

Borough of Coraopolis
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Council Workshop Meeting by teleconference
June 7, 2023
6:30 PM

The Workshop Meeting of the Borough of Coraopolis was called to order by Council Member Rudy Bolea.

A Roll Call of Members was then taken.

Present

Robb Cardimen
Rudy Bolea
Ed Pitassi
George Mihalyi
Allison Marine
Gary Flasco

Absent

Chad Kraynyk
David Pendel
Michael Dixon, Mayor

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

Mr. Bolea said at this point I would like to turn the meeting over to Borough Manager, Mr. McCutcheon.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Final Change Order for Avelli Construction for the Main Street Roadway Improvements Project, a decrease of \$3,630.00. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.
Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. McCutcheon said I received an invoice in the amount of \$18,300.00 from the Russell Standard Corporation for the seal coating project. I will ask Mr. Null to talk about it next week before we approve it, because I know there has been some concern on the quality of the work, so I thought tonight might be a good time to discuss it. Mr. Cardimen said I will hold my comments until next week. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Resolution 23-399 approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of Lot and Block Number 341-G-119 (1730 Montour Street) through the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Mr. McCutcheon this is the Pate property on Montour that we demolished a couple of years ago and the applicant is the family next door to it.
Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. McCutcheon said we need to discuss the Gazebo area. The Shade Tree Commission did some planting and moved some pots around to make it look nicer and asked Mr. Pitassi to elaborate.

Mr. Pitassi said we didn't get a chance to do the final vote for removing the gazebo and then we can go from there. We discussed with the Arborist from Tree Vitalize the original idea about the tree line on the outside where the concrete is and they cannot plant trees that close to the blacktop. I do think we should start with removing the gazebo first. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to have the Public Works Department demolish the gazebo from the 5th Avenue parking lot. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	Yes
Rudy Bolea	Yes
Ed Pitassi	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Allison Marine	Yes
Gary Flasco	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. McCutcheon said we have talked about purchasing trash receptacles. I asked for the \$2,000.00 receptacles because, they open from the sides for can removal and there's a top so unwanted things cannot be dumped in. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to order twenty trash receptacles for placement throughout the Borough. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	Yes
Rudy Bolea	Yes
Ed Pitassi	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Allison Marine	Yes
Gary Flasco	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. McCutcheon said Ms. Marine and I are going to speak with STS which is the company installing our cameras. We are going to start out small and just take care of Riverfront Park right now because of the work going on there. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the purchase of cameras for the Riverfront Park from STS not to exceed an amount of \$15,000.00.

Mr. Bolea said when will be getting the cameras for the Tot Lot?

Mr. McCutcheon said we still haven't received the contract from COG regarding the first \$150,000.00 grant and I was told not to do anything until that was approved and he continued to explain.

Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen Yes

Rudy Bolea Yes

Ed Pitassi Yes

George Mihalyi Yes

Allison Marine Yes

Gary Flasco Yes

Motion carried.

Comments from Council

Mr. Flasco said I have nothing to report tonight.

Mr. Mihalyi said the 800 block of Neely Heights is finished and they did fix the curb, they did a nice job. They knicked a sidewalk but repaired it and the resident was pleased.

Mr. McCutcheon said we will be putting asphalt over that with the Youngblood Project that is coming up.

Mr. Bolea said the concrete sidewalk at the new park has been cracked and a curb has been heavily damaged. I do not know who did it but it does need repaired.

Mr. McCutcheon said they are responsible for 18 months after we make final payment and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen said I'm going to save most of my comments for next week, but want to bring this up now. I noticed the work on Neely Heights and there is a lot of spalling on the concrete road surface. This is not good and I am going to present it to Mr. Null next week and he continued to explain.

Ms. Marine said I will not be in attendance for next weeks meeting, due to I will be traveling for work.

Ms. Marine said we had a Parking Study Meeting with our consultant last week and the purpose of this meeting was to check in on the data collection phase. This included the results of the public survey as well as the consultant's assessment of the parking in the Central Business District and she continued to explain.

Mr. Pitassi said the Coraopolis Library kicked off their summer reading program and it will be going on through the end of July and I hope everyone gets out there to enjoy the program.

Mr. Pitassi said the soffit and fascia work has started on the library and we are happy to see that in motion.

Mr. Pitassi said we have a person on the Shade Tree who is resigning and said he will give us his letter of resignation but he has not done so yet.

Ms. Marine said in the past when this has happened, I believe we sent a letter stating that, if we don't get a response within a certain timeframe then their position will be vacated and a discussion pursued.

Borough Manager's Report

Mr. McCutcheon said Mr. Bolea has brought up the Loitering Ordinance and I would like to have authorization to have Rick Start prepare an ordinance stating time restraints for when the park will close and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to ask the Solicitor to review the Loitering Ordinance.

Mr. Bolea said I want to question the certain closing time issue. If somebody responsible rents the pavilion or the amphitheater and their event will run past a certain time then they should be able to get permission through that ordinance and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. McCutcheon said another issue regarding the park, someone has brought up holding a wedding there, so I think we need to look at what we will charge for renting it out for an event like that.

Mr. Cardimen said we will need a rate structure for different events and he continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said Mr. Pitassi told me that we have had two flowers stolen from the Business District. We spend \$1,000.00 on flowers and now someone is stealing our plants and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to Adjourn. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Meeting Adjourned.