

**SPECIAL MEETING
CAMP HILL BOROUGH
COUNCIL 6/29/2021
6:30 PM**

AGENDA

- Interviews and Consideration of Appointment to Fill a Borough Council Vacancy

June 17, 2021

Ms. Sara Gibson
Borough Manager
2145 Walnut Street
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Dear Ms. Gibson:

In response to the announcement about Borough Council seeking applications to fill a vacant seat, I am writing to express my interest to serve with Members throughout the remainder of the current calendar year.

In attending countless Council and committee meetings since 2018, I have gained an understanding of Council's powers and duties, the issues that affect our Borough community, as well as capital improvement projects and the fiscal resources with which they are completed. Oftentimes, I offer public comment or send an email to be considered pertaining to an agenda item.

To further my knowledge about the office of a borough council member, I have participated in sessions held by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, attending the association's 2019 and 2021 conferences. Council's responsibility and authority, as I know it, includes the enactment of legislation, exercising financial stewardship, regulating land use, and providing for public services. As prescribed by Pennsylvania's Borough Code, Council is empowered to adopt ordinances and regulations in the interest of the health, safety and general welfare of our residents.

My genuine and ongoing interest reflected in my meeting attendance and pursuit of learning opportunities, combined with my educational and professional background, including postsecondary degrees in Public Policy and twenty plus years in government relations and public affairs, makes me ready to serve with Council. I also demonstrate a deep commitment to contributing to our community's success, having volunteered with Camp Hill Little League, the Parent Teacher Organization, and The Lion Foundation.

With six months remaining on this term, Council and our community would be well served by someone who is informed, listens fairly, thinks critically, and understands the importance of balancing the needs of every resident with the present and future needs of our borough. Those are the attributes I bring to being a mother, resident, professional, and volunteer within our community, and that's how I would serve on Council, if appointed.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide additional information regarding my interest to fill the Council vacancy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JH', written in a cursive style.

Jennifer Hoover

MERCEDES EVANS

June 21, 2021

Camp Hill Borough Council
2145 Walnut Street
Camp Hill, PA 17011

RE: 2021 Camp Hill Borough Council Vacancy

Dear Borough Council,

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit my application for consideration to fill the vacant Camp Hill Borough Council position ending on December 31, 2021. This position highlights some of my core strengths including the management of public meetings and understanding Sunshine Act regulations. In college I excelled in state and local government courses where I learned to research and analyze complicated policy, which is a practical skill in understanding the nuances of enacting ordinances and resolutions. In addition, with my 14+ years of experience in the public sector as an Administrator, I have developed the political acumen necessary to regularly navigate sensitive and confidential matters similar to what the council regularly handles.

Since moving to Camp Hill I have taken an active role in engaging with the community and I attend a variety of Council and Committee meetings. I am fluent in Spanish and can serve as a liaison between the council and the Spanish speaking community of Camp Hill. My personal schedule allows for the additional responsibilities I would absorb as a borough council member and I am committed to a standard of excellence in the work I produce and collaborate with.

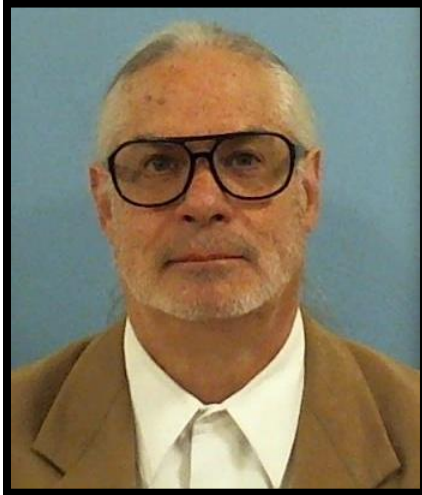
Thank you for the opportunity to apply for the vacant Camp Hill Borough Council position. I will attend the Special Meeting on June 29, 2021 and look forward to speaking with you at that time. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 717-303-3932.

Sincerely,



Mercedes Evans

BIOGRAPHY



B.Sc., The Pennsylvania State University, 1973

Freelance Recording Engineer, NYC, NY, 1974-1984

Acoustician, Environmental Division, Gannett Fleming, Inc. 1985-1996

President (Retired), Environmental Acoustics, Inc. 1996-2012

Sr. Consultant, Performing Arts Theatre System Design, Architectural and Environmental Acoustics, Gannett Fleming, Inc., 2012-2019

Adjunct Professor, Physics of Sound / Architectural Acoustics, PHY 205, Lebanon Valley College 2017-present

PERSONAL:

Resident of Camp Hill Borough since 1999. Residence located at 445 Appletree Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE:

Appointed to, and voted Chairman of, the Susquehanna Twp. Planning Commission, mid-1990's. Served in an advisory capacity to the Board of Commissioners [ca. 1995-97]. Responsibilities included advising the Board of Supervisors in matters relating to planning and zoning, reviewing and making recommendations on subdivisions and land development applications, planning modules, developing and updating the Township Comprehensive Plan and reviewing proposed ordinances related to the planning function.

PROFESSIONAL WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE:

Sr. Recording Engineer and Operations Manager of the Schoolhouse Recording Studio, Westport, Connecticut from 1976-1984. Responsible for three (3) Muddy Waters Grammy Award Winning Blues Records (all releases on Blue Sky Records, CBS) including the classic 'Hard Again', 1977 - 78, 1980. Other notable Artists recorded include: Edgar Winter (2); Johnny Winter (3), 38 Special (2); Cyndi Lauper; Harrisburg's own Dan Hartman (2); Foghat; Rick Derringer (2) w/ Neil Giraldo (Pat Benatar), Sonny Terry & Willie Dixon; Allen Merrill; and locally, jazz with 3rd Stream (Professor Strohm) (1) and 'Just Friends...' recordings (2), The Sharks, Kings and Queens, and many, many, others.

30+ Years' experience in Architectural Acoustics, Theatre Systems Design, Binaural Post Processing Auralization (3D Immersion), HVAC sound and vibration control. Theatre Systems design included Performance Audio and Digital Audio Networks, Theatrical Lighting and Control Systems, Manual and Automated Stage Rigging, Theatrical Stage Curtains and IMAG / Broadcast Video.

EDUCATION EXPERIENCE:

At Lebanon Valley College, developed extensive college level curriculum consisting of Lesson Plans, Worksheets, Applications, and On-line Quizzes. The course introduces fundamental principles and applications of physics related to architectural acoustics in simple acoustic envelopes. Course content focuses on how to blend a basic knowledge of acoustics into art, architecture and science in a performance based approach emphasizing the procedures necessary to discover, learn, and apply the principles necessary to achieve development goals.

OTHER EXPERIENCE:

President of the Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Protective Association, Mechanicsburg, PA, 2008-2012. Oversaw Implementation of IP-based security systems and habitat improvements.

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS:

A Space With A Purpose, Church Production Magazine, July/August 2005.

Sound Competitor (Convergence in Emergent Performance Technologies), Systems Contractor News, March 2005.

More Than A Sanctuary, Sound & Video Contractor, November 2002.

Reflections of Perfection, Acoustic Design for Speech Intelligibility, Church Production Magazine, Sept-Oct 1999.

Avoiding Acoustic Reflections, Systems Contractor News, December 1999.

The Use of 3D Visualization Techniques In the Acoustical Design Of A New Sanctuary, Central Pennsylvania Chapter of AIA, January 1996.

Paper No. 920701, *Measurement, Analysis and Validation of the Tire/Pavement Interface Noise Source*, Session 117, The Annual Meeting of the National Transportation Research Board, Washington, D.C., January 1992.

Paper No. 920738, *Measurement and Analysis of the Shift in the 1/1 Octave Frequency Spectrum and Mean Emission Level Of Individual Passbys On Various Pavement Types*, Session 117, The Annual Meeting of the National Transportation Research Board, Washington, D.C., January 1992.

An Investigation of the Psychoacoustic Effects of a Rapid Shift in Frequency and Intensity of the Noise Source for Adjacent Sections of Transverse Grooved Concrete and Open Graded Asphalt Pavement, Summer Meeting of the National Transportation Research Board, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1991.

Part I: Measurement, Analysis and Calibration of the Tire/Pavement Interface Noise Source Levels.

Part II: Measurement and Analysis of the 1/1 Octave Band Frequency Spectrum of Individual Vehicle Passbys.

An Investigation of the Psychoacoustic Effects of Frequency Shift in Environmentally Sensitive Areas for Category A Noise Levels or Less. Summer Meeting of the National Transportation Research Board, Honolulu, Hawaii, 1990.

STAMPLOT: A Microcomputer-based Graphics Support Program for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Noise Prediction Model STAMINA2.0. Summer Meeting of the National Transportation Research Board, Seattle, Washington, 1988.