

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

AUGUST 1, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order immediately after the Citizens' Night Meeting at 7:13 p.m. by Mayor Nick Gresock.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council considered approval of the minutes of the Citizens' Night Meeting of July 6, 2023, Council Work Session of July 6, 2023 and the Regular Council Meeting of July 11, 2023.

There were no comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS OF TAX COLLECTIONS

Council considered approval of the Reports of Tax Collections.

There were no comments at this time.

LIST OF BILLS AND BUDGET TRANSFERS

Council considered the List of Bills in the amount of \$1,040,588.72, Budget Transfers and Payroll in the amount of \$1,156,887.18 for the month of July 2023.

There were no comments or questions at this time.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES

Council will consider the vacancies on boards, commissions and authorities at the regular council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

CONDITIONAL USE 23-5-C

RT22 MTWP, LLC

The applicant is requesting Conditional Use Approval to install a billboard pursuant to Monroeville Zoning Ordinance, No. 1443, as amended, Section 307.14, Billboards. The property is located along William Penn Highway, Tax Parcel 743-J-297, in the C-2, Business/Commercial Zoning District.

The Planning Commission recommended denial of this application.

The applicant requested tabling this application until September 5, 2023 and waived all time limits.

Mr. Hyzy questioned the location and Mr. Sedlak stated it is in the lot at Value City. He explained there is a small rectangular piece of property on William Penn Highway/Route 22.

RESOLUTIONS

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A resolution approving the disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual.

Mr. Sedlak reported this is for the cleaning and disposing of files and council had a list of the items.

RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing participation in the Allegheny County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2024, 2025 and 2026 Program Years.

Mr. Sedlak reported this is to allow the municipality to access money for the CDBG to be used for demolitions.

REPORTS OF STAFF

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wratcher requested authorization to add an ordinance to the agenda to create a handicapped parking zone in front of 311 Shady Ridge Drive. He reported this does not need an advertisement and can just be added to the agenda.

Mr. Williams was concerned with the municipality putting up signs. He inquired whether any of them are taken down after and Mr. Hugus answered affirmatively. Mr. Williams questioned the process of removing the signs. Mr. Hugus reported the person who utilizes the sign should notify the municipality when it will no longer be needed.

Mr. Stevenson pointed out there are many handicapped people in Monroeville and inquired whether handicapped signs would be placed at every residence. He questioned whether it is site specific. Mayor Gresock explained there may be special circumstances with this property. Mr. Whealdon reported a letter was submitted with the request and he will make it available to council.

Mr. Hyzy pointed out there is another one in that area and Mr. Wratcher indicated it was at 433.

Mayor Gresock reported there is a lot of concern about No Parking from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. which is a municipal-wide ordinance but not every street has them. He stated those signs can be put up at the direction of council and Mr. Hugus stated an independent ordinance is still done for independent streets. He explained it is a blanket ordinance. He stated independent ordinances are done so that the ordinance number can be written on issued tickets. Mayor Gresock wanted to solidify that policy because it is hard to keep track of when signs were put up. Mr. Biondo questioned whether ordinances

are needed to remove them and Mr. Hugus suggested the ordinance should be repealed. Further discussion ensued.

ACTING MANAGER'S REPORT

ROUTE 22 CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Sedlak reported the municipality received an email from the project manager of Golden Triangle Construction who is doing the work on Business Route 22 in Churchill and Wilkins Township for the past few months. He explained starting August 12, 2023 they will be working on the Hall Station Bridge and will be reducing the travel lanes to one. He stated they would work on the eastbound side first so the westbound side will be one lane in each direction. He added they would work on the eastbound and westbound sides respectively for one and a half months each or three months total that they would be working on the bridge. He again stated it would begin on August 12, 2023 and there will be no detours and will be one lane in each direction.

MONROEVILLE LIBRARY FUNFEST

Mr. Sedlak reported the Monroeville Library Funfest is scheduled for August 26, 2023 from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

JAZZ FESTIVAL

Mr. Sedlak reported the Jazz Festival will be held on September 2, 2023 from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Tall Trees Amphitheater in the Monroeville Community Park West.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

THIRD WARD COUNCILMAN ROBERT STEVENSON

Mr. Stevenson reported the manager is retiring at the end of the year and council is currently conducting a search for a new manager. He explained one of the hinderances to the new manager's position is the residency requirement in the home rule charter. He reported there will be a referendum in the November Election to try to change it and he was hopeful the public would vote affirmatively to remove it from the charter. He felt it is very important that the home rule charter be changed.

SIXTH WARD COUNCILMAN ROBERT WILLIAMS

Mr. Williams reported summer discount tickets are available at the Parks and Recreation Office for Idlewild Park for \$40, Kennywood Park for \$42 and Sand Castle for \$39. He pointed out those are good savings for people who want to go to these places.

Mr. Williams welcomed Mr. Robert Serafini back to the meetings.

Mr. Williams encouraged anyone 55 years and older to check out the Monroeville Senior Citizens Center. He reported residents of Monroeville and Pitcairn receive a free membership and nonresidents there is a \$60 annual fee.

Mr. Williams reported the Monroeville Lions Club Farmers' Market is now located at the Monroeville Mall by Dick's Sporting Goods from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday mornings.

Mayor Gresock suggested council go into a brief executive session after the meeting for personnel and litigation reasons.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before council at this time, Mr. Hyzy duly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and Mr. Stevenson seconded it. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Sedlak
Acting Municipal Manager

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