

April 20, 2009 Council Meeting Minutes

The April 20th meeting of the Penn Hills Council was called to order at 7:37 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, Mayor Anthony L. DeLuca presiding.

Approval of Agenda Items

The Mayor announced that Item No. 7.a. Appointments was being deleted from the agenda. There were no other changes to the agenda and it was approved, as amended.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council and the audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Roll was called and the following members of Council responded:

Present: Mr. Underwood
Mayor DeLuca
Dr. Kincaid
Mrs. Kuhn
Mr. Palumbo

Also present were: Acting Manager Mohammed Rayan, Solicitor Bonnie Brimmeier, Controller Theresa Sciulli, Finance Director Ed Schrecengost, Planning Director Howard Davidson and Deputy Clerk Diane Fitzhenry.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 20, 2008 Special Meeting (Engineer's Report), December 3, 2008 Budget Hearing, February 2, 2009 Council Meeting and April 6, 2009 Council Meeting, as presented.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0, with the exception of the October 20, 2008 Minutes, which were approved by a vote of 4 to 0 to 1, Mrs. Kuhn being the abstention.

EXPENDITURES

Approval of Warrants

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve the Master Expenditure Summary dated April 20, 2009 including Journal Vouchers numbering 1 in the amount of \$33,374.78;

Approval of Warrants (Continued)

C. D. Requisitions numbering 3 in the amount of \$2,215.00; and Master Check Nos. 10864 to 10996 in the amount of \$1,189,840.41 making a grand total of \$1,225,430.19.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Resolutions

Mr. Underwood made a motion to remove **Resolution No. 2009-031** from the table.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion to remove from the table and it was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Mrs. Kuhn made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2009-031** awarding a contract for the maintenance of municipal vehicles to Nick's Auto Repair, Inc., for a period of two (2) years in the amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 per year.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2009-041** authorizing a change order to Cannon Systems, Inc., for the Lincoln Park Community Center Computer Room & Food Pantry – General Work, Contract No. 09-055 in the amount of \$2,573.60.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2009-042** authorizing a change order to Merit Electrical Group, Inc., for the Lincoln Park Community Center Computer Room & Food Pantry – Electrical Work, Contract No. 09-006 in the amount of \$1,005.47.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Items for Consideration

Appointments were deleted at the beginning of the agenda.

Introduction of Ordinances, Resolutions, etc.

Council had no legislation to introduce at this time.

REPORTS – Mayor, Council, Manager, etc.

Acting Manager Rayan discussed a proposed Hazardous Materials Ordinance and hopes it will be on the May agenda. He also noted that he hopes to have legislation soon on the Wal-Mart/Lowes (Summit Drive) Development and that he and Finance Director Schrecengost have been receiving and reviewing bank loan proposals to enable police vehicle purchases.

Mrs. Kuhn commented on the deadly incident involving the City police and commented that our firefighters put their lives on the line everyday. She commented specifically about a recent call on Frankstown Road where a car went into a house. She commended the fire departments for their services to the community and wants to ensure that the Municipality does everything possible to keep them safe.

DISCUSSION SESSION

1. PRESENTATION - H.T. Capital Markets (Chris Shelby/M. Rayan)
2. Strategy Solutions – Strategic Plan (Debra Thompson/H. Davidson)
3. DOE Grant – Johnson Controls (Chris Kaiser/H. Davidson)
4. Revised Senior Aid Guidelines (H. Davidson)
5. New Business (A. DeLuca)

6. **Public Comment Period** (3 minutes per person)

Mr. John Dugan spoke regarding a recent news article involving ALCOSAN and a consent decree with various agencies for discharging waste into the rivers. He discussed proposals by ALCOSAN to raise annual rates, etc. He also discussed the image issue with the school district. He feels we get a bad image because of a small percentage of problem children, instead of the praise for the majority of our students.

Mr. Jim Getsy spoke regarding the Strategic Plan and he encouraged Council to hold additional meetings for citizens' participation. He stated he would send a letter addressing his specific concerns to Mayor and Council.

Mr. Ed Zullo spoke regarding an article in the paper on the subject of summer youth employment in the City of Pittsburgh and asked if stimulus funding was available for use on summer jobs in Penn Hills.

DISCUSSION SESSION (Continued)

6. Public Comment Period (Continued)

Acting Manager Rayan stated that the Municipality funds summer youth employment through the parks department and through C.D. funding to Rev. Hunt's program.

Note: The Mayor announced that Council will hold a brief executive session after the adjournment to discuss litigation.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion to adjourn and it was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Diane Gionta Fitzhenry
Deputy Municipal Clerk

These minutes approved by Mayor and Council on May 4, 2009.