

July 14, 2014

The July 14th meeting of Denver Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Jr. Councilperson Shupp, Cohick, Fink, Gensemer, Flory, Daub, and Mayor Redcay. The invocation was given by Jr. Councilperson Shupp, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Citizen's Concerns

Kalie Johnson of Main Street reported in the 300 block of Railroad Street near Denver Meat by the alley there is a big dip where the brick drops off and there is no stone. Her husband scraped the bottom of his car when he drove over it. She inquired if the Borough can go look at that area to see if something can be done to fix it. Borough Manager Michael Hession reported that he will check to make sure the alley is a public alley and if so, the Borough will make the repair to the stone. If it is a private alley, he will notify Ms. Johnson.

Donald Wenger inquired when the brush pile at the Borough Lot will be removed. Discussion followed regarding the Borough Lot and the planned future meeting to discuss the materials accepted at the Borough Lot, the costs associated with dumping, and whether an annual dumping card fee will be assessed.

Meeting Minutes

Councilman Gensemer made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cohick, to approve the June 9, 2014 and June 30, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Borough Council President

Councilman Daub did not have a report.

Mayor

Mayor Redcay reported that on May 15th he attended the Borough Solicitor interviews; on May 17th he officiated his first wedding for the Holloways; on May 20th he met with Chief Beever for their quarterly meeting; on May 21st he attended the Lancaster County Mayors meeting in Ephrata with the District Attorney Craig Stedman; on May 26th he marched in the Memorial Day Parade; on June 18th he attended the Fire Police meeting; on June 20th he attended the Relay for Life Survivors dinner with Representative Gordon Denlinger; on June 24th he attended the Municipal Leaders Meeting regarding 1975 North Reading Road; and on June 28th he officiated his seconded wedding. Mayor Redcay also reported that at various times this summer he visited the Denver Memorial Park.

Junior Councilperson

Jr. Councilperson Shupp reported that the next Borough Council meeting will be his last since he will soon be leaving for college.

Borough Manager

Mr. Hession reported that the Jefferson Avenue Paving Project will be starting on Tuesday, July 15th. The roadway will be closed and construction is scheduled from July 14th thru July 29th depending on weather. The Borough has been trying to coordinate trash service with the residents on Fausnacht Drive and they may be missing one week's worth of trash collection. Discussion followed.

Borough Council Committee Reports

Councilman Cohick reported that he attended a meeting regarding the Ash trees at the Park with the Denver Park Association and they seem fairly receptive and understanding of the need to remove the Ash trees. The Park Association also wants to be involved with the re-planting of new trees in the Park. Mr. Hession reported that the next step should be a meeting with representatives from each of the boards to look at the proposed timber contract. It is also important to make sure the trees that are not coming down are protected during removal of the Ash Trees. Discussion followed.

Councilman Gensemer reported that the Finance Committee will be scheduling a meeting to discuss some of the Borough's big ticket items and how it is affecting the Borough's reserves. Some of the projects to be discussed include the streetlight purchase and replacement project; the projected regional police start-up costs; the Jefferson Avenue Paving Project; the proposed removal of Ash Trees in the Denver Memorial Park; and the sale of the property at 1975 North Reading Road property.

Councilman Gensemer reported that he attended the Finance Committee meeting for the Police Advisory Board and one (1) item they discussed was the office staffing that will be necessary. He also reported there was a retraction in the Ephrata Review correcting an Adamstown article regarding having to purchase a fleet of vehicles and the start-up costs.

Borough Council Comments

Councilman Gensemer reported that Mike Ulrich, 201 Fausnacht Drive, is not happy with the section of his blacktop driveway that recently was repaired by the Borough following the water line repair. The Borough repaired the portion of the driveway that was damaged due to the excavation and it appears that Mr. Ulrich is not happy with having a driveway with a macadam seam. Discussion followed and Mr. Hession will contact Mr. Ulrich to discuss his concerns.

Councilman Fink reported that the alley by his home needs redone again since there are some more potholes from all the rain.

Discussion Items

Borough Council discussed the status of the 1975 North Reading Road Property. Councilman Daub reported at this point Denver Borough had made a decision not to accept the bid price at this time which totaled \$1.7 million. Following the joint meeting, representatives from DenTech attended a Borough Council meeting and explained their position and how they came up with their bid number. Since then, officials at East Cocalico Township have decided to take a different position to accept the bid and to sell the property. There also have been discussions of a contribution of land from DenTech to the four (4) municipalities. Discussion followed and Borough Council did not take any additional action concerning this issue.

Borough Council discussed the development of agenda items for the July 22, 2014 Cocalico Leaders Meeting to be held at the Denver Borough Municipal Building. Mr. Hession reported that the draft agenda includes a report by Representative Mindy Fee, a report by Kathy Thren from the Adamstown Area Library, a police report from Chief George Beever, and a discussion concerning the status of the 1975 North Reading Road property. Discussion followed.

Borough Council discussed the cost proposals to address the property maintenance code violations at the property located at 206 North 4th Street, Denver. Mr. Hession reported that the Borough received three (3) quotes to clean-up the property. The lowest quote was submitted from ServPro of Lancaster East at a total cost of \$5,859.97. Discussion followed. Councilman Cohick made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fink, to contract with Servpro of Lancaster

East to complete the property maintenance clean-up of the residential property located at 206 North 4th Street, Denver, at the cost of \$5,859.97, as per the cost quotation dated July 14, 2014. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Borough Council discussed the request from Holly DelaFuente, 511 Locust Street, for the Borough to install two (2) Deaf Child Signs on the 500-block of Locust Street and to install a Deaf Child sign at the entrance and at the exit of the stone alley behind the properties on Locust Street. Discussion followed regarding this request and whether individuals requesting the signs should be required to pay towards the cost of the sign since it is not a road warning sign. Councilman Fink made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gensemer, to approve the request from Holly DelaFuente, 511 Locust Street, for the Borough install two (2) Deaf Child Signs on the 500-block of Locust Street and to install a Deaf Child sign at the entrance and at the exit of the stone alley behind the properties on Locust Street. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Borough Council discussed the status of the Denver Heights Phase V Swale Reconstruction Project. Mr. Hession reported there was a meeting today at the County Courthouse, however, a representative from the Borough did not have to attend the meeting. The Judge scheduled the meeting with Christian Eaby who is overseeing the project to get an update on the status of the project. Discussion followed concerning the status of the plan review and the process to obtain full approval and to begin the work.

Action Items

Councilman Fink made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gensemer, to approve the June, 2014 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Councilman Fink made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flory, to adopt Resolution No. 794 – A Resolution of the Borough of Denver, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Authorizing the Borough of Denver to Submit a Grant Application for a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Executive Session

Councilman Gensemer made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cohick, to recess into an Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Councilman Cohick made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flory, to reconvene into Regular Session at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Unfinished Business

Borough Council discussed the status of the streetlight purchase and LED replacement project. Mr. Hession reported that PP&L has not been responding to the requests from the Borough's consultant and has been dragging this process out. The Borough's initial projection was to have the purchase of the streetlights completed within 180 days. That timeframe has already passed. Discussion followed.

Adjournment

Councilman Fink made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flory, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Michael Hession
Borough Manager/Secretary

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