment. Councilwoman Sally Beck seconds the motion.

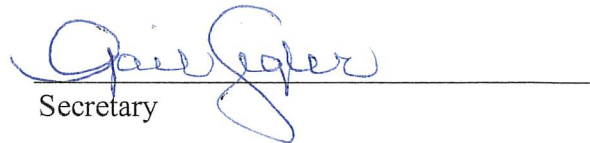
No comments

Motion carried: 5-0

AUTHORIZING MINUTES


Assistant Secretary


Council President


Secretary