

Borough of Coraopolis
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Council Workshop Meeting
February 2, 2022
6:30 PM

The Council Workshop Meeting was called to order by Council President David Pendel.

A Roll Call of Members was then taken.

Present

Robb Cardimen
Rudy Bolea
Ed Pitassi
Chad Kraynyk
George Mihalyi
Allison Marine Via Teleconference
David Pendel
Mayor Michael Dixon

Also Present

Drew Null – Engineer
Devanté Miles – Engineer

Mr. Pendel asked if there were any questions on the Agenda, being none the meeting continued.

Mr. Pendel said do we have any nominations for the 3rd Ward Borough Council Seat?

Mr. Bolea said I nominate Mr. Gary Flasco for the 3rd Ward Council Seat.

Mr. Pendel said are there any other nominations for the 3rd Ward Council Seat? Are there any other nominations? Mr. Pendel asked for a motion to close nominations.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to close nominations for the 3rd Ward Council Seat. Mr. Kraynyk seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Upon Roll Call to appoint Gary Flasco as the 3rd Ward Council Person

Mr. Cardimen	No
Mr. Bolea	Yes
Mr. Pitassi	Yes
Mr. Kraynyk	Yes
Mr. Mihalyi	Yes

Ms. Marine Yes
Mr. Pendel Yes
Motion Carried.

Mayor Dixon swore in Mr. Gary Flasco as 3rd Ward Borough Councilman

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve Resolution 22-368 appointing Gary Flasco who is a Ward 3 resident to the Borough Council Seat vacated by the resignation of Jason Shazer. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by 7 Aye votes and 1 Nay.

Mr. Pitassi made a motion to approve Resolution 22-369 authorizing the Borough Tax Collector to deputize Jordan Tax Services, Inc. to fulfill all tasks associated with the collection of current real estate taxes in the capacity of Tax Collector. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Mr. Bolea said how are they doing with the delinquent taxes?

Mr. McCutcheon said it is going better than expected.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. McCutcheon said we received two bids yesterday for our residential municipal waste collection, transportation and disposal. Currently we pay \$394,000.00 with an alternate for E-waste and Household Hazardous Waste for \$17,952.00. Republic came in at \$585,552.00 with an alternate for E-waste and Household Hazardous Waste for \$36,960.00 and Waste Management's bid is \$459,624.00 with an alternate for E-waste and Household Hazardous Waste for \$33,000.00. My recommendation is to do the waste collection with Waste Management, but I don't think we do enough electronic recycle to do \$33,000.00. We can hold a recycle event and hire someone to come in for a collection. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said if we want to include E-waste, we should raise the garbage rate to \$60.00.

Mr. Cardimen said I understand this is a lot of money, but this service has helped clean up the town and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Year One Waste Collection to Waste Management at a price of \$459,624.00 with the ad alternate of \$33,000.00 for E-waste. Mr. Kraynyk seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Mr. Cardimen Yes
Mr. Bolea Yes
Mr. Pitassi Yes
Mr. Kraynyk Yes
Mr. Mihalyi Yes
Ms. Marine Yes
Mr. Flasco Yes
Mr. Pendel Yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. Pendel said that now leads us to discuss the amount that we are going to charge our residents. The Manager is proposing \$55.00 and we are currently at \$43.00.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to increase the waste collection fee to \$55.00 per quarter. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Mr. Cardimen	Yes
Mr. Bolea	Yes
Mr. Pitassi	Yes
Mr. Kraynyk	Yes
Mr. Mihalyi	Yes
Ms. Marine	Yes
Mr. Flasco	Yes
Mr. Pendel	Yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. Pendel said we need to discuss the advertisement of Phase I of the Riverfront Park upon final approval from the DCNR.

Mr. Drew Null directed everyone to Attachment A which walks through the Phase I improvements for the Riverfront Park and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said Council had approved moving forward with Phase I, we have the design done and the design package has been filed with the DCNR and the NPDS permit has been received for land disturbance. There are some outstanding DCNR comments that we have reviewed within the last month and those are mostly limited to lot consolidation and property encroachment. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Null said the DCNR is accepting applications due in April and the State is accepting applications due in May. We discussed working on a third Phase with the Committee so we'll come back with more details on what will be included with that Phase and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to advertise Phase I of the Riverfront Park upon final approval from the DCNR. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Mr. Cardimen	Yes
Mr. Bolea	Yes
Mr. Pitassi	Yes
Mr. Kraynyk	Yes
Mr. Mihalyi	Yes
Ms. Marine	Yes
Mr. Flasco	Yes
Mr. Pendel	Yes

Motion Carried.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Drew Null directed everyone to the monthly report and said the Riverfront Park Project; concerning the grants, we'll come back with a Phase III and ultimately, we'll come back with a resolution and authorization.

Mr. Drew Null said Floodplain Management; this application was filed by PEMA and PEMA submits that to FEMA and they did ask for some additional information so we are working through that.

Mr. Drew Null said Ferree Street Stairway; and directed everyone to Attachment C for the schedule and questions on weather and getting the work done. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said 2021 Roadway Improvements; punchlist items are remaining and there is no pay request for this month.

Mr. Drew Null said the tentative schedule for the Main Street Roadway; the Water Authority is doing a replacement program that is projected to start in the spring with a total finish in the summer. This project will be a late summer, early fall project so we'll get the design together now and come back to you for advertising.

Mr. Drew Null said O'Reilly Auto Parts Development; we did get a resubmission from this applicant and that response letter was issued and is Attachment D for your reference. The County has advised that the application was accepted and they have scheduled a public meeting for February 16th.

Mr. Drew Null said Allegheny County GEDTF Applications; none of our GEDTF applications were selected for funding.

Mr. Null said the Mill Street Streetscape Improvements, we did receive an application for that project and a response was issued and attached for your reference and a public meeting was held on January 25th.

Mr. Drew Null said 2022 Roadway Improvements; I did have a meeting with the Manager and Columbia Gas for plans and projections for scope moving forward. They are currently looking at a project on Summit and St. Clair Street which are two roads previously paved by the Borough so the intent would be to pick up a program and include that in your program for replacement by Columbia Gas. A discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said 2022 Commonwealth Financing Authority LSA Grant; the State is accepting grant applications and this is funding that comes from online gambling. There is \$140M available for this statewide program and no match requirement up to \$1M request. This is due March 15th and the grant that we are looking at is for Mill Street which is a project that we are doing with the Authority Waterline Road Reconstruction with some storm sewer reconstruction and sidewalks. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen said we had some roads done with the 2019 Road Program that carried over into the 2020 Road Program and I made you aware earlier in the year of some road failures and since winter has finally hit those failures have gone tenfold. There is no sense in looking at it now, but just so you are aware of it and can tell Mele that they will have some warranty work ahead.

Mr. Null said I think it would be good to take a look at it now and it is good to put them on notice early on. A discussion pursued.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dixon said last week I met with Brian Diggins and he has requested to come and present his plans for one of his buildings on Mill Street and I think that we are going to do that at the March Workshop Meeting.

Mayor Dixon said I have an upcoming meeting next week with the CCDC for an introductory and to see how we can work together.

Mayor Dixon said I have received two complaints, one for pot holes on Roberts Street and the other from a business owner and she is questioning the accumulation of ice on the sides of the roads and the parking in the business district and she is wondering if there is anything we can do to clean up some of that ice. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mayor Dixon said I am looking forward to next week and the NAACP presentation before our meeting.

Comments from Council

Mr. Flasco said I have nothing today.

Mr. Mihalyi said I have nothing at this time.

Mr. Bolea said are we allowing people to come in and talk at our Workshop Meetings?

Mr. Cardimen said the public is always welcome at the meeting, but not the commenting part.

Mr. Bolea said we generally do not let people speak unless they are presenting a product to us.

Mr. Pendel said that is what he intends to do with his plans for Mill Street. A discussion pursued.

Mr. Kraynyk said at the intersection of Main Street and Woodlawn at the Y the cars coming up the hill have the right of way and the cars coming down the hill do not. I think it warrants installing a sign that states “Yield to Oncoming Traffic” at that intersection and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen said our new fire truck is coming along nicely and our date of acquisition looks to be 5/11/22.

Mr. Cardimen said I received a few calls from the Brook Street area wanting to thank Council and the work done by Minniefield on the demolition of 1424 Hiland Avenue.

Mr. Cardimen said Mr. McCutcheon and I are planning on going to look at a new dump truck and get it ordered so we can have it for next winter.

Mr. Pitassi said we are going to get our trees in for the spring on March 26th and we will be getting twelve trees.

Mr. Pitassi said I want to thank our guys who did the street cleaning for the past snowfall we had I think they did an excellent job.

Ms. Marine said I want to thank Mr. McCutcheon and Mr. Pitassi for their work in planning and hosting the January Char COG Meeting in Coraopolis.

Manager’s Report

Mr. McCutcheon said most people know about the water outage that we had today. There was a leaking valve and Rich Deems had Jet Jack come out. We put this information on Savvy Citizen, Facebook and our website and we still received calls and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said on January 24th I ordered 140 tons of salt and we haven’t received one truck load of that yet. I’ve called the last couple of days and I haven’t heard anything back from them. I don’t know, if it is a trucking issue or a salt issue and he continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said next week the presentation for Black History Month will be done by Carter of the NAACP and starts at 6:00, so you want to be here a little before that.

Mr. McCutcheon said we had a plaque made for Dezi, so we will have something to give to her. The Chief is going to recognize the two Officers who assisted with the capture.

Mr. McCutcheon said I was going to talk about the grant rejections because I got 5 in one day. They were the Mill Street reconstruction and sidewalk, the Salt Structure and the Ridge Avenue Playground.

Mr. McCutcheon said I want to tell you something that I recently learned, if there is a school bus stopped on Chestnut Street then the cars on 4th Avenue have to stop. So even though you are not coming at them, but just crossing you are supposed to stop and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Kraynyk made a motion to Adjourn. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.
Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Meeting Adjourned.