

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 13, 2009

The session was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the President of Council, Ralph DiGuseppe.

Council offered a moment of silent prayer.

The Council then proceeded to salute the flag.

Present were:

Mr. James Lutz	Mr. Anthony Muccie
Mr. Michael Harris	Mr. Patrick Sabatini
Ms. Robyn Trunell	Mr. Ralph DiGuseppe
Ms. Betty Rodriguez	

Absent—Leo Plenski, Jr.

Also present were:

Mayor Joseph Saxton
Mr. James Dillon, Borough Manager
Mr. William Salerno, Borough Solicitor
Chief Arnold Porter, Police Chief
Mr. Herbert Slack, Fire Chief
Mrs. Maria Fields, Administrator

Mayor Saxton presented a Proclamation recognizing Shawn Foley for being the Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class at Conwell-Egan High School.

Council Member Michael Harris presented a Proclamation recognizing Robert Leonhauser for being the Salutatorian of the 2009 graduating class at Conwell-Egan High School.

Chief Porter and Mayor Saxton presented a Certificate of Commendation to the following police officers in recognition of their accomplishments in the field of Narcotics Enforcement in Bristol Borough culminating in numerous arrests and convictions: Sgt. Randy Morris (Supervisor), Sgt. Joseph Moors (not in attendance), Patrolman William Davis, Patrolman James Ellis, Patrolman Dino Lepore, and Patrolman Elifa Soto.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chris Chapman, 355 Washington Street, questioned his brother's arrest.

Elliott Lopez, 636 Point Street, complained about blacktop on his sidewalk from the Road Program.

Thomas Kilbourne, 701 Corson Street, complained about the water in front of his house after it was paved and the condition of the gutter.

John Smith, 230 Monroe Street, questioned the issuing of handicap parking signs. He also asked why African American Day was cancelled.

Anthony Cantiello, 339 Hayes Street, stated the Borough Police Department is corrupt.

Angela Cantiello, 339 Hayes Street, requested "Slow-Children at Play" signs be placed on Trenton Avenue near the stop sign to slow down the vehicles.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Mr. Harris (Mr. Muccie) moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 8, 2009, the Special Public Hearing of July 6, 2009, and the Council Work Session of July 6, 2009 as printed. Unanimous

Mr. Harris (Mr. Muccie) moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of May as printed. Unanimous

Mr. Harris (Mr. Muccie) moved to accept the Police & D.J.'s Report as printed. Unanimous

Mr. Harris (Mr. Muccie) moved to accept the Fire Chief's Report as printed. Unanimous

Mr. Harris (Mr. Muccie) moved to accept the Borough Inspector's Report as printed. Unanimous

Mr. Harris (Mr. Muccie) moved to accept the H.A.R.B. Report and Decisions of June 29, 2009 as printed. Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

3. MOTION - APPROVE CONTRIBUTION OF \$10,000 TO BRISTOL RIVERSIDE THEATRE.

Ms. Trunell (Mr. Muccie) moved to approve contribution of \$10,000 to the Bristol Riverside Theatre to be paid from the Recreation Account.

Mr. Lutz asked that the contribution be made part of the Budget in the future.

The motion was carried unanimously.

4. MOTION - APPROVE HISTORIC BRISTOL BOROUGH WATERFRONT MASTER PLAN PREPARED BY LANGAN ENGINEERING.

Ms. Rodriguez (Mr. Sabatini) moved to approve Historic Bristol Borough Waterfront Master Plan prepared by Langan Engineering.

Unanimous

5. MOTION - AUTHORIZE FILING OF A SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE PIDCOCK-MILL WATERSHED PROTECTION FLOOD PREVENTION PROGRAM (PL83-566).

Mr. Sabatini (Ms. Trunell) moved to authorize filing of a sponsorship application for the Pidcock-Mill Watershed Protection Flood Prevention Program (PL83-566).

Mr. Salerno explained the filing of the application is to help fund the Waterfront Project.

The motion was carried unanimously.

6. MOTION - AUTHORIZE FILING OF AN APPLICATION UNDER THE STATE GROWING GREENER GRANT PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WATERFRONT, MARSH AREA.

Ms. Rodriguez (Ms. Trunell) moved to authorize filing of an application under the State Growing Greener Grant Program for improvements to Waterfront, Marsh area.

Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

**7. MOTION - AUTHORIZE ADDING 36 STREET SEGMENTS TO THE
2009 ROAD PROGRAM.**

Mr. Muccie (Mr. Sabatini) moved to authorize adding 36 street segments to the 2009 Road Program.

Mr. DiGuissepe stated the project cost will remain within \$2,000,000.

Mr. Lutz opposed the motion.

The motion was carried 6-1.

**8. RESOLUTION - AMENDING THE BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHED-
ULE BY REDUCING THE COST FOR PERMITS.**

Mr. Muccie (Mr. Sabatini) moved to adopt the Resolution amending the Building Permit Fee schedule by reducing the cost for permits. Unanimous

**9. RESOLUTION - TERMINATING THE SWAP OPTIONS WITH
WACHOVIA BANK-GORDON WALKER, FINANCIAL
ADVISOR.**

Mr. Harris (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to adopt the Resolution terminating the Swap Options with Wachovia Bank.

Mr. Gordon Walker, the Borough's Financial Advisor, explained the Swap Options with Wachovia Bank. He recommended the Borough adopt the Resolution to terminate one or two options in early September.

A question and answer period as well as a discussion followed.

The motion to adopt the Resolution was carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION

Mayor Saxton commented on the success of Movie Night held on July 10, 2009 and thanked Borough Council for the funding and all the organizations that helped make it a success.

Ms. Trunell (Mr. Sabatini) moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Unanimous