

April 27, 2015

The April 27th meeting of Denver Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Cohick, Fink, Gensemer, Flory, South, Stover, Daub, and Mayor Redcay. The invocation was given by Mayor Redcay, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Citizen's Concerns

Fred Wagaman reported on the Denver Future Summit Meeting which was held on Saturday. There were about 20-25 people who attended, there was a lot of good ideas and conversation, and he was very pleased with the input that was received. During the first week of May the volunteers will get together to work on the presentation that will be presented to Borough Council at the May 18th meeting. Councilman Daub reported that he attended part of the meeting and thanked Mr. Wagaman for all the prep work he put into it and thought it was a very good. Discussion followed.

Mike Grant reported on behalf of the Denver Park and thanked the Borough for organizing the Park Clean-up Day and Tree Planting. He stated it was a super project to complete with over 70 people there helping to revitalize the Park. He also reported he has concerns with Kellenberger Excavating and the seeding stating that he walked around the areas several times and there are a couple people from the Park Committee that are not happy with the results and they never imagined there would be that much debris lying around. Mr. Grant also shared his concerns about the re-grading and the fact some of the existing trees were hit with equipment. Discussion followed regarding the re-grading and the contract with Kellenberger Excavating. Borough Manager Michael Hession stated that he will contact Kellenberger Excavating regarding the concerns with the minimal grass showing and the issue with the equipment hitting about ten (10) trees.

Donald Wenger asked what the Borough is going to do with the old Weave building and the shoe factory. Discussion followed. Mayor Redcay reported a tripping hazard on the sidewalk by the rain spout at the North 3rd Street property.

Borough Council Comments

Mayor Redcay reported he noticed that the stop sign at the Denver Memorial Park was hit. George Whetsel, Director of Public Works, responded that the sign has been recovered and currently is being repaired in the Borough Garage.

Emergency Management Coordinator Report

Emergency Management Coordinator Andy Boyer did not have a report.

Police Department Report

Chief George Beever reported that he planned to attend the Denver Future Vision Summit but wasn't able to make it due to another obligation. Chief Beever also reported on the following incidents that recently occurred in the Borough: on March 24th at 7:30 p.m., officers responded to Turkey Hill for a disturbance and two (2) Ephrata residents were arrested, one (1) for being in possession of drug paraphilia and the other for public drunkenness; on March 26th a Denver resident was seen slashing tires on a car parked in the 900 block of Oak Street and the perpetrator was charged; on April 1st at Kohl's Laundry, an individual was caught on security camera urinating on the floor and he was charged; on April 15th there was an accident where a vehicle from Locust Street entered onto North 6th Street without stopping and a person was trapped in their vehicle and then taken to the Reading Medical Center for treatment; and, also on April 15th, Chief Beever met with the Mayor and Borough Manager to discuss issues within the Borough. Discussion followed.

Denver Fire Company Report

Chief Shannon Hilton reported that from January 1st to today there were a total of 70 calls for service with 895 members responding and an average response of 12.8 members per call; 586.4 man hours, in-service for 32.6 hours, and an average response time of 3.4 minutes. The calls for service included seven (7) working fires and four (4) extrications. Chief Hilton reported that there remains no date for the new radio system, however, the Fire Company's radios are being programmed now. Discussion followed. Mr. Hession reported that the emergency preemption device has been installed on the temporary traffic signal on Main Street by the bridge so emergency responders can control the light when needed. Borough Council also discussed the Denver Fire Company's plans to complete the required background checks on all members of the Fire Company and the Fire Police.

Police Advisory Board Update

Councilman Gensemer reported that the Police Advisory Board met on April 23rd and things did not go well. West Cocalico Township did not participate in the meeting and Adamstown Borough did not provide an answer regarding the pension liability. The Regional Elected Officials Meeting is tomorrow night so maybe some of these items will be address at that meeting. Councilman Gensemer also reported that the Board is close to completing the charter and the final numbers can be provided once they know who is in and who is out. Councilman Cohick stated he remembers at a past meeting where all four (4) municipalities were meeting and a large crowd of citizens were there and many of the citizens stated that they would gladly pay more to keep the current police coverage. Councilman Cohick stated that he would like to raise the issue during the Regional Meeting to ask people to consider donating to this initiative to reduce the unfunded liabilities which in turn may bring all the municipalities back to the regional police discussion. Councilman Cohick also suggested possibly setting up a fundraising drive to reduce the pension liabilities. Discussion followed.

Director of Public Work's Report

Mr. Whetsel reported that the Public Works Department excavated the North 4th Street Playground; capped and sealed the entire top wall on the roof of the Denver Filter Plant; repaired the Walnut Street Bridge deck which was opened to traffic today; posted the streets for street sweeping which will be held on April 29th and 30th; dug a trench at the Denver Park for the camera conduit; replaced the level transducer at the Lower Reservoir; worked on the sewer manhole inspections; and, worked with Kline Services to clear roots from the main sewer line between Evergreen Street and the PA Turnpike off of North 5th Street and to televise two (2) residential sanitary sewer laterals. Mr. Whetsel reported that the old oil burner at the Borough Garage was replaced with a gas unit and he received quotes for a new paint machine that needs to be purchased.

Mr. Whetsel reported that the Department also worked on some stone alley repairs; started working on opening up the Denver Community Pool; repaired the storm water basin at North 9th Street and Locust Street; and assisted with the tree planting in the Denver Memorial Park. Discussion followed.

Discussion Items

Borough Council discussed the additional motion being added to the Meeting Agenda concerning the Cocalico School District Project and a Letter of Credit request. Councilman Cohick made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gensemer, to permit the Cocalico School District to submit a Bond Without Surety in lieu of a Letter of Credit for the Cocalico School District Parking, Roads, and Fields Phase II Project subject to review and approval of the final form by the Borough Manager and the Borough Solicitor and subject to modification of Developers Agreement to reflect the use of Bond Without Surety as financial security for the project. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Borough Council discussed the two (2) Bids received for the North 4th Street Playground Redevelopment Project. The Borough is limited to \$60,000.00 for the project which includes a \$40,000.00 grant from DCNR and a \$20,000.00 cash match. The low Base Bid was submitted by Farhat Excavating, LLC at a price of \$58,450.00. Based on the costs of the low Bid, the Borough unfortunately will not be able to contract for any of the Alternate Bid items for the project. However, the Borough will be responsible for having a split rail fence installed and for having the walkway and handicapped parking area paved before DCNR finalizes their approval of the project. Mr. Hession reported that Councilman Flory asked him to contact Brian Dilliaine who is a member of the Fritztown Fire Company to discuss a proposal from the Fritztown Fire Company to donate between \$3,000.00 and \$3,500.00 for a piece of new playground equipment in the Borough. Borough Council discussed using the donation to purchase the Ten Spin piece of equipment designated for the North 4th Street Playground Project. The Borough then can use other monies originally earmarked for this project to complete the split rail fence and the paving components of the project. Discussion followed. Councilman Fink made a motion, seconded by Councilman South, to award the Base Bid contract to Farhat Excavating at \$58,450.00 for the North 4th Street Playground Redevelopment Project. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Borough Council discussed the Recreation Board's recommendation to draft and submit a grant application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for expansion of the Denver Park Annex trail and for access improvements in the Denver Memorial Park and Playground. Mr. Hession reported that the deadline for the grant application is later in the summer so this issue can be tabled until a future Borough Council meeting. Councilman Fink made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flory, to table discussion and action concerning the Recreation Board's recommendation to draft and submit a grant application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for expansion of the Denver Park Annex trail and for access improvements in the Denver Memorial Park and Playground until a future meeting. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Borough Council discussed the proposed ordinance and deed prepared by the Borough Solicitor accepting dedication of right-of-way from the Cocalico School District. The Borough Solicitor drafted a proposed ordinance that Borough Council will take action on during their May 18th meeting and a deed that will be filed with the County. Councilman Stover made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gensemer, to authorize the Borough Solicitor to proceed with advertising the proposed ordinance and deed accepting dedication of right-of-way from the Cocalico School District. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Borough Council discussed obtaining cost quotations for a Roadway and Alley Pavement Condition Survey. Councilman Stover stated in his opinion he feels this is a waste of money and felt that the Borough Council can meet with Borough staff to determine which streets need to be repaired. Discussion followed concerning future preventative maintenance on streets. Borough Council decided not to take any action concerning this issue at this time and to have additional discussion concerning this issue following the completion of the 2015 Street Improvement Program projects.

Borough Council discussed agenda items for the April 28, 2015 Regional Elected Officials Meeting which will be held in Adamstown Borough at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Councilman Cohick requested Borough Council's permission to bring up the concept about asking the general public if they are willing to pay for police to start some kind of fundraising efforts. Discussion followed. Borough Council also discussed raising the topic of the status of the 7.6 acre tract of land at the former 1975 North Reading Road Property.

Action Items

Councilman Gensemer made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fink, to approve the April, 2015 Monthly Invoices and Bills Report. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilman Stover made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cohick, to purchase a Graco LineLazer IV Two Gun Striper from Dave's Spray Equipment Repair at a total cost of \$5,600.00. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilman Cohick made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flory, to execute the 2015 Denver Community Pool Service Agreement between the Borough of Denver and the Ephrata Recreation Center. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilman South made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stover, to authorize the President or Vice President of Borough Council to execute the 2015 Denver Community Pool Snack Bar Operating Agreement between the Borough of Denver and Patty McCafferty. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

Executive Session

Councilman Gensemer made a motion, seconded by Councilman South, to recess into an Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilman Gensemer made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flory, to reconvene into Regular Session at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0

Councilman Stover made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cohick, that Borough Council discussed the Salary Survey Executive Summary and will be taking appropriate action in response to the Salary Survey study with consultation from Mr. Hession. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Adjournment

Councilman Fink made motion, seconded by Councilman Flory, to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Michael Hession
Borough Manager/Secretary

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