BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Tina Sokolowski, Council President

Kathleen Kingsley, Council Vice-President Anita Barton, Senior Council Member Alan Chmielewski, Council Member Ralph Frey, Council Member Adrian Serna, Council Member

Yaniv Aronson, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Cecco, Borough Manager

Michael E. Peters, Borough Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Conshohocken Borough Council duly advertised, was held at the Conshohocken Borough Hall, 400 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA. Ms. Sokolowski, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no council president announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for agenda items only)

There was no public comment pertaining to agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

LAND USE MATTERS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

There were no land use matters, public hearings and ordinances.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Sokolowski read and reviewed the items included on the consent agenda.

- a.) Approve and adopt the March 6 and March 20 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b.) Approve the March-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable

Mr. Chmielewski made a motion to approve and adopt the March 6 and March 20 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the March-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$913,103.34, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a.) Consider approving a special event request for Beats for Bella and HeartWorks

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve a special event request for Beats for Bella and HeartWorks on October 5, 2024 and waive all costs associated with hosting the event at Borough facilities subject to the final review and approval of event details by Borough Administration, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

b.) Consider approving Resolution 2024-06 authorizing the submission of the COVID Multipurpose Community Facilities Grant application

Mr. Chmielewski made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-06 authorizing the submission of the COVID Multipurpose Community Facilities grant application for the gymnasium HVAC system at the Community Center, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

c.) Consider approving the Third Addendum to the Solid Waste Disposal Agreement with Covanta

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve the Third Addendum to the Solid Waste Disposal Agreement with Covanta for an additional 5-year period from 2025 to 2029, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

NEW BUSINESS

a.) Consider authorizing issuance of a notice of intent to award a contract for the 2024 Liquid Fuels Road Program

Tyler Williams, Borough Alternate Engineer, provided an overview of the proposed 2024 Liquid Fuels Road program. He explained that the scope of work includes roadway resurfacing and intersection drainage improvements along Hallowell Street from 4th Avenue to 7th Avenue.

Ms. Sokolowski asked how administration determines which intersections to improve as part of its Liquid Fuels Programs. Ms. Cecco responded that administration utilizes the Borough-wide Infrastructure Management Plan. She explained that the actionable plan to repair infrastructure includes a block-by-block analysis of the pavement conditions and repair treatment recommendations.

Ms. Cecco shared that the low, responsible bidder is Scott Building Corporation. However, the project bid amount exceeds the amount budgeted in the FY2024 budget. She explained that Borough Council can complete the 2024 Liquid Fuels project with use of additional liquid fuels fund balance in Fund 35.

Ms. Cecco briefly discussed funding options to tackle a larger scale road program. Council agreed that infrastructure is a priority and asked administration to look into funding options further in preparation for FY 2025 budget discussions.

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to authorize the use of additional liquid fuels reserve funds in Fund 35 in the amount of \$127,898 to satisfy the low project bid pricing submitted by Scott Building Corporation, seconded by Mr. Frey. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve issuance of a notice of intent to award to Scott Building Corporation for the 2024 liquid fuels road program project, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

b.) Consider approving a Memorandum of Understanding to the Public Services AFSCME Agreement

Ms. Barton made a motion to authorize execution of a Memorandum of Understanding amending the Borough of Conshohocken Collective Bargaining Agreement with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Union, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

c.) Consider approving Conshohocken Electric Force special event application for a Juneteenth Celebration Event

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve the Conshohocken Electric Force special event application for a Juneteenth Celebration Event on June 19, 2024 at Aubrey Collins park to include a road closure of East Elm subject to final review and approval by Borough Administration, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

d.) Consider approving Conshy Corner Tavern special event application for a fundraiser block party

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve the Conshy Corner Tavern special event application for a fundraiser block party on June 2, 2024 that will include a road closure on Jones Street subject to the final review and approval by Borough administration, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

e.) Consider approving zoning escrow releases for 110 Washington Street, 113 West 2nd Avenue, 241 West 6th Avenue, and 400 East 10th Avenue

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve 241 West 6th Avenue zoning escrow release in the amount of \$137.25 plus interest, seconded by Ms. Kingsley. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve 113 West 2nd Avenue zoning escrow release in the amount of \$116.47 plus interest, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

Mr. Serna made a motion to approve 400 East 10th Avenue zoning escrow release in the amount of \$396.08 plus interest, seconded by Mr. Chmielewski. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

Ms. Kingsley made a motion to approve 110 Washington Street zoning escrow release in the amount of \$830.21 plus interest, seconded by Mr. Serna. The motion carried 6-0. (Ellam absent)

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson spoke about the success of the Conshy Baseball and Softball League Opening Day. He shared that he is participating in a fundraising initiative for Beats for Bella. He announced that Yoga Home is celebrating its 10-year anniversary with a community class on April 19, 2024. Mayor Aronson shared the list of bands scheduled to perform at the 2024 Arts Festival and Car Show.

Ms. Sokolowski reminded everyone that April 23, 2024 is Primary Election Day.
PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no public comment.
ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.
Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Cecco, Borough Secretary

Mr. Serna announced that the EAC GreenFest is on April 27, 2024 at Mary Wood Park and the Community Center.