

October 4, 2010 Council Meeting Minutes

The October 4, 2010 Council Meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, Mayor Anthony DeLuca presiding.

Approval of Agenda Items

Mayor DeLuca called meeting to order and announced the Agenda would stand as presented.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council and the audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and then the Mayor asked for everyone to continue standing for a moment of silence for the passing of Leroy Green, our representative for the Wilkesburg Penn Joint Water Authority.

Roll Call

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

Also present were: Manager Rayan; Finance Director Schrecengost; Planning Director Davidson; Solicitor Brimmeier; Controller Futules; Gateway Engineer Minsterman and Administration Secretary Sorce.

Mayor DeLuca announced that we would open up for the Public Hearing for the Proposed 2010-15 Capital Program. Are there any comments from the audience? Howard Davidson responded that he is always open to Council Members calling him at any day or time. If you want to make adjustments, I need your direction otherwise I will put it up for adoption in November. Mayor DeLuca responded just for the public's knowledge is this Capital Project basically like a wish list if we had the money to fund every project? Howard Davidson responded for the benefit of Council and the audience the first year is real money, it is the Annual Capital Budget so that would be 2010. 2011 that holds true again in terms of it being real real money in this case possibly State Grants and Federal Grants. As you get in to the later years, it is the wish list category for sure. Another thing it is a policy statement, it is not the Capital Budget, it is a policy statement. Mayor DeLuca responded with that we will close the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2010-15 Capital Program.

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Approval of Minutes

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve September 20, 2010 Council Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion the motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Presentation from Jim Getsy

Jim Getsy, 151 Crescent Hills Road. I am here representing myself as a resident and also the Crescent Hills Civic Association and I was authorized to speak on their behalf in support of this CONNECT issue. Now when I walked in the door this evening I have to say I am not sure of the status of Penn Hills and CONNECT, but I heard from sources that Penn Hills has joined CONNECT or is planning to join CONNECT and I haven't heard anything official, so before I do my dog and pony show are we in the right? Mayor DeLuca responded I think right now we are entertaining joining CONNECT and I believe we were talking about actually hosting one here in January. Jim Getsy answered I was here last year when Cathy Risk came and discussed what CONNECT was and I was just kind of watching with one eye over the months that followed, but last July 15 there was an article in the Post Gazette Sunday extra section that talked about CONNECT and it said that about 34-36 communities on the border line of Pittsburgh had joined but Penn Hills was not one and Fox Chapel I believe was the other one that had not yet committed. So I was a little concerned about that because I feel first of all it does not cost anything to belong and as you are all aware there are numerous community efforts to deal with regional planning issues and people are becoming concerned about the area and what is happening and how it can be bettered in some way. When I was a kid growing up in Braddock every community in Allegheny County was pretty much self sufficient. At that time, Braddock had a paid 24-hour round the clock fire department probably 2 or 3 trucks, I remember 2 for sure and as we know now most of the fire departments are volunteers and a lot of the infrastructure improvements that need to be made can't be done and also service areas can't be done. CONNECT seems to be an organization with good credentials operating out of the University of Pittsburgh. I also learned that this effort by CONNECT here in Allegheny County is the only one of its kind in the United States so it is getting a lot of attention from Municipal Officials and others

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involved in planning. So my purpose here tonight is to say I think we should be represented. I personally would like to be represented as a citizen, people who have an interest in the community certainly want to be represented and at the meetings that I have attended the last one at the Civic Association these people supported our participation. We might learn something and we might also teach something but I think at ground level movement of getting communities to cooperate, maybe to share services, we all know that over the last twenty years there has been talk about the cumbersomeness of the number of Municipalities in Allegheny County and how while their revenues are decreasing their needs are increasing. Dealing with this at a political level I can see it is very cumbersome but if you deal with it at the level of exchanging services or helping each other or just investigating the matter would be very helpful and probably be the way of the future as peoples concerns become more and more, so I think I make the point that those of us in the community who are concerned certainly support this effort and hope that we will be a member and if we can do anything to help, please feel free to call on us. Thank you.

Mayor DeLuca replied thank you Jim.

EXPENDITURES
Approval of Warrants

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve the Master Expenditure Summary dated October 4, 2010 – Journal Vouchers (1) in the amount of \$1,028,319.00, C.D. Requisitions (3) in the amount of \$5,459.94, EECBG Requisitions (0) \$0.00, Checks Numbering 15725-15853 in the amount of \$1,393,275.72 making a grand total of \$2,427,054.66.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn responded on Page 8, Check No. 15749 to Instant Electric for Library parking lot lights. I was just wondering Moe if you know what that would entail for the Library parking lot lights for the cost to be \$1,144.50.

Moe Rayan responded I don't know the exact details Mrs. Kuhn, but any work on the lights, just from my own experience, working on lights in the parking light would require a high lift to get up there and probably it is the labor costs, but I can get details for you.

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Mrs. Kuhn responded o.k. the only reason is the fact that it is over \$1,100.00 and being relatively new I would like to know what the cost is related to so if you can get back to me that would be alright. Mrs. Kuhn also had a statement about Page 13, Check No. 15843 just for the public to realize we are still paying to have high grass cut because I know some people in the community don't think that the Municipality does do that so if they do check a monthly expenditure that we do, we are still cutting grass in the community. Thank you.

Mr. Underwood responded about Page 4, Check No. 15815 for Duquesne Light Co; it is about $\frac{3}{4}$ way down the list for Dible Road Flashers. I believe this was brought up last time, we are still paying electricity for Flashers when there is no school in session at Dible. So instead of wasting electricity maybe Howard could take care of that.

Moe responded Mr. Underwood I did talk to Lt. DeBasi and he contacted Duquesne Light to come to that area right after you and I talked. So I would image that would be just a left over cost.

Mayor DeLuca asked do we have a switch that we can just shut it off or I don't want them like with the street lights it would cost money to take it down and then when they rebuild the school we have to take on that cost to put it back up.

Ed Schrecengost responded I believe it is on a timer.

Moe responded I believe it was turned off right away. Moe asked Mr. Underwood is it still flashing?

Mr. Underwood responded yes, currently it is still flashing and the box leading coming down Jefferson toward the school has the box right there on the pole. It just has to be unlocked or else the lock has to be cut and a new lock be put on.

Moe replied I will follow up on that again.

There being no further discussion the motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

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Resolution No. 2010-058

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2010-058** authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Manager to execute the Consent for Right of Entry Agreement consisting of installation of a mine drainage system on the Marshall Lewis Property located at 9608 Glendale Road.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion the motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Resolution No. 2010-059

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2010-059** authorizing the proper Municipal Official to enter into an agreement with The Municipal Authority of The Borough of Oakmont for Wastewater Billing and Collection Services for a term of three years.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mayor DeLuca asked Moe Rayan to give the details of what is changing on this Resolution.

Moe replied we did a quick comparison on the existing contract and forthcoming contract starting 2011. The old contract 3 year term, 90 day termination notice, Municipality to pay a per coupon fee \$.46 year 1, \$.48 year 2, \$.50 year 3, plus 1.2% of amount of the Municipal Customer Account billed and 5% of the amount of the unpaid Municipal Customer Account remaining unpaid after due date. The proposed contract is 3 year term, 90 day termination notice, Municipality to pay a per coupon fee, \$.50 year 1, \$.52 year 2, \$.54 year 3, plus 2% of the amount of the Municipal Customer Account billed and 5% of the amount of the unpaid Municipal Customer Account remaining unpaid after due date remains the same.

There being no further discussion the motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

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Ordinance No. 2010- 2525

Dr. Kincaid made motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2010-2525** adopting the 2009 International Fire Code and subsequent codes as published by The International Code Council.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mickey O’Conner, 1095 Maple Avenue – Has there been a change as why we are doing this? I thought we already had a fire code.

Bonnie Brimmeier replied the fire codes are updated periodically and we should keep up with it and what this does that we did not have before also adopts any subsequent updates so that you don’t have to keep amending the Ordinance to update it.

Mickey O’Connor replied so we are just housekeeping.

Bonnie Brimmeier replied yes.

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There being no further discussion the motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Reports

Mrs. Kuhn wanted to make the public aware of the fact from the memo that we received from the Manager on some grants that are coming in that we have been waiting on. I know that we have a park improvement for \$50,000.00. We received the approval letter along with the grant contract and I believe this came out of State Representative DeLuca’s office, is this correct? Moe responded that is correct. Mrs. Kuhn replied and then we have another dog park for \$40,000 and what everyone is waiting for is the old Department of Public Works Garage demolition for \$50,000.00 which I also believe came out of State Representative Deluca’s office, is that correct? Moe Rayan responded yes that is correct. All 4 grants that we received this year, I did not mention the \$50,000 for the police car in-cameras grant, hopefully we should be getting that pretty soon as well. Mrs. Kuhn replied I know I speak for everyone on Council and for the Penn Hills residents thanking State Representative DeLuca for all his help and we also received I see an award for \$115,000 is that correct Moe? Grant pending final execution of a contract for the Penn Hills Community Park Lighting Project. Moe replied that’s correct yes. Those are all good things to come out and I just wanted to make everyone aware of it and thank again State Representative DeLuca for all his help.

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Mayor DeLuca replied just to go along with that we sent in for more grants and hopefully it will help with other projects going on.

Mayor reported Alcosan is having a meeting Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at the William E. Anderson Library, held from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Moe can you please get that posted on to our web-site? Moe Rayan responded yes Mayor.

Adjournment

Dr. Kincaid made motion to adjourn.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Maureen M. Sorce
Manager's Secretary

Date