

SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 PUBLIC HEARING
FOR 6-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM OF 2017-2022
MINUTES

MALFUNCTION WITH AUDIO EQUIPMENT IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, DID NOT
PICK UP BEGINNING OF MEETING.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Kuhn started the Public Hearing on the 6-Year Capital Improvements Program of 2017-2022 at 7:10 P.M. Mayor introduced program and identified Long Range Projects for the Municipality.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Brodnicki
Mrs. Sapp
Mr. Underwood
Dr. Kincaid
Mayor Kuhn

Also attending were Rayan, Manager, Sorce, Manager's Secretary, Schrecengost, Finance Director, Alexander, Solicitor, Blackwell, Planning Director, Minsterman, Gateway Engineers.

In the regular Council Meeting there is a Resolution for the adoption of the 2017-2022 Capital Program. The Capital Program Improvements Program represents the long range expenditures for the next 6 years. It identifies Capital Projects and equipment purchases and provides a planning scheduled for the next 6 years. The plan provides a link between the Municipality's Comprehensive Plan and The Annual Budget. It is a policy statement for future projects.

We will start now where the tape and equipment started working.

Mayor Kuhn - It is good that you brought up the demolition of this building Chris because so many people I know are asking Mayor and Council what is going to happen with this building and so it is nice to see that you projected that we are hoping to have funds to do the demolition and if possible to put up a Town Center representing the Municipality Building that has been here for all these years and for all the residents to use and for everyone who travels back and forth to see. So I really appreciate that.

Chris Blackwell - yes, the Manager and I discussed this and what is coming next and developed the figures for projecting for the future.

Mayor Kuhn - well I know the Manager knows the Town Center is something that I hope to accomplish and of course it all depends on the funding.

Chris Blackwell - right.

Mayor Kuhn - Moe do you want to give any comments on anything?

Moe Rayan - Mayor pretty much you and the Planning Director covered everything. It is a wish list and we always hope to have funds whether it is from refinancing or any additional funds that comes upon us whether they are grants or us allocating money for those projects but the hopes are to continue the improvement as presented and hopefully some day we have these projects in place.

Mayor Kuhn - do we have any comments or any questions or any testimony that would like to be given for the 2017- 2022 Capital Improvement Program from the audience? Our hearing is still in place for the residents that are just coming in. We are having a Public Hearing on our 2017-2022 Capital improvement Program. as I had stated earlier you will see in the pamphlet that is handed out what we are hoping to accomplish with different, our street improvements and all other improvements that we hope to do and are somewhat discussed in the pamphlet and then if you look on page 1 for the Capital Program you will see the 2017 costs that is what is being done or has been done this year. The 2018 is what the Manager and the Directors are working on for our Budget that would be passed in December and then 19, 20, 21 and 22 those are what we hope to be able to do in the long range but we did not have at this point in time the actual money for that so that is just projected money not real money so as I said our hearing stays until 7:30 if you want to look over that and if you have any questions if you want to come up to the podium and give your name and address and we will see between the Manager and Chris and Council if we can answer your questions. While we are waiting for them to look over are there any questions or comments from Council? O.K. then we will just take a moment for everyone and I always explain to the residents of Penn Hills, we do not expect you to come in and pick these papers up off the table and be able to ask questions so our Agenda is always presented a week prior to our meetings to give residents time to look through and be prepared to ask any questions.

Chris Blackwell - Mayor while we are waiting I would like to say we did get last week from HUD's office that with the new budget that the President passed the HUD Budget actually increased so not above what it was this year but there were some severe cuts that were going to take place so we don't know what the allocations are going to be next year. We are still waiting for this CD money in fact as you know but

even for 2018 with the money with the budget that was just recently passed we are looking at maybe having the same programs in 2018 which I think is good news for us.

Mayor Kuhn - right and I know it was very difficult because of the fact that different organizations were waiting for their funding but being that the Municipality did not receive them from the Federal Government there was no way that we could disperse them to the organizations and I know that there were severe cuts so it is good that we are getting you know funding not as severely cut as before but I don't want the public to think that that means that we are getting more funding. We are just happy that we are getting an improved amount, correct?

Chris Blackwell - that is correct. yes. I don't have the numbers because they don't.

Brent Rambo - 645 Veronica Drive - I was just curious what is involved in the Economic Development classification? I noticed that there is nothing until 2020.

Mayor Kuhn - Chris do you know?

Brent Rambo - what is involved in the Economic Development?

Chris Blackwell - I think sometimes there are these legacy items in there that maybe should be removed but it is something if we put it that far out there is saying at some point maybe there will be some money for Economic Development. I call it sort of a lazy item where sometimes you look at these things over and over and it is just something that has been carried over. It was in last year's budget and I just think it is like we said earlier 2017 is current money, 2018 is money we are identifying for next year and then beyond that is just really sort of a wish list so it is the wish list that at some point we would be able to identify funding for specifically Economic Development.

Brent Rambo - don't you consider Economic Development an important part for Penn Hills to grow?

Chris Blackwell - yes absolutely but I think that the Economic Development needs are often met by other funding in the program or the operating budget and then also some things there just isn't funded for.

Brent Rambo - alright.

Mayor Kuhn - Chris if you could just elaborate a little bit Economic Development what funding actually would go into that because most of the Economic Development would be the businesses that are approaching The Municipality, correct?

Chris Blackwell - I think there was a time when we had an Economic Development Committee and it was actually funded by Mayor and Council.

Mayor Kuhn - yes I know because I was a member of that and we had like \$5,000.00 if my memory serves me correct and we made out pamphlets on all the positive things for the Municipality and we gave them to the realtors so that they could hand them out and actually we had them here at the Municipality and in the Library so that was what I was wondering I don't want people to think that we are saying Economic Development isn't important but as far as a budget items I didn't know exactly what we would be giving money wise for Economic Development.

Chris Blackwell - I think like I said you look at things over and over and don't even notice that there are these legacy items that we have been discontinuing and really they came from the previous Planning Director and I am not actually sure what was in mind for that funding but I just think it is just something that we always put out there if we had funding or perhaps in the future if there was another Economic Development Committee or something like that then we would have funding for that but it is not identified.

Mayor Kuhn - o.k. that is what I thought because like I said I didn't recall the budget ever actually funding other than the one time when there was an Economic Development Committee and I believe they received \$5,000.00 for those pamphlets that they had made up.

Chris Blackwell - that is correct.

Mayor Kuhn - o.k. it being 7:30 is there anyone else that has any questions on The Capital Program for 2017-2022? Any other comments or questions from Council? There being none then I will close this Hearing.

Hearing ended at 7:37 P.M.

September 11, 2017

Maureen M. Sorce
Manager's Secretary