



Ridley Park Borough Council
Council Workshop Meeting
November 1, 2022 7PM

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus- Present
Councilor Michelle Endriss Dalessio-Absent
Councilor Kim Collins- Present
Councilor Michael McGinley- Present
Councilor Len Pinto-Present
Council Vice President-Richard Guerra-Absent
Mayor Hank Eberle-Present
Council President Dane Collins- Present

Mayor's Report-

Mayor Eberle spoke about a police issue that took place at Taylor Hospital with a patient who was experiencing mental duress. The hospital staff were having issues restraining him. Mayor thanked officer D'Ambrosio, Morris and Officer Fin for assisting with this matter. This could have been a larger issue, thank you to our officers.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Len Pinto)

- Planning Commission
 - o Meets later this month
- Zoning Hearing Board
 - o No Meeting
- Code Enforcement-
 - o Will have report at the regular meeting.
- HARB
 - o Certificate of Appropriateness 2022-12 208 Creswell
 - o Certificate of Appropriateness 2022-13 312 Morton Ave
 - o Certificate of Appropriateness 2022-14 26 W Chester Pike
 - o Certificate of Appropriateness 2022-10 204 Park Street

Communications (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus) All reports will be read at the regular meeting

- Telecommunications Advisory Board-
- Cable TV
- Library
- Historic Commission

Parks and Properties/ Trash and Recycling (Councilor Michael McGinley)-Arrived Late

- Highway Department
- Trash and Recycling
- Parks and Properties

Community Affairs (Councilor Kim Collins)

- School Board
 - o A Ridley Alumni will be throwing out the first pitch at the Phillies Game tonight.
- Recreation Board
 - o November 10th meeting. They are discussing 2023 events
 - o 11/3 will be the last date for applications to be accepted for the vacancy on the Board
- Barnstormers
 - o BatBoy is running now
 - o Ridley Park Theater Program
- Main Streets of Ridley Park
 - o Halloween Parade on 10/29 was a great success
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Community Organization (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Seniors
 - o Update on Gala
- RPAC
 - o Update on seasons
- Shade Tree
 - o No update

Finance and Personnel (Council Vice President Richard Guerra) - ABSENT

- Finance-
- Grants
- Personnel
- CDCA

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio) - ABSENT

- Police Department Report
- Fire Department Report
- Board of Health
- Emergency Management
- Civil Service

Manager's Report

Collins and Tutak meant with Crozer Keystone about the new ambulance systems. The Borough is concerned that services are going to be cancelled. They will not be canceling ALS services at the moment. They did state that if things are changing they will notify the municipalities.

Amtrack update, there is a new attorney at AMTRACK who is having an issue with the agreement. The parties are 4-6 weeks from the signatures before any work can begin and this has not been started.

PECO Green Region Grant is a signed recommendation for the grant. The grant was submitted last Thursday.

Premium Budget updates.

The CDCA went up 7% as well as other amenities. Right now sewer would be \$434, Trash would be \$390 4% increase. We are still working on millage, we are still waiting on a few more numbers but right now the increase would be 4% with millage set at 5.45. These numbers can change, this is fluid but Manager Tutak is requesting this to be passed as a prelim. If any councilors have questions, please contact Manager Tutak.

Commented [DC1]: What is the actual number \$434 or \$390?

Council Business

M. McGinley, are we going to do a formal swearing in for new officers? Yes, they will be sworn in on Thursday and they will be formally sworn in at the next regular meeting.

Public Comment

Mike Dougherty 315 Burke Ave

First off, Good Luck to Michelle Mattus

Is there a beautification committee? Mike noted that there are several places downtown that have trees that are up routing the concrete.

D. Collins stated that we are using ARPA funds as well as the Green Region Grant to add trees to the downtown area.

Mike noted that the Home Depot in Township is getting very bad with thefts. He just wanted to inform Council and residents for everyone's safety.

Mike Eckenrode- Fire Chief

He attended a meeting at the 911 center last week. The county stated that they will be paying for the mobile truck units. They will provide the radio but not the charger. There will be some cost to the Borough but not as much as we thought.

For the police and fire department, we need to think about the installation for these devices. The Police Chargers are free of cost.

Home Depot had 4 carborsators stolen during the day this last week.

Sandy Hess-

In the news paper a week ago that sewer tax was going up. Do you know what it was? Manager Tutak stated that this was the LST tax that is \$52 a year (\$1/week) for all those who work in Ridley Park. This is a fixed rate and will not be increased.

Asked a question about an update on the television system.

Mike Gale- 51 Collier Circle

Would Council consider posting the 2023 prelim budget online?

Does the budget include tax money from Taylor Hospital? D. Collins stated that he spoke with Crozer and they were told they are being pressured to go non-profit. It will be about a year for that process with approval needed from the Attorney General.

There are two ARPA resolutions passed, one for the Library and the other for the Trees planted downtown. The trees will take place in the spring. The Library will also be a spring project. Will the new system help with the tarp that is currently there? Manager Tutak stated that there will be a more formal structure to help offset the rainwater.

Manager Tutak stated that the TV is a very frustrating and he is more than happy to show everyone the system. D. Collins stated that this system was very old and needed to be replaced. One item is not speaking with the other. Mike asked if we have to pay more

Hetzel Park Grant-\$250k grant, Manager Tutak will speak with Catania about this and get back to Mr. Gale

Action Items

- Motion to approve Council Workshop Minutes for October 4, 2022
Maker-K. Collins, Second-L. Pinto Passed 5/0
- Motion to approve Resolution 2022-10: PECO Green Region Tree Grant
Maker- M. McGinley, Second- M. Mattus Passed 5/0
- Motion to approve 2023 Preliminary Budget
Maker- L. Pinto, Second K. Collins Passed 5/0
- Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness 2022-12 208 Creswell
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Maker- L. Pinto, Second K. Collins Passed 5/0
- Motion to approve Borough Manager to publish Ordinance for Portnoff and Associates for Delinquent Tax Collection
Maker- L. Pinto, Second K. Collins Passed 5/0

Adjourn

L. Pinto, K. Collins, Passed 5/0

Respectfully Submitted
Danielle Staccone
Borough Secretary