

BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG
59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 28, 2016

Vice President Scot Pitzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following Councilors present: President Robert Krummerich, Ms. Susan Naugle, Mr. Jacob Schindel, Ms. AmyBeth Hodges, and Mr. Wesley Heyser. Mr. Graham Weaver was absent. Staff present included: Mayor William Troxell, Solicitor Harold Eastman, Manager Charles Gable, Borough Secretary Sara Stull, Chief Joe Dougherty and Finance Director Nicolette James.

Others present include: Gary Pulcini, Capital Markets Management LLC. 147 Hermitage Circle, Ligonier, PA; Deb Adamik, President, Main Street Gettysburg; Emmett Patterson and Daniel Bringman representing Main Street Gettysburg; Darlene Brown, Executive Director, PA Interfaith Community Programs, Inc. (PICPI), 40 East High Street; Harry Hartman, Publisher, the *Gettysburg Times*; Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street; Steve Hemler, 535 York Street; Stan Clark, 915 Fairview Avenue; Phil Goble, 132 East Middle Street; and Jim Fleet, 122 East Middle Street. Representing the press were Jim Hale of the *Gettysburg Times* and Lillian Reed of the *Evening Sun*.

Announcements

Vice President Pitzer announced that an executive session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg was conducted immediately prior to the adjournment of the March 14, 2016 Borough Council meeting consistent with section 708(a)(1), section 708(a)(3) and section 708(a)(4) of the Sunshine Act.

Vice President Pitzer announced that an executive session of the Borough Council will be conducted immediately following the adjournment of this work session consistent with section 708(a)(1), section 708(a)(3), section 708(a)(4) and section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act for the following purposes: (1) to provide information and to discuss matters involving the employment and the investigation, review and evaluation of performance of current employees of the Gettysburg Borough Police Department relative to the May 12, 2015 arrest of Derek Twyman and to discuss matters of employment in connection with the staffing of the Police Department and to provide information on related matters which are being conducted by the Borough Civil Service Commission; (2) to provide information and to discuss and consider matters in connection with the possible purchase of real property by the Borough of Gettysburg; (3) to consult with the Mayor, the Borough Manager and the Borough Solicitor in connection with information or strategy on which identifiable claims or complaints are expected to be filed against the Borough of Gettysburg in connection with the May 12, 2015 arrest of Derek Twyman; and (4) to review and discuss Borough business which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege or could lead to the disclosure of information or matters of confidentiality protected by law.

Public Comment:

Stan Clark, 915 Fairview Avenue, demanded copies of all invoices regarding the outside police investigation, and said that he will file a public records request if he doesn't receive them by Thursday. He said that at the last Council meeting it was determined that the costs ran over the \$7,500 that was allotted for the report.

Phil Goble, 132 East Middle Street, expressed his concern regarding the police Taser incident and noted that the officer could have grab his gun instead. He said that the police need more officers so that when they call for backup they have the help needed to assist them. Mr. Goble also said that he is not happy that Council is using a Pittsburgh firm to provide legal service stating that they are too expensive. He asked that Council be more transparent and keep the politics out of it. Mr. Goble went on to say that Council should ask for the Manager's resignation.

Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street, questioned why Councilwoman AmyBeth Hodges made the statement at the March 14th meeting stating "I will vote against any attempts to punish or reprimand the individuals concerned". He said that she is "putting the cart before the horse." Mr. Shestok said that "the wheels of justice turn slowly and called for patience". On another matter, Mr. Shestok said that he hopes that the proposal to make Wall Alley one-way continues to move forward.

Steve Hemler, 535 York Street, is angered about the police investigation and its cost, stating that it has damaged the police department. He said that the Council, police and administration staff need to work together.

Special Presentation:

Mayor Troxell introduced newly hired Police Officer Bryan Holden, who then took the Oath of Office.

Emmett Patterson and Daniel Bringman, representing Main Street Gettysburg, presented their audit. Mr. Bringman also said that the audit can be viewed on their Website. Mr. Patterson presented handouts and explained the organization restructuring of Main Street Gettysburg Board. (see attached).

Old Business

South Franklin Street RPP Proposal (Project #2016-4)

Manager Gable reported that staff met with David Sites, owner of the building that houses the state welfare office on South Franklin Street regarding parking for employees. The recommendation is to remove eight parking spaces from the Residential Permit Parking system on the east side of South Franklin Street, from West High to West Middle Streets to a "first-come, first-served" public parking spaces. Council agreed to place the proposal on their next agenda.

Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority (GARA) MOU (Project 2016-11)

Manager Gable reported that after investigating the need for a memorandum of understanding with GARA determined that we don't need it. He said that because there is a lease in effect and a 50-50 funding split between the Borough and Cumberland Township it would not be necessary.

New Modern Rules of Procedure (PBA) (Project 2016-20)

Manager Gable explained that the *Rules and Regulations* that was adopted in 2008 will need to be amended to reflect the *Modern Rules of Order* that Council approved to use for meetings. Solicitor Eastman prepared a revised draft for Council to review. President Krummerich asked Council members to review, and the item will be placed on the next Council Work Session to finalize.

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) (Project 2016-23)

Manager Gable explained that the Borough could save money by refinancing existing debt, and could also borrow to fund capital projects. Consultant Gary Pulcini said that refinancing bonds at a lower interest rate could pay off existing debt sooner and save approximately \$183,000 in interest costs. Mr. Pulcini noted that "piggybacking" on planned borrowing by the Gettysburg Municipal Authority would also reduce the Borough's share of the costs of the transaction.

Council members agreed to place the item on the next Borough Council meeting agenda for approval.

Residential Office Redevelopment District (ROR) Parking Requirements Request for Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments (Project 2016-26)

Manager Gable reported that Robin Fitzpatrick, Adams County Industrial Development Authority, withdrew its request for a zoning change. Planning Director Scott Dellett recommends however, that Council proceed to make these changes, stating that it would be in the best interest of the Borough to help secure a developer for the former REDDI property.

Wall Alley One-Way Proposal (Project 2016-31)

Manager Gable reported that a proposal to make Wall Alley one-way is moving forward. He noted that a letter was received by the Gettysburg Area School District saying that only a few children use the alley. Manager Gable said that a traffic study is required by the state before any changes could be made. He said that the cost of the study is estimated at \$10,000. Manager Gable indicated that county officials will assist with the study, and that parking enforcement would provide a traffic count.

Public Comment

Phil Goble, 132 East Middle Street, reiterated his concerns regarding the police Taser incident, and the need for more officers so that when they call for backup they have the help needed to assist them.

Scot Pitzer asked Chief Dougherty if the new Adams County radio system was in operation in May. Chief Dougherty responded no.

Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street, said that Council needs to enforce their *Rules and Regulations* for the procedure of meetings.

Steve Hemler, 535 York Street, expressed his concern with spending unbudgeted funds to make Wall Alley one-way. He said that if the school says it's not a safety issue then nothing should be done.

President Krummerich adjourned the meeting to an executive session at 8:34 PM. The meeting reconvened and Council adjourned the meeting at 10:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary