

Borough of Coraopolis
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Council Workshop Meeting by teleconference
May 4, 2022
6:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Coraopolis was called to order by Council President David Pendel.

A Roll Call of Members was then taken.

Present

Robb Cardimen Via teleconference
Rudy Bolea
Ed Pitassi
Chad Kraynyk
George Mihalyi
Allison Marine
Gary Flasco
David Pendel
Michael Dixon, Mayor Via teleconference

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

Mr. Kraynyk made a motion to approve Resolution 22-377 to request a Greenway Trails and Recreation Grant for Phase III of the Riverfront Park. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Mr. Drew Null said this is the \$250,000.00 max request and you have also submitted a request for the other \$250,000.00 through the DCNR.

Mr. McCutcheon said this is to try to keep us from having to use General Fund money.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Kraynyk made a motion to advertise the Road Reconstruction Project on Main Street from 6th Avenue to Neely Heights and Chestnut Street from 4th Avenue to 5th Avenue. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Mr. Drew Null said this is the project that you received \$800,000.00 in grant funding for Main Street so we discussed adding as an alternate to Chestnut Street. That makes it Main Street as concrete, Chestnut Street as concrete and the Authority will bid replacement of the waterline and Columbia Gas has repair work in there as well.

Mr. McCutcheon said we are hoping to get the other half of the money we received for Wood Street because it will be close to a \$300,000.00 project. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Pitassi made a motion to approve a handicap parking space for Darlene Mack-Brooks at 842 6th Avenue.

Mr. Kraynyk seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Kraynyk made a motion to approve a handicap parking space for Barbara Perriceilla at 613 7th Avenue.
Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.
Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve a \$700.00 donation to the Keith-Holmes VFW 402 for the Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Kraynyk seconded the motion.
Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve Special Event Permit application for Dana Watkins for use of the Gazebo Parking Lot for Thursday, May 5th from 7 pm to 8:30 pm for the National Day of Prayer. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.
Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve Special Event Permit application for Dana Watkins for use of the Gazebo Parking Lot for Saturday, July 30th from 11 am to 1:00 pm for Calm Cogic (offering prayer). Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.
Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Pendel said we need to discuss the updated estimated cost on the traffic signal at State Avenue and Montour Street with the Green-Light-Go Grant.

Mr. McCutcheon directed everyone to the Trans Associates email that was sent earlier in the day and said when we first did this the cost was \$200,000.00, but now it is \$240,000.00. This traffic signal is old and there are things that we can remove in order to save a little on the cost. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve a traffic signal at State Avenue and Montour Street with the Green-Light-Go Grant. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call

Mr. Cardimen	Yes
Mr. Bolea	No
Mr. Pitassi	Yes
Mr. Kraynyk	Yes
Mr. Mihalyi	Yes
Ms. Marine	Yes
Mr. Flasco	Yes
Mr. Pendel	Yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve a car cruise for the VFW on Saturday, July 9th from 10 am to 1 pm on 5th Avenue from Mill Street to Broadway Street. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.
Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve CCDC request for Second Saturday events on Mill Street in June, July and August. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Pendel said we need to discuss Train Station requests made from the CCDC; one is paving Neville Avenue with asphalt replacing the brick and the other is CCDC installing a decorative streetlight similar to Mill Street and connecting to Borough electricity.

Mr. McCutcheon said I have given everyone a sheet on this. Their request is to take the brick out and put asphalt in and also to install a decorative street light. There are some issues with parking spaces and what exactly they plan to do at this facility so we are working through it with our Engineer, Solicitor and Building Inspector and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said there has been a lot of activity with this development over the past month. They did submit an application through the County SALDO so during that process we have made a review of zoning and stormwater items. They have made it through the County process as far as approval goes and the next step is to record a plan within 90 days of that approval and I think they are coming close to that timeframe. They do have outstanding items related to zoning and parking and directed everyone to Attachment's B and C. Mr. Null said as it stands their zoning use doesn't comply with the zoning C-2 permitted use so they need to come to the Zoning Board for a variance or Council could modify that requirement. We have responded to them stating this, but have not received a reply as of yet and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said they have submitted a reporting plan that the Engineer and the Borough can't sign to certify that this development meets all applicable Borough Ordinances until those are satisfied.

Mr. Drew Null said the next item is the road, they have indicated the desire to replace the road and we have responded to them we would like to see a little more in the way of drawings or design and directed everyone to Attachment D. Mr. Null said they are requesting to replace the road from brick to asphalt and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said they have indicated that the way they want to do the sidewalk is by decreasing the curb height in relation to the road so they have an inch or less to make it a smooth transition. Our response is that PennDOT historically won't approve this and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said we need to get this out to them so they can start moving on it since they have indicated they have a contractor and have had a ground breaking ceremony and a discussion pursued.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Drew Null said the annual MS4 update; we are coming to the end of your five-year permit which will expire in March. The change from past rounds is we used to have to do a permit that was an automatic renewal so every year we're filing progress reports in September and that effectively renews your permit on a yearly basis and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said the presentation goes through the annual tasks that you are taking care of for compliance for the permit and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said for the PRP requirement; the Authority did get \$125,000.00 in funding through the State and the permits have been filed is under review and we're waiting for the DEP to issue.

Mr. Null said Stream Stabilization along McCabe Run; the idea is to eliminate or decrease the amount of runoff that enters the stream and to stabilize the stream and bank. Mr. Null said the Stormwater Fee was enacted by the Authority to help pay for this project and other requirements.

Mr. Pitassi said what are the plans for keeping the runoff from McCabe Run?

Mr. Null said specific types of vegetation will be used for stabilization, he continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Riverfront Park; the COSTARS documents that were approved at your last meeting were uploaded to the DCNR for their comment.

Mr. Null said we will get the application filed for the Resolution that you approved.

Mr. Drew Null said Ferree Street Stairway; this work is ongoing.

Mr. McCutcheon said concerning the Park, do you know when we will get approval, so that we can advertise?

Mr. Null said there are some forms that need signed and we are very close.

Mr. Drew Null said 2022 Roadway Improvements; the bid opening is this Friday so you will have a bid report for your consideration at your Regular Meeting next week.

Mr. Drew Null said we have remaining punchlist items outstanding for Wood Street and Chess Street and will be meeting with the contractor within the next couple of weeks to have those addressed.

Mr. Drew Null said Grant Applications; the County's Blight Remediation Grant application was filed through the Char West COG for demo to 1430 5th Avenue and 607 Chess Street.

Mr. Drew Null said for the meeting next week, we are preparing an application through the Commonwealth Financing Authority Multimodal Transportation Fund for the Mill Street Project. This does require a 30% local match and the application that was filed through the LSA Program to include a waterline is not eligible for this project. The price for the project is roughly \$700,000.00 making the match requirement just shy of \$212,000.00 and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Developments; we did get an update from the County stating preliminary approval for O'Reilly Auto Parts and a final application was filed with the County.

Mr. Pendel said did you get clarification on the elevation issue?

Mr. Null said they did get approval from FEMA that it was accepted and a discussion pursued.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dixon said I do have a proclamation to read for the National Day of Prayer that takes place tomorrow and he continued to read.

Comments from Council

Mr. Flasco said I have nothing to report this evening.

Mr. Mihalyi said I have talked with the grass cutting service and he said he will cut the Borough and CWSA properties and this week.

Mr. Bolea said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Kraynyk said I would like to yield my time to Ms. Marine and I'd like to make a few comments to the Borough Engineers after she concludes her report.

Ms. Marine said the Parking Committee met with President Pendel, Chief Denbow and Mr. McCutcheon to review our research asked Mr. Null for insight from an Engineering perspective that considers parking for businesses and events in the long-term.

Mr. Null said LSSE does have a staff planner and he continued to explain.

Mr. Kraynyk said if we are going to make some kind of change, we just want to make sure that we aren't doing rework. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Pitassi said we are going to put the flowers in the pots on May 14th so if anyone wants to volunteer, please contact the Borough Office and I will get back to you.

Mr. Pitassi said Mary Hampe from the library is starting a Senior Library Outreach program. She has reached out to the Coraopolis Towers and the Woodcrest retirement residents and knowing that many cannot get to the library in person, the library director along with one staff member will visit each facility on the first Friday of each month to drop off materials beginning on Friday May 6th and he continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen said I have nothing this evening.

Manager's Report

Mr. McCutcheon said we have been receiving numerous complaints about the pot holes and with our limited staff of 2 employees we aren't able to do a lot of patching. We are hoping to move forward with the hiring process and get someone in there soon.

Mr. McCutcheon said I did receive an invoice for the traffic signals for 4th Avenue and Mill Street in the amount of \$104,000.00 and that will be reimbursed by ARLE.

Mr. McCutcheon said I want to mention something that happened to the Authority. We got a call from First National Bank asking if we cut a check for \$9,000.00 to a gentleman for a piece of equipment. I did not recognize the name and nor did Darlene. We sent a check to a company and someone washed the name and the amount to alter it and luckily the bank teller felt something wasn't right. I think our move to First National Bank was a good move, I really appreciated that kind of service.

Mr. Pendel said Mr. McCutcheon and I received a verbal resignation from Anthony Price for the Zoning Hearing Board due to him moving out of town and asked for a motion.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to accept the resignation of Anthony Price from the Zoning Hearing Board effective immediately. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. McCutcheon said the gentleman who bought the Coraopolis Hardware store is going to be submitting an application for a variance soon, so it would be nice to get a replacement for the Zoning Hearing Board and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said I would like to thank Anthony Price for his service.

Mr. Pendel said concerning scams, a family member of mine received a call stating their son was involved in a very serious car accident and you can hear a siren in the background. This family member does not have children so do not fall into any traps, do not give anyone any information about your family, your address and he continued to explain.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Kraynyk seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Kraynyk seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to hire Jack Flickner and Brandon Scott to the Public Works Department at the top rate which has been agreed upon by the Union. Mr. Kraynyk seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call

Mr. Cardimen (had to leave the meeting)

Mr. Bolea Yes

Mr. Pitassi Yes

Mr. Kraynyk Yes

Mr. Mihalyi Yes

Ms. Marine Yes

Mr. Flasco Yes

Mr. Pendel Yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to Adjourn. Mr. Kraynyk seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Meeting Adjourned.