



Ridley Park Borough Council
Council Workshop Meeting
January 3, 2023 7PM

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

CDBG Hearing

Manager Tutak mentioned that the CDBG is an application that is open and funded through the county. There is a specific census block in Ridley Park that is eligible for this grant. It is usually Rosemont to Hetzel Park. In the past we have completed road program

Councilor Guerra is recommending the Rosemont Footbridge.
The second project we are purposing is the Rosemont Sanitary Sewer project.

Manager stated that the Rosemont Bridge is technically in the area eligible for grant funds, but the railroad is not, which is why an alternate project is considered.

Mike Gale 51 Collier Circle

Mr. Gale wanted to mention that there is a grant for Hetzel Park, he wanted to know where those funds are.

He also wants to see a priority put on the foot bridge.

Hearing closed out at 7:06 P.M.

Mayor's Report-Absent

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Len Pinto)

- Planning Commission-will provide report.
- Zoning Hearing Board-will provide report.
- Code Enforcement- will provide report.
- HARB-will provide report.
- Under the motions we will have three new appointments as well as a new code enforcer.

Communications (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board-will provide report.
- Cable TV-will provide report.
- Library-will provide report.
- Historic Commission -will provide report.
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Parks and Properties/ Trash and Recycling (Councilor Michael McGinley)

- Highway Department- will provide report.
- Trash and Recycling-will provide report, Christmas Tree collection will take place the first three Wednesdays of January 2023.
- Parks and Properties-will provide report.

Community Affairs (Councilor Kim Collins)

- School Board-will provide report, met last night.
- Recreation Board-will provide report. There are also a few new appointments.

Community Organization (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Seniors-will provide report.
- RPAC-will provide report.
- Shade Tree-will provide report.
- Business Association-will provide an update on their meeting.

Finance and Personnel (Council Vice President Richard Guerra)

- Finance--will provide report.
- Grants-will provide report.
- Personnel-will provide report.
- CDCA-will provide report, nothing new.

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report- -will provide report.
- Fire Department Report-will provide report.
- Board of Health-not report.
- Emergency Management- -no meetings.
- Civil Service-have not met.

Manager's Report

You will see on the agenda that there are appointments for several boards and commissions. There are several open seats, Manager

2023 TAN was received today.

CDBG hearing, once you discuss the project, we can submit this grant application.

We have been approached by a group of Mummers that would like to march through town. They dropped off a block party permit, although we don't believe it is needed as the streets are not being shut down. He was in contact with Chief Frazier.

Council Business

M. Mattus wanted to state again how important it is for the Rosemont Bridge to be updated. There are so many students that currently cross the tracks, shutting down this bridge would cause a much larger issue.

Council President asked what the cost would be for a study. Manger stated that we priced one out in 2014 and it was roughly 30k, this time around it could possibly be 36k. It also needs to be completed at night.

Councilor McGinley wanted to know when it was inspected last, Manager said he would look into it. -Councilor McGinley noted his concern over a shut down of the bridge.

Public Comment

Mike Gale 51 Collier Circle

Had questions regarding the new company appointed to handle code enforcement and whether they will be signing a contract with the Borough?

D. Collins stated that a contract is being drafted by the solicitor.

Mr. Gale wanted to know what the cost is associated with this?

Manager stated that we are currently paying per job.

Councilor L. Pinto stated that everything is going to be charged based on what they do. The new company will handle permits and zoning. Code Enforcement will be handled in house. L. Pinto stated that Megan will be doing this. Megan does all the scheduling now, they are going to take over the scheduling. Megan will then be providing code enforcement.

Mr. Gale asked who is doing apartment inspections?

The new code company will be handling the inspections. They will be paid by a percentage of the inspection fee.

L. Pinto stated that the biggest need we found was the customer service or a resource for our residents. This was most of the complaints we received regarding former code enforcer.

What exactly is Megan going to do?

Inspections will be done by the BCO, plan reviews, inspections, etc. Megan will be monitoring code violations, high grass, working without permit, and any suspected violation of the code which requires the code enforcer's attention.

K. Collins wanted to know when this appointment goes into effect?

D. Collins stated now.

L. Pinot stated that he has not seen the contract. It does not make any sense to vote on a contract that is not finalized. K. Collins wanted to know what the difference was between this appointment.

Action Items

Motion to Approve contract of the Borough Manager

L. Pinot stated that he had not seen the finalized contract. Council President advised that the contract was circulated with red-lined revisions. L.Pinto expressed he would not vote on the contract without seeing it.

K. Collins inquired as to why the code enforcement appointment could be voted without the final contract but there is objection to the Manager's. D. Collins advised it was because the vote on code enforcement was only on the appointment-not the contract.

L. Pinto made a motion to table this agreement. No second.

Motion to approve R. Guerra, second M. Dalessio

Len abstained 6/0

Adjourn

Maker of the motion L. Pinto

Second, M. Dalessio

Pass 7/0