

COUNCIL MEETING

June 14, 2017

In attendance:

Council

Deborah Tustin
Tom Johnson
Mark McCouch
W. William Whiteside
Gregory S. Nesbitt

Staff

William T. Walker - Township Manager
Mary Eberle, Esq. - Solicitor
Russ Dunlevy, PE - Engineer
Mark Hudson – Director of Administration

President Tustin opened the Council meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance at 8:04 PM in the Township Building, 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA.

President Tustin explained the Township is continuing to recognize all the local civic organizations in the township as part of the Tri-Centennial. Mr. Walker emphasized the importance to recognize organizations in our community that make a difference through their efforts and contributions they make every day to create a better quality of life here in our community. Mr. Walker reviewed the June Recognitions for the Tri-centennial Local Civic Organizations as follows:

Greater Horsham Chamber of Commerce – accepting was JoAnne Zapata, President, and Mary Dare, Vice President

Friends of the Horsham Dog Park – accepting was Cathie Tomassone, President

Horsham Preservation and Historical Association – accepting was Peter Choate, Executive Director

Senior Adult Activities Center of Montgomery County – accepting was Linda Collins, Director

Society of St. Vincent De Paul – accepting was Susan Glover, President

Ms. Tustin asked for questions or comments from the public. There were none.

Mr. Walker informed Council that the Township has received 2nd place in the 2017 PennDot Build a Better Mousetrap Competition. It is a statewide competitive award program that recognizes innovative inventions and improvements. Mr. Dennis Haggerty, Director of Public Works, was present and gave a PowerPoint presentation on their entry, The L.A.W. (Lift Assist for Wheels).

Mr. Walker announced several recognitions received by Horsham Township over the last month. He stated that he is proud of the work the Township does to make Horsham such a desirable place to work and live.

- Realtor Magazine recognized Horsham Township as one of the Top 10 Best Places in America for Families to Live based on quality schools and home prices
- Lendedu recognized Horsham Township as one of the safest towns in Pennsylvania in 2017.
- Millennial Personal Finance recognized Horsham Township as one of the Best Cities/Towns for Millennials in Pennsylvania

Mr. Walker explained that he had been contacted by a resident, Dr. Craig Kesack, regarding legislative and congressional redistricting reform. Dr. Kesack was present and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the need to reform how legislative and congressional redistricting is done. After the presentation Council asked questions and had discussion.

- Lisa Cellini, Mary Gallagher, Mike Rodin, Sean McClosky and Nancy Dull all made comments to supporting the need for redistricting reform.

Mr. Walker updated Council on the PFC water issue in Horsham. Ms. Theresa Funk, Horsham Water and Sewer Authority Engineer, also was present to update Council and answer any questions. Attached to these minutes is the PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Township Council concerning the minutes. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, second by Mr. Whiteside to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker provided the Treasurer's Report for May 2017. He reported that the balance in the General Fund as of May 31, 2017 is \$ 6,677,241.75.

Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the List of Checks. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, second by Mr. McCouch to approve the List of Checks in all funds in the amount of \$ 1,213,644.65 and to further move to authorize payment of same. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the ratification of checks in the General fund. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, second by Mr. McCouch to ratify the List of Checks in the General Fund in the amount of \$2,163.17. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the credit card transactions. It was moved by Mr. McCouch, second by Mr. Whiteside to approve the credit card transactions from January thru May in the amount of \$ 10,922.31 and further move to authorize payment of same. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the Thomas Sorrentino, 1256 Horsham Road Conditional Use application. It was moved by Mr. McCouch, second by Mr. Whiteside to grant conditional use approval to the 1256 Horsham Road application. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Johnson – Aye
Mr. McCouch – Aye
Mr. Whiteside – Aye
Ms. Tustin – Aye
Mr. Nesbitt-Aye
Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Walker presented the Horsham Mill LP, 720 Blair Mill Road land development application (17-3-D) for review. Ms. Julie Von Spreckelsen, Esq. presented the plans on behalf of the applicant. Council reviewed the plans and provided comments. There was discussion regarding a pedestrian route from the property behind through the 720 Blair Mill Road property to Blair Mill Road.

Mr. Walker and Ms. Eberle reviewed the proposed zoning ordinance and map to amend the Horsham Township Zoning Ordinance. Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the proposed Ordinance. It was moved by Mr. McCouch, second by Mr. Nesbitt to introduce an Ordinance amending the zoning ordinance Chapter 230 to amend the regulations, pertaining to Article IV, General Provisions, Article V, Performance Standards, Article X, R-4 residential district, Article XXI, GC-2 General Commercial and Highway Commercial District and to amend the zoning map relative to 2 parcels zoned I-2. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Johnson – Aye
Mr. McCouch – Aye
Mr. Whiteside – Aye
Ms. Tustin – Aye
Mr. Nesbitt-Aye
Motion passed unanimously

Ms. Tustin asked for the will of Council concerning the Zoning Ordinance amendment. It was moved by Mr. McCouch, second by Mr. Nesbitt to adopt the Resolution as proposed establishing Monday, July 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. as the date and time for a public hearing on amending the regulations pertaining to Article IV, General Provisions, Article V, Performance Standards, Article X, R-4 residential district, Article XXI, GC-2 General Commercial and Highway Commercial District and to amend the zoning map relative to 2 parcels zoned I-2. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Johnson – Aye
Mr. McCouch – Aye
Mr. Whiteside – Aye
Ms. Tustin – Aye
Mr. Nesbitt-Aye
Motion passed unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:23PM.