

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

Borough Council Meeting

May 23, 2011

7:00 PM

Council Members Present: Marianne Reymer, President; Nancy Guenst, Vice President; Patricia Fleming, Aleta Ostrander, Vincent LaSorsa, Bill Tompkins, John Zygmunt and Mayor Norm Hawkes.

Also Present: Bill McCauley, Interim Borough Manager; Jim Gardner, Chief of Police; Fred Zollers, Director of Public Works; Jim Dougherty, Borough Engineer; Joe Reading, Deputy Fire Marshal; and Mike Savona, Borough Solicitor.

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by President Reymer at 7:04 PM.

Invocation- The invocation was led by Chief of Police, James Gardner. Chief Gardner requested a moment of silence for nine year old, Skyler Kauffman, the unfortunate victim of a brutal murder in Souderton earlier this month. Skyler was a former classmate of Chief Gardner's daughter.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Borough Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Treasurer Kalnajs noted that he had been successful in getting TD Bank to backdate interest to the Borough that had previously been misapplied.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Mayor Hawkes introduced his former student, Jeff, who he taught at the PA School for the Deaf.

MANAGER'S REPORT- Mr. McCauley reported to the Council that the code company the Borough was working with had requested the Recodification Ordinance be numbered 104, the Fire Code Amendment Ordinance be numbered 105. The Resolution being considered tonight will be 2011-07, if adopted.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT- Chief Gardner announced that Officers Swoyer and Paul had been recognized with an award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving for their efforts in arresting Drunk Drivers. Chief Gardner also reported that there has been no progress on the grant for a new radio system as Montgomery County has not determined what radios municipalities should purchase. The grant does not expire until March of 2012, so there is still some time to decide.

PUBLIC HEARING:

An Ordinance Creating a Comprehensive Amendment to the Hatboro Code of Ordinances.

The public hearing was opened by Council President Reymer and she turned the hearing over to the Borough Solicitor. Mike Savona explained that a public hearing on a recodification ordinance requires a full review and notice was advertised on May 8 and May 15 in the Intelligencer, a copy posted at the Montgomery County Law Library. There was no need to meet any advertising requirements in accordance with Act 511 for the minor amendments to the taxing ordinances.

Ron Battis asked what would happen to properties that no longer comply with the Borough Code as a result of the recodification ordinance. Mike Savona responded that they would be allowed to continue their present use as a non-conforming lot or use.

Bill Tompkins moved and Nancy Guenst seconded to close the public hearing. So voted.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

An Ordinance Amending the Fire Code to Add Two Designated Fire Lanes within the Borough of Hatboro.

John Zygmunt moved and Nancy Guenst seconded to adopt the ordinance amending the Fire Code to add two designated fire lanes within the Borough of Hatboro. John Zygmunt moved and Nancy Guenst seconded to amend the motion to add 237 Jacksonville Road as the location of the fire lanes. So voted on the subsidiary motion, unanimously. So voted on the original main motion. Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION:

The minutes of the May 9, 2011 Committee Meeting.

Bill Tompkins moved and John Zygmunt seconded to amend the proposed minutes by adding, “subject to ratification” to the end of the paragraph on page one, Administration, “Cresa Partners—Wachovia Bank Building Update” and the word, “Construction” to the agenda item, “Bids for Wachovia Parking Lot” on page two. So voted. Unanimous.

Bill Tompkins moved and John Zygmunt seconded to adopt the minutes of the May 9, 2011 Committee meeting as amended. So voted. Unanimous.

The minutes of the April 25, 2011 Council Meeting.

Nancy Guenst moved and Aleta Ostrander seconded to amend the proposed minutes to add, “noted that he” between Mr. Rich and filed on page 5 under Privilege of the Floor and to change the last sentence under Privilege of the Floor to, “Councilman Zygmunt noted on his time on the Hatboro-Horsham School Board every employee was ratified.” So voted. Unanimous.

Nancy Guenst moved and Aleta Ostrander seconded to adopt the minutes of April 25, 2011 as amended.

The minutes of the April 11, 2011 Committee Meeting.

Bill Tompkins moved and Nancy Guenst seconded to table the minutes of April 11, 2011. So voted with Marianne Reymer, Patricia Fleming, and Aleta Ostrander opposed.

Confirmation of Employees Hired in 2011.

Bill Tompkins moved and John Zygmunt seconded to confirm the hiring of the eight employees presented on the list to the Borough Council. So voted. Unanimous. (A copy of the list is attached to these minutes.)

Confirmation of 2011 Pool Employees.

Bill Tompkins moved and Aleta Ostrander seconded to confirm the hiring of the 2011 Pool Employees presented on the list to Borough Council. So voted. Unanimous. (A copy of the list is attached to these minutes.)

Invitation to Bid for Sale of 212 S. York Road.

Nancy Guenst moved and Aleta Ostrander seconded to authorize the re-advertisement of the sale of the property at 212 S. York Road. So voted. Unanimous.

FINANCE & COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

Warrant and Manual Check List:

Nancy Guenst moved and Aleta Ostrander seconded to the Warrant and Manual Check Lists. So voted. Unanimous.

Payment of Bills and Transfers:

Bill Tompkins moved and Nancy Guenst seconded to approve the payment of bills and transfers. So voted. Unanimous.

PARKS, RECREATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES:

Request from Pennypack School to Rent the Hatboro Pool on June 14, 2011:

John Zygmunt moved and Aleta Ostrander seconded to approve the request from the Pennypack School to rent the Hatboro Pool on June 14, 2011 for \$400. So voted. Unanimous.

Request from Greater Hatboro Chamber of Commerce to Waive Permit Fees for Miller Meadow, Summer Fun Festival & Carnival:

John Zygmunt moved and Vince LaSorsa seconded to approve the waiver of permit fees for the use of Miller Meadow by the Greater Hatboro Chamber of Commerce for the Summer Fun Festival & Carnival. So voted. Unanimous.

Bill Tompkins moved and Vince LaSorsa seconded to set the escrow fee at \$750 for the Greater Hatboro Chamber of Commerce for the Summer Fun Festival & Carnival. So voted. Unanimous.

Request from Elm Street for Funding to Install Playground Equipment at Tanner Park:

Aleta Ostrander moved and John Zygmunt seconded to approve the request from Elm Street for \$60,000 to install playground equipment at Tanner Park and move forward to the Hatboro Authority with their request. There was extensive discussion regarding this matter. Patty Fleming called the question. So voted with John Zygmunt, Vince LaSorsa, and Bill Tompkins opposed.

ZONING, PLANNING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION:

An Ordinance Creating a Comprehensive Amendment to the Hatboro Code of Ordinances:

Bill Tompkins moved and John Zygmunt seconded to adopt the ordinance creating a comprehensive amendment to the Hatboro Code of Ordinances. So voted. Unanimous.

A Resolution Establishing Certain Uniform Design & Construction Criteria for the Installation of Certain Public Improvements in the Borough of Hatboro:

Bill Tompkins moved and Aleta Ostrander seconded to adopt a resolution establishing certain uniform design and construction criteria for the installation of certain Public Improvements in the Borough of Hatboro. So voted. Unanimous.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Bids for the Wachovia Parking Lot:

Vince LaSorsa moved and Nancy Guenst seconded to accept the bid of Landtech Enterprises for \$78,798.00. So Voted. Unanimous.

Invitation to Bid for Wachovia Parking Lot Phase II:

Vince LaSorsa moved and Aleta Ostrander seconded to authorize the Borough Manager and staff to prepare and advertise bids for Wachovia Parking Lot Phase II. So voted. Unanimous.

The Council acknowledged the report from the Main Street Manager and complimented him on a job well done.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vince LaSorsa moved and Nancy Guenst seconded to consider a Council Capital Budget workshop on June 11, 2011 at 8:00PM. Patty Fleming moved and Aleta Ostrander amended the main motion to read a day in June. So voted on the subsidiary motion. So voted on the main motion. Council members shall provide available dates for the Capital Budget workshop.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Charlie Hess, of 33 James Road, expressed concerns about the volume and speed of traffic on James Road from people using his street as a cut through.

Amy Holden, of 12 James Road, provided information to the Director of Public Works regarding speed humps.

Bruce Hart, of 175 Lane Avenue, inquired when the traffic light project would be completed. The Borough Engineer responded that PennDOT was giving the end of July as the projected completion date.

Ron Battis inquired as to whether the fire alarm siren was still used to communicate severe weather to residents.

Nancy Guenst moved to adjourn. So voted. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37PM.