

BOROUGH OF HATBORO
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 25th, 2016

PRESENT

President Tompkins, Vice President Rich, Councilpersons Forgeng, Harbaugh, Hegele & Palmer, Mayor Hawkes; Borough Manager Zollers, Assistant Secretary Hegele, Chief Gardner, Fire Marshal Myers, Solicitor Pionzio & Treasurer Kalnajs.

ABSENT

Councilwoman McElroy was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

President Tompkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

INVOCATION – Mayor Hawkes gave the invocation for the July Council meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Gardner.

PUBLIC HEARING – LERTA ORDINANCE – 301 JACKSONVILLE ROAD

Solicitor Pionzio opened the hearing. She reviewed the definition of a LERTA. She stated this is an incentive for developers and is folded in over a period of time from the first year. She stated this project has struggled and the property is not in great shape. Her recommendation is for a 5 year LERTA. She stated typically 10 year LERTA's are for industrial projects. She stated tonight w ordinances are in front of Council for consideration, the LERTA Ordinance to designate the deteriorated area and the second is an amendment to the tax code to incorporate.

Bruce Nicholson, attorney for Ed Moser, Developer gave Council a quick update on what has occurred at this property. He stated this is an expensive project and the LERTA is needed. His team is estimating \$20 million for the project.

Mayor Hawkes asked if all three parties have to agree to a LERTA. Solicitor Pionzio stated the Borough creates the district and the County and School District act independently.

Mr. Castro asked what happened to the other developers. Solicitor Pionzio stated other developers did not ask.

Mr. Dougherty for the Developer went over the LERTA and the savings, he stated the Bank needs this for underwriting and financing the project. President Tompkins stated he did quick numbers and this makes sense for the Borough. He stated the quicker the project is done and occupied, EIT taxes will be collected and that will help to offset the tax abatement.

Mrs. Phillips, Wood Street asked if this is for rentals or homeowners. Mr. Nicholson stated this project is only rentals. Solicitor Pionzio stated year 1 would be 80%, year 2 would be 60% till the end of 5 years when the project would be fully assessed. She stated recently she heard this happened in Philadelphia and the Developer benefited.

Mrs. Barr, Wood Street asked if the underground parking was still being planned. President Tompkins responded yes, there are no planned changes proposed.

Solicitor Pionzio stated these ordinances will be considered at the end of this agenda. She then closed the hearing.

MEETING NOTES – President Tompkins announced that the first privilege of the floor is for voting agenda items only.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – There was no comment from the public at this time.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Hawkes reminded everyone the car show is this coming Saturday.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT - President Tompkins stated he had no report this month.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Treasurer Kalnajs gave the Treasurer’s Report for the month of June 2016. He noted a balance of \$3,960,052.03. Interest earned for the month totaled \$490.29 on all accounts.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Solicitor Pionzio stated she had no report this month.

ENGINEER’S REPORT – Engineer Dougherty stated he had no report this month.

MANAGER’S REPORT – Manager Zollers updated Council on the progress of the Hometown Streets Project.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT – Chief Gardner stated the Police Facilities Project is going well. He announced that Consortium Police Test will be on September 10th. He reminded everyone the Car Show is this Saturday from 5 to 10 PM and York Road will be closed. He thanked the Chamber for the purchase of new meter bags. Chief Gardner announced that State Farm Insurance sponsored a distracted driving simulator. He reminded everyone National Night Out is Friday, August 5th in the Shoppers Lot. He also stated in the recent weeks all the tragedies in law enforcement has resulted in many people stopping by the PD and thanking officers and dropping off food to the officers. He stated his department is thankful for all the support.

TAX COLLECTIONS REPORT – The Tax Collection Report was submitted to Council in advance of tonight’s meeting, and that copies of the report were available.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – The Public Works Report was submitted to Council in advance of tonight’s meeting, and that copies of the report were available on the sign in table. Manager Zollers stated he had nothing further to report.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT – The Fire Marshal Report was submitted to Council in advance of tonight’s meeting, and that copies of the report were available on the sign in table. Fire Marshal Myers had nothing further to report.

VOTING ITEMS

Acknowledgement of Reports – Vice President Rich motioned to acknowledge the receipt of the tax collections, public works, fire marshal, treasurer’s reports, and UMHJSA minutes, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Warrant List, Payment of Bills, Manual Checks and Transfers – Councilman Hegele motioned to approve the warrant list, payment of bills, manual checks and transfers for the month of July 2016, motion seconded by Councilman Forgeng all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 27th and July 11th Council and Committee Meeting Minutes – Councilman Harbaugh motioned to approve the June 27th and July 11th Meeting minutes, motion seconded by Councilman Palmer all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

July 15th, 2016 Special Council Meeting Minutes – Councilman Hegele motioned to approve the July 15th, 2016 Special Council Meeting Minutes. President Tompkins abstained as he was absent for the meeting, motion was seconded by Vice President Rich, all ayes with one abstention. Motion carried 5-0.

FIRE COMPANY EXPENDITURE LIST – Councilman Palmer motioned to approve the Enterprise Fire Company Expenditure List for May 2016 in the amount of \$3,864.64, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

2016 ROAD PAVING PROJECT – BID AWARD – Councilman Hegele motioned to award the 2016 Road Paving Project base bid and both alternates in the amount of \$150,311.00, motion seconded by Councilman Harbaugh, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

VERIZON CONTRACT RENEWAL – ENGAGEMENT LETTER – Councilman Palmer motioned to approve the contract with Consortium and Cohen Law for the Verizon contract renewal, this motion was seconded by Vice President Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

VERIZON CONTRACT RENEWAL – ENGAGEMENT LETTER – Councilman Palmer motioned to authorize Manager Zollers to execute agreements, this motion was seconded by Councilman Harbaugh, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

PROJECT CHANGE ORDERS – Councilman Hegele motioned to authorize Manager Zollers to execute change orders for both projects up to \$10,500.00, motion seconded by Councilman Palmer, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

CHANGE ORDER #1 – POLICE FACILITY PROJECT – Councilman Harbaugh motioned to approve Change Order #1, high density storage (\$11,276.00), motion seconded by Vice President Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

PAYMENT REQUEST #1 – POLICE FACILITY PROJECT – Councilman Palmer motioned to approve payment request #1 in the amount of \$41,726.48, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

PAYMENT REQUEST #1 – PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY PROJECT – Councilman Hegele motioned to approve payment request #1 in the amount of \$9,530.82, motion seconded by Councilman Palmer, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

RECORDS DISPOSAL RESOLUTION #2016-17 – Vice President Rich motioned to approve Resolution #2016-17, motion seconded by Councilman Harbaugh, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

LERTA ORDINANCE NO. 1035 – DESIGNATION OF AREA – Councilman Forgeng motioned to approve Ordinance No. 1035, motion seconded by Vice President Rich, motion seconded by Vice President Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

President Tompkins stated that since this item was not on the Committee agenda, he would have a Privilege of the Floor for this item. Council stated this is a welcome change and it will definitely be an improvement to this location.

LERTA ORDINANCE NO. 1036 – AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 24 TAXING FOR LERTA – Councilman Hegele motioned to approve Ordinance No. 1036, motion seconded by Councilman Palmer, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

President Tompkins stated that since this item was not on the Committee agenda, he would have a Privilege of the Floor for this item. There was none at this time.

SPECIAL UPDATES – There were no special updates from Council this evening.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business to come before Council.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business to come before Council.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – James Castro, 230 Tanner Avenue stated he recently received a notice of violation from the Borough he understands the weeds, etc. he does not understand what code he violated, it was vague except for the weeds. He stated he thought it was his longstanding tenant/landlord issue he is involved in. He feels this is money games played by the Borough. He stated he has put in an open records request and thought 5 days not 5 business days. He again thought this was being done for financial gains and certain people are and certain people are/aren't being targeted and the Borough is not playing fair. He stated 150 properties should be cited. Solicitor Pionzio advised Council that no response was necessary, Mr. Castro needs to seek his own legal advice if he does not think he is in violation. He stated he heard clearly and then pointed to Chief Gardner.

ADJOURNMENT

The July 25th, 2016 meeting of Borough Council was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred "Fred" Zollers
Borough Secretary

Transcribed by Assistant Borough Secretary Diane Hegele