

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 6, 2019**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session March 6, 2019 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Gazzerro, Councilors Dague, Thomas and Feldman. Also attending were Solicitor O'Keefe and members of Borough staff. Mayor Maxwell, Vice President Rakoff and Councilor McGlone did not attend.

President Gazzerro called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss personnel.

Recognition/Awards – None

Approval of Expenditures for Period Ending February 28, 2019 – Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending February 28, 2019, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (February 6, 2019) – Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the Borough Council minutes of February 6, 2019, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried 3-0 (Councilor Feldman abstained).

Citizens to be Heard - None

Deferred Business

Resolution 2019-01 River Station Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan Approval (Neal Fisher, Vice President of Development - Hankin Group, Mike Malloy, General Counsel - Hankin Group, Tom Comitta, Land Planner & Landscape Architect) – Mr. Fisher provided an overview of the proposed River Station project, a transit oriented development, located east and west of Brandywine Avenue and to the north of the intersection of Brandywine Avenue and Boot Road encompassing 39.992 acres of land. They have been working with PennDOT on the train station relocation coordinating vehicular and pedestrian access, as well as, highway improvements. Grading of the development site will most likely begin in May and will last approximately six weeks. Construction will begin after all permits have been issued at the earliest Fall 2019 or Spring 2020. After discussion, Councilor Dague made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-01 River Station Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan Approval, contingent on the review comments noted by Mr. Comitta being resolved, Councilor Feldman seconded; motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Resolution 2019-03 Affirmation of Applicant Acceptance DASD/STEM Final Plan Approval – Councilor Thomas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-03, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Hearing Board (Appointment) – Councilor Feldman made a motion to appoint Donnie Britton as an alternate member on the Zoning Hearing Board, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Downingtown Police Memorial – Dr. Mario Spoto reviewed a sketch of a proposed stone monument to honor Downingtown police officers who have dedicated their service to the community. Borough Council was in favor of Dr. Spoto proceeding with the idea.

Parks & Rec Commission (Volunteers) – Councilor Thomas reported he was approached by the Parks & Rec Commission requesting to amend the membership requirements of the commission. A discussion was held, no action was taken

Planning Commission (Borough Council Liaison) – Councilor Dague reported Councilor McGlone expressed an interest in stepping down as Borough Council's liaison on the Planning Commission last year. Councilor Dague is interested in resuming the role of Borough Council's liaison to the Planning Commission. Councilor Feldman made a motion to appoint Councilor Dague as Borough Council's liaison, replacing Councilor McGlone, on the Planning Commission, Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Fire Protection Services Agreement Amendment – Councilor Dague made a motion to approve the amendment to the Fire Protection Services Agreement, Councilor Feldman seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Mayor & Council Updates

President Gazzo announced the March 20 & 27 Borough Council meetings are cancelled. Next meeting will be held on April 3rd.

Councilor Feldman reported that a public memorial arboretum in Coudersport, PA was protected from being sold, based in part by the Supreme Court decision on Kardon Park here in Downingtown.

Historic Commission, Downingtown Area Historical Society and members of St. Anthony's are working on a County walking tour event scheduled on August 22 in Johnstown.

Adjournment

Councilor Thomas made a motion to adjourn the Borough Council meeting at 8:10 p.m., Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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