

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm, by President, Jeffery Wright, with the pledge of allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

In Attendance:

Michael Albert
Denaë House
Maria Marcinko
Brian Proctor
Steve Shaver
MaryJo Szada
Jeffery Wright

Mayor Thomas Acri
David A. Wion, Solicitor
Sara Gellatly, Borough Manager
Sylvia Brubacher

Absent:

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS:

There was no executive session held between meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT: AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None

PRESENTATIONS:

None

COMMUNICATION:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Wion – Resolution requesting a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Grant not to exceed \$250,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority – Mr. Wion stated that at the Council meeting last week Matt Cichy had presented in his report the review for a new potential grant funding under the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Projects. Up to \$250,000 could be awarded per project and the matching fund requirement of not less than 15% is required. The Borough authorized moving ahead to attempt to secure the funding through a grant. One of the requirements of that funding is that we adopt a resolution, which is before you and is Resolution 2014-R-9. We are resolving to request a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Grant in the amount not to exceed \$250,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority. A motion was made by Mr. Albert to approve Resolution 2014-R-9, seconded by Mr. Proctor and approved unanimously by all present.

Ms. Gellatly – Streetscape Curb Cut Discussion - Mr. Wright advised that this meeting was called to discuss this matter, which involves the request by business owners in the Streetscape Phase II Project Area to have curb cuts installed to allow access to their businesses. Each Council member may speak about the item and at the conclusion of comments a roll call vote will be taken. Mr. Proctor stated that he believes that each business should have one curb, which would be a total of three. Ms. Szada stated that some years ago when the redevelopment plan was set up, it was set up with a purpose in mind in the way we want everything to look. If the economy improves and we have a developer come in, we would want them to develop it the way we originally planned. So she believes we should leave the curbs the way we originally planned it, with no changes. Mr. Shaver made comments about a proposed supermarket and the changes to streetscapes that were planned at that time. His biggest concern is that right now we are getting about \$24,000 a year for those properties. The cost of the pre-cuts is \$40,000. A discussion was held. Ms. Marcinko stated that when proposed last week, she looked at the proposal specifically as a monetary issue and what would happen in the future. We have two options tonight before us, cut or don't cut. Ms. Marcinko stated that it will be upwards of \$22,000 of general fund money because we have no expectation to know if additional monies will be needed. We never had any expectation of renting those properties. So we have the opportunity to lease them for 30 days. She is taking the individuals out of equation and thinking of all tax payers and does not think we should put this on the tax payers. Ms. House stated that Mr. Beaden is requesting that the entrance remains the same, which is access from 230, but improved. Ms. House asked if there a decision made from the \$25,000 made from the sale of the vehicles. Ms. House stated that maybe we could consider the \$25,000 from the sale of the vehicles. She also stated that we need to be more friendly to the people that are trying to do business here. Mr. Cichy advised that the estimated increase in construction cost to put the three driveway access points in is approximately \$22,700, Plus the engineering fees associated with the drawings and coordinating the work with PennDot, around \$2,000. The project would be delayed up to six weeks. The biggest delay is getting the additional material and coordinating with PennDot. Mr. Acri stated that he does not understand why it will take six weeks for PennDOT to do their work, and could not believe the contractor cannot continue working while waiting for PennDot. He stated that he believes that we should cut them and he supports anything that happens. Mr. Wright stated that he feels that we should go with two cut outs. A motion was made by Mr. Proctor to amend the plans to provide two cut outs, seconded by Ms. House.

Roll Call Vote:

Albert	Aye	House	Aye	Marcinko	Nay
Proctor	Aye	Shaver	Aye	Szada	Nay
Wright	Aye				

A motion was made by Mr. Proctor to allow HRG to make the final determination of the location for the additional cut out to provide the most street lighting with regards to the redesign that we approved, seconded by Mr. Albert. A vote was taken:

Ayes: Mr. Albert, Ms. House, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Shaver, Mr. Wright

Nayes: Ms. Marcinko, Ms. Szada

The motion passed with five affirmative votes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None

COUNCIL'S CONCERNS:

Mr. Albert – thanked everyone for all of the cards and phone calls regarding the loss of his mother.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Wright advised that Council would be recessing into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and personnel issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business before Council, on a motion made by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Proctor, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Respectively Submitted:

Sara Gellatly
Borough Secretary