MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING JANUARY 3, 2023

620 West Chestnut Street Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member: Scott Bomboy (Absent)

Chuck Brooks Randy Faulkner Jim Purcell (Absent)

Steve Rose
Jim Ryder
Dave Weaver
Dave Worthington
Robin Reid (Absent)

Youth Councilor:

Borough Manager:

Borough Solicitor:

Mayor:

Robin Reid (Absen
Andrea L. Coaxum
Jeff Garton, Esq.
Jeff Hollenbach

Finance Director: Rebecca Deemer (Absent)

Parks and Recreation Director: Lauren Moll

Community Development Manager:

Borough Engineer:

Police Chief:

Linda Reid (Absent)

Doug Rossino

Robert Schurr

Electric Superintendent: Harold Stone (Absent)

Public Works Director: Jeff Tulone

Borough Council President Jim Ryder convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Mayor Hollenbach gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Council President Ryder thanked all of the Borough employees in all departments for the great job they do and for caring about people.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Consider Hiring of Full-Time Public Works Employee

Upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Faulkner, Council authorized the hiring of Richard Hughes as a full-time Public Works employee at an hourly rate of \$26.50.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Perkasie Wholesale Power Cost Summary

The Committee reviewed Perkasie's November 2022 Wholesale Power Cost Summary report

provided by GDS Associates.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

<u>Discuss Access License Agreement – 606 West Chestnut Street</u>

The Borough Manager informed Council that this Agreement is still in the process of being updated and is not ready for Council approval at this time. Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Weaver, this item was tabled to a future meeting.

<u>Discuss Land Development Agreement and Stormwater Controls & Best Management Practices</u> <u>Operations & Maintenance Agreement for Perry Mill</u>

Councilman Weaver had some questions about the façade of the buildings. The Borough Manager stated that she does not think the developer will ask for the facades to be changed from what is required by the Ordinance. The apartment portion of this project will remain as 8th Street Commons; the rowhome portion of the project will now be called Perry Mill. Upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Rose, Council authorized the Council President and Borough Manager to sign the Land Development Agreement and Stormwater Controls and Best Management Practices Operations and Maintenance Agreement for Perry Mill on behalf of Perkasie Borough. Councilman Faulkner abstained.

Consider Resolution #2023-1 – Escrow Release for JEER, LLC

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Brooks, Council approved Resolution #2023-1, a resolution of the Perkasie Borough Council authorizing a reduction in the escrow for the JEER, LLC project as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$29,156.25 to reduce the total escrow to \$11,593.75, and to authorize the Borough Manager to sign the escrow reduction.

Discuss SEPTA Right of Entry Permit – Freight House

The Borough Manager reminded Council of their previous discussion in the fall about this Right of Entry Permit and their request to staff to ask SEPTA to waive the \$1,000 permit fee. SEPTA has requested that Perkasie Borough provide a letter to them stating that Perkasie would have the freight car removed, as long as there is no cost to the Borough, for SEPTA waiving this fee. Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Faulkner, Council authorized the Solicitor to draft a letter to SEPTA from Perkasie Borough stating that Perkasie will have the freight car removed, as long as there is no cost to the Borough, for SEPTA waiving the Right of Entry Permit fee.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

There was nothing to come before the Parks & Recreation Committee.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Resignation of Council Member

Upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Ryder, Council accepted the resignation of Councilman Aaron Clark, effective immediately, and authorized the staff to advertise for the Council vacancy in the newspaper and on the website and social media. Council has 30 days to fill this vacancy, so they will need to appoint a new Council member at the January 16, 2023 meeting. Councilman Brooks requested that someone be appointed to the Parks & Recreation Committee for continuity.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Finance Committee.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Economic Development Committee.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Public Safety Committee.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Historical Committee.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

The Youth Councilor was not present at the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Mike Connelly from 103 North Ninth Street stood and introduced himself and asked about stormwater controls for the 8th Street Commons project, and whether or not they are putting sidewalks in along Ninth Street. The Engineer stated that there are currently no proposed sidewalks on Ninth Street for this project. The Borough Manager asked Mr. Connelly if she could review the plans with him after the meeting adjourned and discuss his questions. Mr. Connelly agreed.

PRESS FORUM

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary