

January 27, 2020

The January 27th meeting of Denver Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Stewart, Ritz, Flory, Stover, South, Rogers, Daub, and Mayor Redcay. The invocation was given by Mayor Redcay, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Citizens' Concerns

There were no citizen's concerns.

Borough Council Comments

Councilman South reported that he when walked around town and he noticed a Shopping News that was not on the sidewalk, however it was placed just beyond the sidewalk going up the walkway. It was not on the porch. Councilman Rogers reported that the middle of Snyder Acres looks like North Philadelphia where there are multiple Shopping News' on lawns and driveways. Discussion followed.

Police Department Report

Chief Darrick Keppley reported on the police activity for the month of December which included 138 calls for service in December in Denver Borough and 1,838 year-to-date; no reportable crashes in December and 18 year-to-date; no crashes with injuries in December and 14 year-to-date; two (2) non-reportable crashes in December and 25 year-to-date; 14 citations issued in December and 146 year-to-date; zero (0) warnings in December and 96 year-to-date; one (1) parking ticket in December and 101 year-to-date; no DUI's in December and 13 year-to-date; and no DUI crashes in December and three (3) year-to-date.

Chief Keppley reported that the Department made two (2) formal offers of employment to officers that have been accepted and will be starting in the first week of February. The first is Brandon Van Oswald who will be moving to the area from North Charleston, North Carolina where he was a police officer and graduated from Wright State University. The other person is Brennan Leid who is a part-time officer with East Earl Township Police and graduated from Drexel University. Chief Keppley reported that he was given permission to make a conditional offer to a third officer who has to pass all the tests and certifications and could start in March. This would bring the patrol back up to what it was prior to the SRO going into the school.

Chief Keppley reported that the Police Department received three (3) new license plate readers and the readers will be installed inside the car and not mounted on the outside which is a cost savings. The readers will notify the officers if it identifies a suspended tag, expired tag, or stolen vehicle. Discussion followed.

Denver Fire Company Report

Chief Shannon Hilton was not in attendance.

Junior Councilperson Report

Junior Councilperson Sara Adkins was not in attendance.

Discussion Items

Borough Council discussed the request from representatives at Direct Wire and Cable to permit on-street parking on the east side of North 5th Street from Locust Street to Oak Street. Dave Mease from Diehm & Sons, Inc. stated that he attended the last Borough Council meeting in December, 2019, and

Councilmembers wanted to be able to go out to the site to check out the area before making a decision. Direct Wire and Cable would like to add 14 parking spaces on the east side on North 5th Street. Mr. Mease also reported that he had a brief conversation with Bill Cristy from Direct Wire and Cable who mentioned there currently are two (2) businesses in the building, Direct Manufacturing and Direct Wire and Cable. They are in the process of moving the one (1) business out of the building so the other business can fully expand to the entire building and they expect to add additional employees because of the expansion. They also are marking off additional parking spaces in their current parking lot. Discussion followed and Councilman Rogers proposed allowing parking on the west side of North 5th Street instead of the east side from Locust Street to Oak Street due to the advantages of maintaining parking on one (1) side, eliminating any line of sight issues with Oak Street, and possibly increasing the number of spaces available. Discussion followed and Mr. Mease will provide a revised drawing showing parking on the west side which will be shared with Purcell Construction and Reamstown Excavating prior to Borough Council taking official action concerning the request.

Borough Council discussed with Eagle Scout Candidate Gordon Russell his proposed Denver Park Disc Golf Project. Mr. Russell from Troop 115 in Schoeneck reported that one (1) of his hobbies is disc golf and he explained how the game is played. He discussed his plans for the proposed 9-hole disc golf which he feels would be a good asset to the Denver Memorial Park. Discussion followed regarding the proposed project and Mr. Gordon's request for an Acknowledgement Letter from the Borough which he can use when he starts his fundraising for the project. Councilman Stewart made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flory, to approve issuing an Acknowledgement Letter to Eagle Scout Candidate Gordon Russell for the proposed Denver Park Disc Golf Project. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Borough Council discussed with Matt Arment and representatives from the Cocalico Alternative Sport Association (CASA) the Denver Skate Park Improvement Project Phase 4 Proposal. Tara Erking, Vice President of the CASA, explained that CASA is a non-profit organization that focuses on providing opportunities, acceptance, and mentorship to youth that are involved in alternative sports. CASA will be taking over for the Denver Skate Park Association and will have a lot of focus on maintaining and expanding the Denver Skate Park. Ms. Erking discussed the organization, the membership drive that is coming up, and the Light-Up-The Park project which they already raised the money needed to construct, received the required permits, and now they are just waiting for the weather to cooperate so the installation of the lights can be done. Ms. Erking reported that on May 14th they will be holding their first CASA for Kids Gala at the Bear Mill Estate. She also reported that CASA's goal is to raise \$50,000.00 to complete the footprint of the Denver Skate Park. Matt Arment discussed the proposed expansion of the Skate Park which will finish the footprint, the agreement with the Park Association and Recreation Board regarding installing some "No Parking" signs along the drive in the Park, and the installation of a new sign with rules and hours for the Skate Park. Mr. Arment also discussed the Skate Park expansion project, the grants CASA is applying for, and CASA's request for funding from the Borough to be used to help fund the Phase 4 project. Following the discussion Borough Council agreed to look internally to see what money may be available to allocate towards the project once CASA secures money for the project.

Borough Council discussed issues/topics to be discussed during the Regional Elected Officials Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2020, in East Cocalico Township. Councilman Stewart inquired if the topic of the Official Map is on the agenda. Borough Manager Michael Hession reported that this issue is not on the Regional Meeting agenda, however, representatives from the neighboring municipalities will be invited to an Official Map meeting the Borough has scheduled for June 30th. Discussion followed.

Borough Council discussed the Cocalico Education Foundation's Fundraising Event and the donation of a Denver Community Pool Family Membership Pass for the auction/raffle segment of the event. Mayor Redcay discussed the vision of the Cocalico Education Foundation. Following the

discussion, Councilman Stewart made a motion, seconded by Councilman South, to approve the donation of a Denver Community Pool Family Membership Pass for the auction/raffle segment of the Cocalico Education Foundation's Fundraising Event. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Borough Council discussed the proposal from Endy Technologies for the purchase and installation of audio/visual equipment for the Denver Municipal Building Meeting Room. The proposal included an 82" screen, mount, and a share link system that can be seen on various devices like an iPad or handheld devices. Following the discussion, Borough Council recommended obtaining an additional quote before taking action on the proposal.

Borough Council discussed the opportunity to re-register a section of Borough property located behind Monroe Street and Catalpa Circle in the Bon View Estates Development into the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Mr. Hession reported that this property previously had been enrolled in this program and a riparian buffer was planted and the Borough received funding every year for 15 years. At the end of 2017 the contract expired and the CRP Program no longer allowed municipalities to participate in the program. In December, 2019, the Borough received a letter about the opportunity to re-register. However, Mr. Hession reported that today he received confirmation that the letter the Borough received to re-register was sent out to municipalities in error and the CRP remains closed to municipalities.

Borough Council discussed the designation of official names for public streets and alleys in the Borough. Borough Council discussed this issue in December following a citizen's concern during a property settlement where there was a different street name on the deed then on the street. He stated he talked to the Borough Solicitor about the process of designating official names for public streets and alleys in the Borough which will need to be completed via an ordinance following some research by the Borough concerning the public streets and alleys. Discussion followed and Borough Council authorized the Street Committee to lead in this process.

Borough Council discussed the 2020 Denver Borough Council Committees. Mr. Hession reported that the Borough Council President appoints the Borough Council Committees and after discussion with Councilman Daub, the Committees stayed the same with the exception of having Councilman Ritz serve where former Councilman Palm served. Councilman Stover requested if someone could switch with him on the Recreation Board because his wife also serves on the Recreation Board and that way he can stay home with the kids.

Action Items

Councilman South made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stover, to approve the January, 2020 Monthly Invoices and Bills Report. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilman Flory made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stover, to authorize the President of Borough Council to execute the Letter of Agreement for Usage of Facility for the Purpose of Voting between the Borough of Denver and the Lancaster County Board of Elections to use the Denver Municipal Building as a polling place on Tuesday, April 18, 2020 for the Primary Election and on November 3, 2020 for the General Election. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilman Stewart made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flory, to authorize the Chip Leisure Scholarship 5K Run in the Borough on Saturday, May 2, 2020, contingent upon Ms. Judith Deller Phipps coordinating this event with the Denver Fire Police and the East Cocalico Township Police Department. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Executive Session

Councilman Stover made a motion, seconded by Councilman South, to recess into an Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilman Stewart made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rogers, to reconvene into Regular Session at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Unfinished Business

Councilman Stewart made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rogers, to appoint Michael W. Eichenlaub to fill the vacant Laborer III position in the Public Works Department and to set his starting hourly rate at \$24.60 per hour, effective February 10, 2020. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilman South inquired if the Borough ever paid the PPL bill for streetlights. Mr. Hession reported that the bill hasn't been paid but Joe Jablonski has returned to serve as the Borough's key account manager for PPL. Mr. Hession stated that he met Mr. Jablonski for breakfast and informed him that the Borough never received a copy of a corrected bill or report showing what lights are being billed. Since the meeting Mr. Jablonski recently sent a spreadsheet listing the lights that are included on the bill right now which is less than the lights the Borough has. Mr. Hession reported that he will double check the list with the Borough lights to see where the lights are and what is not there.

Adjournment

Councilman Rogers made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stover, to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Michael Hession
Borough Manager/Secretary

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