

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

The session was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by the President of Council, Ralph DiGuiseppe.

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. Leo Plenski, Jr.
Ms. Betty Rodriguez	Mr. Ralph DiGuiseppe

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

Mr. DiGuiseppe noted the donation request of the Christmas Parade Committee on the Agenda will be Item #11.

Mr. DiGuiseppe introduced Holy Family University Athletic Director Sandy Michael.

Ms. Michael thanked Borough Council for use of the Softball Field in their time of need and the University will be happy to reciprocate if necessary. She also mentioned the University would be happy to do a softball clinic for the students in the Borough.

Mr. DiGuiseppe informed the public an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting this evening to discuss personnel.

Mr. Muccie (Mr. Harris) moved to suspend the rules of Council to add an item to the Agenda. Unanimous

Mr. Muccie (Mr. Plenski) moved to accept the resignation of Samuel Anderson from the Borough Police Department effective September 5, 2008.

Ms. Trunell abstained because she is a member of the Bristol Borough Civil Commission.

The motion was carried 7-0 with 1 abstention.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Diane Hoffner, 700 Second Avenue, asked that a one-way street sign be placed on Clear Street.

Edward Crossan, 1242 Pine Grove Street, Jack McDonald, 1240A Pine Grove Street (Anchor Yacht Club member), Amy McIlvaine, 918 Radcliffe Street, Rich Hart of Levittown (Anchor Yacht Club member), Lynn Morris, 75 Manor Circle (Anchor Yacht Club member), commented about a boat ramp being installed at the former Bristol Steel Treating property on Pine Grove Street.

A discussion was held regarding the boat ramp. It was noted that Langan Engineering was hired by the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority through the recommendation of Borough Council to do a study of the waterfront. A Steering Committee has been appointed as part of the study. Nothing has been decided and Public Hearings will be held.

Mr. DiGuseppe appointed Edward Crossan, Amy McIlvaine, and Lynn Morris to the Historic Bristol Borough Waterfront Steering Committee.

Mr. DiGuseppe announced the second public meeting regarding the Daylighting of the Delaware Canal will be on Wednesday, September 10, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Hall.

Mr. DiGuseppe recessed the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

All members of Council were present.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Mr. Harris (Mr. Muccie) moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 11, 2008 and the Council Work Session of September 2, 2008 as printed. Unanimous

Mr. Lutz referred to the Council Work Session minutes of September 2, 2008. He said there were several items he had brought up at the meeting and the items were not reflected in the minutes. Mr. Lutz stated he will prepare a letter for the changes to the minutes.

Mr. Harris (Mr. Muccie) moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 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 of August 25, 2008 and September 4, 2008 as printed. Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

**3. MOTION - AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN PENNSYLVANIA
ECONOMY LEAGUE STATE STUDY PER PEL LETTER
DATED 8-29-08.**

Ms. Trunell (Mr. Sabatini) moved to authorize participation in Pennsylvania Economy League State Study per Pennsylvania Economy League letter dated 8-29-08 in the amount of \$2,700.00.

Mr. Dillon read portions of the letter of 8-29-08 from PEL which reflects positively on the credibility of the Council. He added Council should be proud of the Borough receiving the invitation from PEL and the study should help all of the municipalities in the Commonwealth.

The motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

4. **MOTION - ACCEPT LANDMARK TOWNS BOROUGH OF BRISTOL
FACADE PROGRAM GUIDELINES.**

Mr. Plenski (Mr. Sabatini) moved to accept Landmark Towns Borough of Bristol Facade Program Guidelines. Unanimous

5. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE FILING OF GRANT APPLICATION WITH
DCED FOR LANDMARK TOWNS FACADE PROGRAM.**

Mr. Harris (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to authorize filing of grant application with DCED for Landmark Towns Facade Program. Unanimous

6. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE TECHNICAL AGREEMENT FOR WEBSITE
DESIGN AND HOSTING SOLUTION WITH THE CARIOS
GROUP, INC.**

Ms. Rodriguez (Mr. Plenski) moved to authorize technical agreement for website design and hosting solution with The Carios Group, Inc. Unanimous

7. **MOTION - APPROVE PRELIMINARY/FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT
FOR AQUA PENNSYLVANIA, INC. FOR BUCKS COUNTY
TAX PARCEL #4-6-18 AND #4-6-18.4-EXPIRATION
9-17-08.**

Mr. Harris (Ms. Trunell) moved to approve Preliminary/Final Land Development for Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. for Bucks County Tax Parcel #4-6-18 and #4-6-18.4-Expiration 9-17-08.

Mr. Harris noted that three waivers requested by Aqua have been granted by Council in lieu of a one-time voluntary contribution of \$15,000.00.

The motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

8. RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR 2009.

Mr. Plenski (Mr. Sabatini) moved to adopt the Resolution authorizing the filing of the Community Development application for 2009 in the amount of \$184,100.00.

It was recommended the funds be used to create a playground on Jefferson Avenue at the athletic fields and to improve the current playgrounds.

The motion to adopt the Resolution was carried unanimously.

9. RESOLUTION - APPROVING 2009 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION FOR THE POLICE PENSION FUND.

Ms. Trunell (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to approve the 2009 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension Fund. Unanimous

10. RESOLUTION - APPROVING 2009 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION FOR THE NON-UNIFORMED PENSION FUND.

Ms. Trunell (Mr. Plenski) moved to adopt the Resolution approving the 2009 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Non-Uniformed Pension Fund. Unanimous

11. MOTION - DONATION REQUEST OF CHRISTMAS PARADE COMMITTEE.

Ms. Rodriguez (Mr. Sabatini) moved to authorize donation request of Christmas Parade Committee in the amount of \$2,500.00. Unanimous

Mr. Sabatini (Mr. Muccie) moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Unanimous