

**BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG**  
**59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325**  
**COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 26, 2016**

President Robert Krummerich called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following Councilors present: Vice President Scot Pitzer, Mrs. Susan Naugle, Mr. Graham Weaver, Mr. Jacob Schindel, Mr. Wesley Heyser and Mrs. AmyBeth Hodges. Staff present included: Mayor Theodore Streeter, Solicitor Harold Eastman, Manager Charles Gable, Borough Secretary Sara Stull, Chief Joe Dougherty, Finance Director Nicolette James, Public Works Director Dan Hilliard, Chad Clabaugh, C. S. Davidson, Inc., Borough Engineer.

Others present include: Darlene Brown, Executive Director, PA Interfaith Community Programs, Inc. (PICPI), 40 East High Street; Harry Hartman, Publisher *Gettysburg Times*; Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street; Stan Clark, 915 Fairview Avenue; Philip Goble, 132 East Middle Street and Edward James. Representing the press were Jim Hale of the *Gettysburg Times* and Lillian Reed of the *Evening Sun*.

President Krummerich announced an executive session of the Borough Council was conducted immediately prior to the adjournment of the September 12, 2016 Borough Council meeting consistent with sections 708(a)(1), 708(a)(2), 708(a)(4) and 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act.

President Krummerich announced an executive session of the Borough Council shall be conducted immediately following the adjournment of this work session consistent with sections 708(a)(1), 708(a)(2), 708(a)(3), 708(a)(4) and 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act for the following reasons and purposes: (1) to discuss matters involving the employment, the terms and conditions of employment and the evaluation of performance of current or former Borough employees; (2) to provide information and discuss matters relative to the proposed organization and staffing of the Borough Police Department in connection with the Borough's collective bargaining agreement with its police officers' union, Teamsters Local 776; (3) to provide information and to discuss and consider matters in connection with the purchase of real property by the Borough of Gettysburg; (4) to consult with the Borough Manager and the Borough's solicitor in connection with information or strategy on which identifiable claims or complaints are expected to be filed against the Borough of Gettysburg and its employees or former employees in connection with the May 12, 2015 arrest of Derek Twyman; and (5) 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:**

**Harry Hartman, Publisher *Gettysburg Times***, tried to address consultant Ronald Smeal, who is reviewing the police department, as to why plans don't call for an overall final report from him. President Krummerich said that public comments are to be

directed to the Borough Council and not members of the audience. He said that Council will take the question under advisement.

## **Projects:**

### **Wall Alley One Way Proposal**

Manager Gable gave a brief history on the proposal to make Wall Alley one-way, which was prompted by a concerned citizen that had brought the issue before Council last year. The Borough along with the County conducted a survey of vehicles and pedestrians using the alley. Manager Gable said that vehicles using the alley averaged 120 or less per day and that pedestrians max out at approximately 20 during peak periods when children are going to and from school. Manager Gable noted that there are approximately 1,500 vehicles per day that use Racehorse Alley.

Manager Gable noted that there have only been three accidents on Wall Alley since 2000, and none of those resulted in significant damage or injuries. He also said that officials from the Gettysburg Area School District and Gettysburg Presbyterian Church sent letters indicating that they have no interest in the switch.

Manager Gable said that staffs recommendation would be to keep Wall Alley two-way. After some discussion Council members agreed to keep the alley two-way.

Mike Shestok thanked Council for taking the time to review his request and appreciates the work.

## **New Business:**

### **Discussion Regarding 2017 Staff Projects**

Manager Gable asked Council to consider reducing the number of projects currently listed on the workshop's agenda. He said that there are approximately 30 projects which are unmanageable for a limited number of staff. Manager Gable recommended four items as top priority: Updating the Comprehensive Plan and reviewing the Zoning and SALDO Ordinances, and also the Sidewalk ordinance; Review the Parking Ordinance and partnering with Main Street Gettysburg as they work on a community wide discussion regarding parking; Software updates to include the Planning and Land Management Module and the Website redevelopment; and the Capital Improvement Plan to work on securing grants to fill the gap between the \$4 million the Borough recently borrowed by issuing bonds, noting that the plan lists \$5 million in projects.

Borough Council was in favor of his recommendation. Manager Gable will revise the project listing and forward to Council prior to the next workshop meeting.

## **Budget Discussion**

Manager Gable presented Council with preliminary numbers for the 2017 Budget. He pointed out that the general fund revenue is projected to fall from \$4.68 million in this year's budget to \$4.43 million in 2017. Manager Gable said that if the available funds are divided by the departments according to the same percentages as this year, the police department funding would drop by \$83,717 and the public works funding would fall \$48,021. He said that by making these cuts, the Borough would not be able to maintain the current level of services that are provided now. Manager Gable also noted that the longstanding practice of using the reserve fund to cover the deficit is becoming unsustainable.

### **Public Comment:**

**Philip Goble, 132 East Middle Street** addressed Council stating that by waiting too long to address the structural deficit could relate to a tax increase all at once in the future. He suggested to Council a way to increase revenue would be to consider basing building permit fees on a percentage of the estimated construction costs.

President Krummerich adjourned the meeting to an executive session at 7:50 PM.

The meeting reconvened, and with no further business to come before Council moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mr. Weaver to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull  
Borough Secretary