

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 14, 2008

The session was called to order at 7:08 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. Patrick Sabatini
Mr. Michael Harris	Mr. Leo Plenski, Jr.
Ms. Betty Rodriguez	Mr. Ralph DiGuseppe
Ms. Anthony Muccie	

Absent—Ms. Trunell, Mayor Saxton

Also present were:

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

Council Member Betty Rodriguez presented Certificates of Achievement to the following team members, Manager, and Coach for winning the District 21 Softball Championship: Alyssa Adams, Maya Alicea, Tianna Brewington, Rachel Cortez, Olivia DeMidio, Deseree Fanchetti, Deja Newkirk, Kate Santana, Marley Sutterly, Katlyn VanDoren, Alexandria Vega, Manager Scott Fabiano, and Coach Jim Brinkerhoff.

Mr. DiGuseppe stated Council will dispense with the normal order of business and act on Item #3 on the Agenda.

**3. RESOLUTION - ESTABLISHING SATURAY, OCTOBER 18, 2008
AS HISTORIC BRISTOL DAY.**

Ms. Rodriguez read the Resolution establishing Saturday, October 18, 2008, as Historic Bristol Day.

ITEM #3 CONT'D.

Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Plenski presented the Resolution and \$1,000 check to Mr. Gerry McGarry, Chairman of the event.

Ms. Rodriguez (Mr. Plenski) moved to adopt the Resolution.

Unanimous

SPCA

Councilman Anthony Muccie requested a \$100.00 donation be sent to the Bucks County SPCA for the attendance and help of Ms. Anne Irwin, the Executive Director of the SPCA, at a meeting held on October 9, 2008 regarding feral cats. Council agreed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Richard Vallejo, 301 Mill Street, President of the Bristol Borough Business Association, asked Council to reconsider the purchase of an artificial Christmas Tree at the foot of Mill Street in the amount of \$13,500.

Lynn Morris, 75 Manor Circle, also asked Council to reconsider purchasing an artificial Christmas Tree for Mill Street.

It was decided by Council at the work session that the \$15,000 donated by Aqua would go into the Recreation Account in lieu of purchasing the Christmas Tree. A discussion followed on the purchase of the tree and whether or not it should be added to tonight's Agenda.

James Lake, 2010 Trenton Avenue, recommended that the traffic signals on Pond Street blink yellow from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. to save gas. It was noted the new traffic signals will have a sensor on the side streets and will turn automatically for oncoming traffic. He complained about the amount of trash on the walkway and suggested the laws be enforced to prevent littering.

Ellen Callahan, 208 Buckley Street, thanked Council and Mr. Muccie for bringing in the Bucks County SPCA to discuss feral cats.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Mr. Harris (Mr. Muccie) moved to approve the minutes of the Community Development Meeting of September 8, 2008, the Regular Council Meeting of September 8, 2008, the Council Work Session of October 6, 2008, and the meeting minutes of October 9, 2008 for feral cats, skunks, and rats as printed. Unanimous

Mr. Harris (Mr. Muccie) moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 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 September 17, 2008 and H.A.R.B. Report and Decisions of September 29, 2008 as printed. Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

4. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE JOINT SPONSORSHIP OF RED RIBBON WEEK FOR A DRUG FREE AMERICA BETWEEN BOROUGH COUNCIL, BRISTOL BOROUGH POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, AND SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

Mr. Harris (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to authorize joint sponsorship of Red Ribbon Week for a Drug Free America between Borough Council, Bristol Borough Police Benevolent Association, and School District. Unanimous

5. **MOTION - ADOPTING THE OCTOBER, 2008 DELAWARE CANAL DAYLIGHTING PROJECT REPORT.**

Mr. Plenski (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to adopt the October, 2008 Delaware Canal Daylighting Project Report. Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

6. **MOTION - ACCEPTING FINANCIAL ADVISORY AGREEMENT WITH PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT GROUP PER LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008.**

Mr. Muccie (Mr. Plenski) moved to accept Financial Advisory Agreement with Public Financial Management Group per letter dated September 30, 2008.

A discussion was held on capping the fee. Reports will be distributed to Council and expenditures monitored.

The motion was carried unanimously.

7. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE HANGING BANNERS ON MILL STREET.**

Ms. Rodriguez (Mr. Sabatini) moved to authorize hanging banners on Mill Street. There will be no cost to the Borough.

Unanimous

8. **MOTION - HIRE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER.**

Ms. Rodriguez (Mr. Sabatini) moved to hire William Palmer as Animal Control Officer at the rate of \$750.00 per month.

Unanimous

9. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING OF ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CLEAR STREET AND SWAIN STREET AS ONE-WAY STREETS.**

Mr. Sabatini (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to authorize advertising of Ordinance to establish Clear Street and Swain Street as one-way streets.

Unanimous

10. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TWO OVERHEAD DOORS NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000.**

Mr. Plenski (Mr. Sabatini) moved to authorize Change Order for purchase and installation of two overhead doors not to exceed \$35,000.

Mr. Lutz opposed the motion.

The motion was carried 6-1.

11. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF ANGELO RAGO'S
CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FOR
THE DURATION OF THE RENOVATIONS.**

Mr. Sabatini (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to authorize the extension of Angelo Rago's Contract for construction management for the duration of the police and fire renovations.

Mr. Lutz opposed the motion.

The motion was carried 6-1.

12. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE ACQUISITION OF PLAQUE RECOGNIZING
SUPPORTERS OF POLICE AND FIRE RENOVATIONS.**

Mr. Muccie (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to authorize acquisition of plaque recognizing supporters of police and fire renovations.

Unanimous

Mr. Sabatini asked for a recess.

The meeting was recessed at 7:50 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

Present were:

Mr. James Lutz	Mr. Patrick Sabatini
Mr. Michael Harris	Mr. Leo Plenski, Jr.
Ms. Betty Rodriguez	Mr. Ralph DiGuiseppe
Mr. Anthony Muccie	

Mr. Lutz moved to suspend the rules of council to add an item to the Agenda.

The motion died for lack of a second.

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

Mr. Harris (Mr. Sabatini) moved to appoint Jerry Maurio as Parking Enforcement Officer.

The Police Chief recommended assigning Mr. Maurio, who is currently a School Crossing, to the position of Parking Enforcement Officer.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Sabatini (Mr. Muccie) moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Unanimous