

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 11, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nick Gresock at 7 p.m.

Mayor Gresock was sad to report the passing of former Councilman Mike Kelly that afternoon. He requested the moment of silence be dedicated to him in his memory.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL

The Recording Secretary, Sharon McIndoe, called roll and the following were present: Mayor Gresock, Joe Hyzy, Bob Stevenson, Steve Wolfram, Mike Adams, Bob Williams, Dennis Biondo, Tim Little, Bob Wratcher, Rosie Rock, Paul Hugus, Joe Sedlak and Paul Whealdon. Mr. Poach was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No one came forward at this time to make public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Council conducted an Executive Session on June 21, 2023 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with the Public Partners Consultant and before Citizens' Night on July 6, 2023 from 6:15 to 7 p.m. for personnel and litigation reasons. Council legislative action, if any, shall be taken at this July 11, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council then considered approval of the minutes of the Citizens' Night Meeting of June 6, 2023, Council Work Session of June 6, 2023 and the Regular Council Meeting of June 13, 2023.

There being no corrections, additions or deletions, Mr. Wolfram duly made a motion to approve all of the minutes, as submitted, and Mr. Hyzy seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS OF TAX COLLECTIONS

Council considered approval of the Reports of Tax Collections.

There being no discussion, Mr. Wolfram duly made a motion to approve them, as submitted, and Mr. Biondo seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

LIST OF BILLS, BUDGET TRANSFERS AND PAYROLL

Council then considered approval of the List of Bills in the amount of \$1,831,803.06, Budget Transfers and Payroll in the amount of \$1,138,130.07 for the month of June 2023.

Whereupon, Mr. Wolfram duly made a motion to approve the List of Bills and Budget Transfers and Mr. Hyzy seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Further, Mr. Wolfram made a motion to approve the payroll and Mr. Biondo seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES

Vacancies exist on the Boards, Commissions and Authorities for 2023.

POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Whereupon, Mr. Williams duly made a motion to appoint Mr. John Buzzy to the Police Civil Service Commission and Mr. Biondo seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGNEDANEW BUSINESSRESOLUTION 23-27

SITE PLAN 23-4-ST

BURGER KING

The applicant is requesting Site Plan approval to construct a fast food restaurant, Burger King. The property is located at 1737 Golden Mile Highway, Tax Parcel 1243-A-117, in the C-2 Business/Commercial Zoning District.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of this application.

RESOLUTION 23-28

CONDITIONAL USE 23-4-C

BURGER KING

The applicant is requesting Conditional Use approval to operate a drive-through window for a fast food restaurant, Burger King, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2680 and Monroeville Zoning Ordinance No. 1443, as amended. The property is located at 1737 Golden Mile Highway, Tax Parcel 1243-A-117, in the C-2, Business/Commercial Zoning District.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of this application.

Council held a public hearing on this item on June 6, 2023.

There being no discussion, Mr. Steven duly made a motion to approve Site Plan Application No. 23-4-ST and Conditional Use Application No. 23-4-C. Mr. Hyzy seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MOTIONSMOTION

A motion to approve a full-page advertisement for the 2023 Gateway Sports Hall of Fame commemorative program booklet in the amount of \$100.

There being no discussion, Mr. Stevenson duly made a motion to approve and Mr. Hyzy seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

A motion to approve a half-banner advertisement in the Chabad of Monroeville 14th Annual Jewish Community Calendar in the amount of \$250.

Whereupon, Mr. Wolfram duly made a motion to approve and Mr. Hyzy seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONSRESOLUTION 23-29

A resolution confirming that the Municipality of Monroeville has formally requested Act 152 funds, has designated an official to perform the required duties between the Municipality of Monroeville and Allegheny County Economic Development and assures the provision of local matching funds and compliance with all other provisions of Act 152.

Whereupon, Mr. Stevenson duly made a motion to approve and Mr. Biondo seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 23-30

A resolution that the Municipality of Monroeville determines and declares that the indicated structure meet the blighted property definition under Act 152 and will undergo local agency condemnation proceedings.

There being no discussion, Mr. Wolfram duly made a motion to approve and Mr. Stevenson seconded it. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCESORDINANCE 2777

An Ordinance of the Municipality of Monroeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, to adopt a proposed amendment to the Home Rule Charter to delete language that requires a residency requirement for the Municipal Manager and authorizing the submission to the Allegheny County Department of Elections for placement on the ballot of the November 7, 2023 General Election.

Whereupon, Mr. Stevenson duly made a motion to approve and Mr. Biondo seconded it.

Mayor Gresock reported this was previously discussed and he explained the only way to change the residency requirement for the municipal manager is in the Home Rule Charter. He stated all the other employees' residency requirements are through contracts. He explained this is to put it on the ballot for the residents to vote on it so the municipality can open up the pool of candidates for the next municipal manager. He pointed out future councils can decide to make a residency requirement for that position by contract but this council wanted to make this change. He mentioned how it would be discussed further.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL STAFF

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Little reported the National Night Out is scheduled for August 1, 2023 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Community Park West in Pavilion Nos. 2 and 4.

A video was shown of the previous National Night Out.

Mr. Adams pointed out that is the same night as Citizens' Night and Council Work Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one came forward at this time.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

FIRST WARD COUNCILMAN JOE HYZY

Mr. Hyzy sent his condolences to the Mike Kelly and Gaydos Families on the recent passing of Mike Kelly. He reported he knew him for a long time and was sad it happened.

Mr. Hyzy requested the council members take ownership of the Fourth of July trailer so it can be put in the parks department because it cannot be used for anything else. He reported the Rotary is longer taking care of the Ms. Independence Day Queen because it is now being done by the committee. He explained the chairs are welded to the trailer and the municipality would take care of it. Further discussion ensued.

Mr. Hyzy reported the municipality does not cut grass in other peoples' lots. He explained the municipality does not have the authority to cut the grass for someone's neighbor or a vacant lot. Mr. Hugus asserted the municipality has a third party do it.

Mayor Gresock further explained that a property maintenance ordinance is followed for a home and will send out a third party to mow. He reported there are some lots that are able to go back to nature depending on the property ownership. Mr. Hugus explained they are usually located next to residential structures and the house has been demolished. He stated the municipality will still have those cut then the municipality will send official notices to property owners of record to give them the opportunity to pay it off or the property is liened. He added it usually get a 75 percent return on the money from the lien notice. Mayor Gresock reported the code enforcement officers are aggressive with those items and it is important. Mr. Hugus stated the municipality has sent a third party to approximately 50 homes and lots to mow the lawn.

THIRD WARD COUNCILMAN BOB STEVENSON

Mr. Stevenson sent condolences to the former Councilwoman Linda Gaydos on the loss of her father former Councilman Mike Gaydos. He gave sympathy to the Kelly Family and explained Mike was a former Third Ward Councilman.

FOURTH WARD COUNCILMAN STEVE WOLFRAM

Mr. Wolfram sent his condolences to Linda and Mike Gaydos for the loss of her father.

FIFTH WARD COUNCILMAN MIKE ADAMS

Mr. Adams sent his sympathy to the Kelly Family.

SIXTH WARD COUNCILMAN BOB WILLIAMS

Mr. Williams sent his condolences to the Mike Kelly Family.

SEVENTH WARD COUNCILMAN DENNIS BIONDO

Mr. Biondo sent his condolences to the Kelly Family and Linda and Mike Gaydos.

Mr. Biondo inquired about the status of the Pickle Ball Courts and the cracks. He wanted to know what the plan is going forward. Mr. Hugus reported part of the road resurfacing program that is a separate line item is to mill and pave the courts. He explained they would start decommissioning the courts in Septembers which includes removing the fencing and netting to prepare for the mill and paving. He stated once it is paved it has to sit for 30 days before the play surface can be put on and by that time of year it is too cold to do that so it will be done in May of next year. He added the temperature has to be 50 degrees at a steady rate. He reported the play court surface will be done first then the fencing and netting will be put back up. He mentioned options were considered for temporary courts. He explained Hawkeye Park could be used because there is a big play court surface, it doesn't get used a lot and temporary lines could be put in place for pickleball. He added the parking lot is big and there is a pavilion. He reported once the court gets done tape can be put down to use them but there will not be any fencing to catch the balls. He stated it should be completed by the end of May of next year at a total cost of \$325,000. Mr. Biondo reported that is the plan going forward but it will not happen quickly.

Mayor Gresock added the municipality will still be seeking legal action against the company. Mr. Wratsher concurred and reported the municipality is suing the company. He pointed out it is important to remember the contract for the old work is \$50,000 so potentially the municipality will recover something less than that amount but it does not compare to what it will cost for renovation. He stated the municipality is making a much larger bigger additional investment but has filed a lawsuit. He reported the parties are discussing a settlement short of spending a lot of money on legal fees and time to get to the end.

Mr. Hyzy inquired whether it would be regular asphalt and Mr. Hugus answered negatively. He reported it would be a virgin mix asphalt. He added the play surface was \$50,000 in 2019 but now it would be \$75,000 which does not include the fencing and netting.

Mr. Biondo reported he discussed with staff the leases with the Garden City Swim Club and Park Swim Club because they are a little outdated. He just wanted a consensus of council to update the leases regarding how and where the maintenance is performed at least at the Garden City Pool. He stated the Garden City Pool works with the community with swim classes this summer of two sessions. He reported it is in the Summer Brochure and the QR code was on the screen. He mentioned they also open the pool up for the Summer Camps and Camp Chi Pee Wee with summer camp on Fridays and the special needs camp on Tuesdays. He reported it has been a positive relationship. He wanted the consensus of council to update the leases. Mayor Gresock felt it was important to review it periodically and get it updated.

Mr. Little wanted all of council to be informed. Mr. Stevenson agreed as long as council gets to review them.

MAYOR NICK GRESOCK

Mayor Gresock thanked Deputy Mayor Poach for presiding over the meeting last week. He reported he was with the Monroeville 10-U Softball Team, Monroeville Sting, who were representing Monroeville in Bethel Park. He stated they came up short but everyone is proud of them for doing such a great job. He pointed out there would be more tournaments later in the summer.

Mayor Gresock sent his condolences to the Mike Kelly Family.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before council, at this time, Mr. Wolfram duly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. and Mr. Stevenson seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Little
Municipal Manager

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