

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF CAMP HILL

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 12, 2002

2145 WALNUT STREET, PROSSER HALL

CAMP HILL, PENNSYLVANIA

Council President Rathbun called the public meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were:

Christine Rathbun, Deborah Keys, Richard A. McBride, James J. Ramsey, R. Burke McLemore, Jeffrey F. Smith

Also present were Douglas Morrow, Mayor; Edward J. Knittel, Borough Manager; Tim Moro, Assistant Borough Manager; G. Jan Ammons, Police Chief; Donn L. Snyder, Solicitor; Dylan P. Dayton, Assistant Solicitor; and Lori A. B. Zerbe, Recorder.

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 8, 2002 were presented. Upon motion of Mr. McLemore, seconded by Mrs. Keys, the minutes were unanimously approved as amended as follows:

PUBLIC SAFETY

The May minutes should have reflected a correction to the public safety section of the April minutes – the cones on 25th Street by Devon Road "could be replaced" not "would be replaced".

MAYOR'S REPORT

"Mayor Morrow reviewed the monthly activities and distributed his report as well as the police report. Both reports are made part of the minutes. The Mayor extended congratulations to the Chief of Police and the entire Police Department for their part in the recent mock drill held at the Borough Park. Mayor Morrow stated that a young man has contacted him and would like to do work at Willow Park in order to obtain his Eagle Scout. The Mayor recommended he contact the Parks and Recreation Committee for more information. There was discussion concerning storage needs of the Camp Hill HorseShoe Pitching Club, Lions Club and Scouts. President Rathbun suggested Mr. Smith and the Mayor work with the representatives of the Clubs and report back to Council."

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor presented his monthly report which is made part of the minutes. The Mayor informed Council that Harrisburg Magazine voted the Borough as one of best places to live. He also made note of a letter that he received complimenting the Police Department for their Patrol efforts. He also discussed some of the details surrounding a meeting with Delta Development for a sanitary grant for Parks and Recreation and he will pass the information along to the Borough Manager.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Borough Manager reviewed current projects and presented his monthly report, which are made part of the minutes. The Assistant Borough Manager's report was also presented and is made part of the minutes. The Borough Manager reported that the meetings with PennDOT are ongoing. There will be survey work done on 21st Street and the Camp Hill Bypass 2004/2005. Mr. Smith questioned the need for a light at Holy Spirit Hospital and Ridge Road for a left-hand turn lane onto Ridge Road. The Borough Manager reported that East Pennsboro owns a part of that road and has made known their objection and PennDOT would not approve as is. It was suggested that Council send a letter to PennDOT regarding the possibility of light sequencing at Ridge and 21st Street with the left turn lane. Mr. Smith made a motion to draft a letter, Mr. McLemore seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

VISITORS

Mrs. Gher – 3000 Columbia Avenue – reported that the lighting at ADM is improving. There is to be a silencer installed in July. She wanted to express her concerns regarding the Memorial Day parade – she feels that the young kids should be at the beginning and not at the end, there were too many cars and there were 2 slow spots. She also had a question regarding the guest passes for the pool. The Manager responded that residents do need to be there but need not be a member. She was curious about the funds that were raised from the sale of hot dogs – Mr. Knittel informed her that the money raised from the sale of the hot dogs goes to Parks and Recreation.

Wanda Dormyer – 2003 Princeton Avenue – she has returned after a tragic accident and wanted to report on the great job done by ambulance crew when she reported to her house the day of the accident. She wanted to ask the Borough to promote identification cards for the older residents of the Borough. She has pictures from the sewer project on Princeton Avenue as well as the installation of the light poles on Princeton.

Mrs. Ilda Stanke – 100 N. 23rd Street – She was there to explain to Council the American in Bloom project and how it is being handled in the Borough. There will be national recognition with this project and there will be a community gathering at the Borough Hall on August 2 from 5-9. The Mayor urged Council members to attend.

Chris Hartman – 138 N. 23rd Street – he was there assisting Ms. Stanke with her presentation and to help earn his communications badge by taking notes of the Council meeting.

Rob Marsters - 109 24th Street – he was there to comment on the parking needs of the Episcopal church in Willow Park. Council informed him that a solution is being sought with the church and that the neighbors in that area would be consulted.

PARK AND RECREATION

Mr. Smith distributed copies of the monthly report, which is made part of the minutes. There were no additional comments.

An ordinance regarding Seibert Park use has been properly advertised. Mr. Smith objects to the ordinance because he feels it extends the time too long and considers it to be ill-advised so he deferred to Mr. McLemore to move the adoption of this ordinance. Mr. McLemore made a motion to approve this ordinance, Mr. McBride seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken and with a 5 to 1 in favor of the ordinance it was so approved.

Mr. Knittel reported that the engineer report from Gannett could not identify any major problems with the pool. Some minor repairs have been made and others will happen at the end of the season. They are still monitoring the water level in the pool to check for leakage.

The Mayor thanked the Borough Manager and the Borough Staff for handling the opening of the pool.

At this point in the meeting Ms. Rathbun excused herself and with Mr. Forrey not in attendance, Mr. McLemore served as President pro tempore.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Mr. Ramsey distributed copies of the monthly report, which is made part of the minutes. There were no additional comments.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mr. McLemore distributed copies of various announcements. It was noted that Mr. Lylo and Mr. Rathbun have resigned as a members of the Shade Tree Commission. Council is looking for new members and can accept up to 5 new members.

Mr. McLemore reported on the conditional use request for a special exception from the April meeting by Susan Fritchman, Esquire to use 2807 Market Street for a law office – this request for conditional use was approved at the conditional use hearing held prior to the regular meeting of Council.

Mr. McLemore reported on the Cable TV franchise change of control resolution and presented the proposed transfer resolution for adoption. Mr. McBride made a motion to adopt the proposed resolution, Ms. Keys seconded the motion. There was discussion by Mr. Smith who is opposed to the resolution. The Borough Manager explained that this resolution was regarding the change in ownership and had nothing to do with customer service issues. Motion passed with Mr. Smith opposing.

It was reported that there have been some issues with power outages throughout the Borough. Mr. Knittel will contact PP&L and investigate the possible causes.

Information was provided regarding the Cedar Run Watershed Stormwater Management Plan. DEP has devised a Plan to reduce pollutants and the Borough needs to comply with this Plan. There is no action needed by Council at this time but the information will need to be reviewed and any appropriate action will need to be taken in order for the Borough to comply by November 22, 2002. Any ordinance changes for compliance will go to Zoning for handling.

The Tri-County Regional Planning Transportation Improvement Program is being reviewed and information has been attached hereto and made part of this meetings minutes. This program could provide up to \$75,000 in grant money and could be used to improve the crosswalks at 24th, 22nd, and 21st Streets.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Police and Fire Department reports were provided and made part of these minutes. The fire truck is back from rehab and will be moved to the Fire Museum in Harrisburg for 12 months.

There has been a request for handicap parking at 17th and State Streets. Chief Ammons recommended the ordinance to provide for both a no parking zone and a handicap parking space. Mr. McBride moved to advertise the ordinance as proposed by the Chief to be voted on at the next meeting, Mr. Ramsey seconded this motion for advertising and the motion was unanimously approved.

There was discussion regarding a request from a resident behind the mall at March and April Streets to have a traffic study conducted and possibly a stop sign installed. Chief Ammons indicated the study did not warrant a stop sign because there is no speed and no accident history. It was suggested that these results be shared with the inquiring resident.

PLANNING & ZONING

Mrs. Keys distributed copies of the monthly report, which is made part of these minutes. She noted the next meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission will be June 18, 2002.

Mrs. Keys provided an update of the ordinance wording, including a price estimate. The proposal is

attached. The Borough can use \$10,000 of grant money toward this project and it will take about one year to complete. Mr. Knittel and Mr. Snyder have investigated the company providing the proposal, URDC, and found it to be highly regarded. The general feeling of the Council was that this is a modest price for the work involved in the language change for the ordinances. If the grant money is received, then the recommendation will be made to go forward with the project. The Borough should know in June or July whether or not the grant money will be available.

Mrs. Keys suggested that there be a fee schedule change for the processing of zoning applications. This will be a topic of discussion at the July meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Ramsey distributed copies of the monthly report, which is made part of the minutes.

VOUCHERS

Vouchers in the amount of \$153,711.31 were approved for payment on motion by Mr. McBride, seconded by Mr. McLemore.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

EDWARD J. KNITTEL, SECRETARY
