

June 30, 2014

The June 30th meeting of Denver Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Jr. Councilmember Shupp, 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

There were no citizens' concerns.

Presentation

Richard Hartlieb, Assistant District Forester, Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR), provided Borough Council with an update concerning the Emerald Ash Borer and the proposed project to timber and remove Ash trees in the Denver Memorial Park and Playground. Discussion followed along with a question and answer period with Borough Council and the community members who attended the meeting.

Steve Rapp and Nate Grubb from Dentech and John Fry, CPA with Simon Lever, discussed some of their ideas concerning the sale of the property at 1975 North Reading Road. Mr. Rapp indicated that his company is interested in the property and provided an overview of how they developed their bid of \$1.7 million for the property as well as possible ways that taxes from the property could be shared amongst the participating municipalities. Discussion followed.

Borough Council Comments

Councilman Gensemer inquired about 8 North 6th Street and said that property now looks worse than 10 North 6th Street. Borough Manager Michael Hession informed Borough Council that property owner was given notice that they have to make improvements to the support and clean off the stuff they have been moving onto the front porch.

Borough Council discussed the letter the Borough received regarding speeding on North 6th Street. Mr. Hession reported that the issue has been discussed with the Police Chief and the Borough installed the SpeedSentry Sign on North 6th Street to record the vehicle speeds traveling on that street. Discussion followed.

Emergency Management Coordinator Report

Emergency Management Coordinator Andy Boyer reported that he conducted the monthly siren test on the first Saturday of June and Cocalico Christian Home submitted a copy of their Emergency Response Plan.

Police Department Report

Chief George Beaver reported that on May 27th, a blood testing meter valued at \$700.00 was reported stolen from the Denver House; on May 31st at 8:50 p.m., three (3) people were charged with underage drinking and trespassing in the 900 block of Sycamore Avenue; a 16 year old juvenile faces disorderly conduct charges after a disturbance at the Cocalico High School at 3:00 p.m. on June 15th; a person's contents valued in excess of \$300.00 was reported stolen from the Denver House on June 5th; on June 7th at 11:45 p.m. there was a one (1) person car crash in the 100 block of East Lancaster Avenue ; on June 7th officers responded to a residence at the 400 block of Pine Street for a domestic issue; on June 22nd a wallet was stolen from an individual at Kohl's Laundry and there is video of the incident so identification can be made; on June 24th, a

35 year old Lebanon resident was cited for harassment after he continued to make threats to a resident in School Court; on June 27th two (2) juveniles ages 13 & 11 were observed throwing rocks onto the stage roof at the Denver Park at overhead lights and they were referred to the Youth Aid Panel for disorderly conduct; between June 27th and 28th someone smashed the window to the Snack Bar at the Denver Community Pool and nothing appears to be taken; on June 29th at 9:00 a.m., an officer observed an individual moving in on Main Street that there was a County Bench Warrant out for and took him into custody; and, since school has let out for the summer, there have been complaints about a couple of kids on mini bikes in the area who had been identified and the parents have been contacted. Discussion followed.

Denver Fire Company Report

Chief Shannon Hilton reported that for the month of June the Fire Company responded to 26 calls. Two (2) of the calls were for working fires and one (1) was for an extraction. For the first six (6) months of the year there have been a total of 117 calls for service and 1,310.4 man hours. Mayor Redcay asked for additional information concerning the new radio system and for information concerning the purchase of new radios for the Fire Department and the purchase of radios for the Denver Fire Police. Chief Hilton stated that he assumes the Fire Company will help purchase radios for the Fire Police. Ronald Petery, Captain of the Fire Police, stated that the Fire Police could get by with six (6) radios that will be shared with their members. Discussion followed.

Police Advisory Board Update

Councilman Gensemer reported there was a meeting on June 26th and the preliminary draft of the charter is completed. The final draft will be put together and reviewed at a future Borough Council Meeting, and it will probably be discussed and adopted at a regional meeting. The Finance Committee has been reviewing the rental agreement proposed by East Cocalico Township and is comparing it to other police departments and municipality agreements. Discussion followed.

Director of Public Work's Report

George Whetsel, Director of Public Works, reported that he has been working with Zeager Brothers to schedule a date for the brush pile to be removed at the Borough Lot and he completed the end of the month reports for DEP and Susquehanna River Basin Commission. The Department worked on the valve maintenance program, they installed the new playground equipment at the Denver Memorial Park, they started working on the border around the lower play area, they completed weed spraying throughout the Borough, they started the creek monitoring, and they opened the Denver Community Pool for the 2014 season. The Department also added a stone area for a bench at the North 4th Street Playground that will be paved as part of the North 4th Street Playground Redevelopment Project. Mr. Whetsel reported that the Department mowed at the reservoir and well sites and repaired the stone alleys in the Borough. Mr. Whetsel also reported that the Department will be completing some paving work in July and there are still some patches that need dug out and repaired. Discussion followed.

Junior Councilperson Report

Jr. Councilperson Shupp did not have a report.

Discussion Items

Borough Council discussed the status of the property at 1975 North Reading Road, Denver. Mr. Hession reported that there's no new news he had just wanted to inform Borough Council ahead of time letting them know representatives from DenTech would be attending the meeting and to provide Borough Council with an opportunity to update the community members in attendance about the actions taken at the June 24, 2014 Regional Meeting. Discussion followed.

Borough Council discussed the property maintenance violations at 206 North 4th Street, Denver, and the executed "Right of Entry Agreement and Consent to Municipal Lien" form. Mr. Hession reported that he contacted some of the neighbors and invited them to this meeting. Since the last meeting there was a call from the adjacent property owner complaining of a smell of something that maybe was dead so the solicitor and police department were contacted and the Borough was able to gain access to the property through a "probable cause warrant" in case something was dead inside. The Borough found trash, debris, and feces scattered throughout the property. The property was in horrible shape. The Borough Solicitor developed an Agreement form for the property owner to sign allowing the Borough to contract with a company to go into the property, clean it out, close the property up, and then lien the property for the cost of the clean-up. The property owner signed the agreement on Friday, June 27th. Mr. Hession stated that if Borough Council approves, the Borough will obtain cost quotations for the property clean-up and the Borough then can move forward with addressing the property maintenance issues. Discussion followed. Michael Strangartiy who recently purchased 204 North Street requested that Borough Council consider moving this along quickly with this heat the smell is going through to his bedroom and he can't sleep on his second floor. Councilman Fink made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gensemer, to authorize the Borough Manager to obtain cost quotations to address the property maintenance violations at 206 North 4th Street as per the executed Right of Entry Agreement and Consent to Municipal Lien. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Borough Council discussed the Denver Lot Surveillance Camera System proposal submitted by Endy Technologies. Mr. Hession reported that the new gate has been ordered and should arrive in early-July. Also, the video surveillance signs have been ordered and should arrive shortly. Lastly, the Borough received a cost estimate from Dave Endy at Endy Technologies to install three (3) cameras at the Borough Lot. Mr. Endy was in attendance at the meeting and discussed his proposal and answered questions from Borough Council. Councilman Fink made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flory, to award the contract to Endy Technologies to install three (3) IP Bullet cameras at the Borough Lot as per Proposal (# 1468) dated June 16, 2014, at a total cost of \$5,418.00. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Action Items

Councilman Stover made a motion, seconded by Councilman South, to approve the June, 2014 monthly invoices and bills report. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilman South made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stover, to approve the additional bills that came in late and were not included on the initial bills report. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilman Fink made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flory, to accept the resignation of Destiny Meyers from the Denver Planning Commission, effective June 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

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Councilman Fink made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stover, to adopt Resolution No. 792 – A Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Denver, County of Lancaster, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Opposing House Bill 1708 and Any Other Plan That Would Divert General Municipal Pension State Aid. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilman South made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cohick, to adopt Resolution No. 793 – A Resolution of the Borough of Denver, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Authorizing the Borough of Denver to Submit a Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Unfinished Business

Gary Read inquired if the appraisal for 1975 North Reading Road was a public document and he was informed that it is a public document.

Adjournment

Councilman Fink made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stover, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Michael Hession
Borough Manager/Secretary

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