

June 27, 2016

The June 27th meeting of Denver Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Stewart, Flory, Gensemer (via telephone), 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

There were no citizens' concerns.

Borough Council Comments

Councilman Stewart reported that he contacted representatives from the Denver Fire Department about scheduling a meeting and was given a couple of options for the meeting date including either July 11th or later in October after the renovations to the Denver Fire Company's building is complete. Discussion followed and Borough Council decided to schedule the meeting for October. Councilman Stewart will coordinate this date with representatives from the Denver Fire Company.

Councilman Stewart reported that George Whetsel took him and Councilman Palm on a tour of all the Borough facilities. He stated it was interesting to see all the facilities, but also noticed there were no alarm systems on any of the water facilities which concerned him. Discussion followed regarding the facilities and possibly getting quotes for alarms on some of the water facilities.

Councilman Stover reported that he and Michael Hession attended a Boy Scout meeting with Brian Shoher. Apparently Denver Borough does not have a Boy Scout Troop anymore and now they are talking to another Boy Scout Troop and are going through some options to try to get some use out of the new Scout House Cabin. Discussion followed.

Police Department Report

Cpl. Terry Arment reported that there were 845 calls for service in May for a total of 4,142 calls for service year to date; 12 reported crashes in May for a total of 51 year to date; 10 non-reportable crashes in May for a total of 75 year to date; 46 traffic citations issued for a total of 416 year to date; 77 traffic warnings issued for a total of 390 year to date; and 27 parking tickets issued in May for a total of 182 year to date. Cpl. Arment reported that there were 42 criminal cases reported, 14 of them were in Denver Borough, and 11 have been cleared. Also, there were seven (7) sex offenses reported in the month of May which was an unusual amount of calls and they take a lot of time to investigate.

Cpl. Arment reported that last month he presented two (2) sexting talks at the Cocalico Middle School and he helped a couple of seniors at the High School complete a video project. Cpl. Arment reported that Cpl. Progen attended a Heroin Awareness event in Ephrata; Officer Firestone was involved in saving three (3) victims on North 2nd Street from a fire and he was issued a Department commendation for his actions; and the Department is in the process of hiring a part-time secretary to replace Lynn Martin who resigned in February. Discussion followed.

Denver Fire Company Report

Chief Shannon Hilton is not in attendance.

Director of Public Work's Report

Director of Public Works George Whetsel reported that the Department completed the end of month reports; replaced a guiderail on Weaver Road; started working on the guiderail at the Walnut Street Bridge; installed the new swing set and mulch at the North 4th Street Playground; patched pot holes on Borough streets; worked on the stone alleys; assisted Kirk Showalter with some of his mowing; repaired a six-inch (6") line break on Bon View Drive; completed some blacktopping around the Borough; installed new bearings in the merry-go-round at the Denver Memorial Park; and today discovered there is a leak on the Filter Plant line in a front yard on Monroe Street across from the Denver Community Pool. Mr. Whetsel reported that he attended a pre-construction meeting for the North 5th Street Project. Also, the Department completed some mowing at the well locations; completed brush cutting at various area; and traveled to E. M. Kutz to look at the new truck which will arrive by mid-September.

Discussion Items

Borough Council discussed the proposed July 26, 2016 Regional Elected Officials Meeting in Denver Borough. Councilman Daub reported that there was some discussion if the group should continue to meet on a quarterly basis or whether it should be backed off to either meeting two (2) or three (3) times a year. Mr. Hession reported that out of the four (4) municipalities, two (2) wanted to meet four (4) times a year and two (2) wanted to meet less frequently. Discussion followed and the Borough will schedule the July 26th meeting and will include as a discussion item the frequency of the upcoming Regional Elected Officials meetings.

Borough Council discussed proposed changes to the Borough's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 94 Construction Codes, Uniform, to eliminate a discrepancy in references to different editions of the International Building Code. Mr. Hession reported that as the Borough is working to update the property maintenance ordinance and modify the street opening ordinance, a discrepancy was found concerning the UCC Code. In one section the 2003 UCC Code was referenced and in another section the 2006 UCC Code was reference. This would be an ideal time to resolve that issue. Mayor Redcay mentioned a few weeks ago when the grass was growing like crazy and Kirk Showalter was really busy he noticed the grass at the Denver Memorial Park was well over six-inches (6") and maybe even eight (8) to 10 inches. Mayor Redcay suggested if the Borough gets to a point where the property owners are going to be held accountable for grass to be limited to six (6) inches, then the Borough has to hold fast to that as well and be a leader in maintaining it. Discussion followed.

Borough Council discussed the proposed Street Surface Opening Ordinance. Mr. Hession reported that Borough Council was given the final draft to review before it is advertised. There is one (1) addition the Solicitor included on Section 2-A which states that as a condition of issuing any permit under this article the Borough Secretary or his designees shall require a deposit of cash or the delivery of a Surety Bond with the length of 24 months and the minimum amount of \$5,000.00 and the maximum amount equal to the estimated cost of construction, street opening, or excavation. Discussion followed.

Action Items

Councilman Stewart made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stover, to approve the June, 2016 Monthly Invoices and Bills Report. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Councilman Stover made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flory, to authorize the President of Borough Council and the Mayor to execute the Municipal Recycling Program Grant Agreement between the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Denver Borough. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

Executive Session

Councilman Flory made a motion, seconded by Councilman to recess into an Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss various personnel issues including the new Collective Bargaining Agreement proposals. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Councilman Flory made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stover to reconvene into Regular Session at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Adjournment

Councilman Stewart made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stover, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Michael Hession
Borough Manager/Secretary

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