

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

The Workshop 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  
Rudy Bolea  
Ed Pitassi  
George Mihalyi  
Allison Marine  
Gary Flasco  
Joe Szabat  
David Pendel  
Michael Dixon, Mayor

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

Mr. Pendel said before we get started, I would like to call for a brief moment of silence to honor the life of lifelong resident, Mr. Charles Cooper who passed away on August 28<sup>th</sup> at the age of 82 and he continued to explain.

Mr. Pendel said welcome to Council Mr. Szabat, for the record you have been sworn it correct?

Mr. Szabet said yes.

Mr. Pendel asked, if it was on file with the Borough Manager and Mr. Szabat said, yes.

Mr. Pendel said we will continue with the Agenda.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve Letter of Credit reduction for 845 4TH LLC for the 845 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project in the amount of \$184,500.25 upon the recommendation of the Borough Engineers. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to authorize Partial Payment No. 1 to Youngblood Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$194,602.11 for the 2023 Road Program. 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
Joe Szabat	Yes
David Pendel	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to authorize payment of Invoice No. 8131 (COSTARS) to Snider Recreation, Inc. in the amount of \$3,748.80 for additional work related to purchase and installation of pavilion and amphitheater and completed as part of the Riverfront Park Improvement Project. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to authorize the submission of a preapplication for a Year 50 CDBG Program for structure demolitions that include 1110 Montour Street, 1013 Montour Street and 607 Chess Street requesting \$93,500.00 in funding. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. McCutcheon said COG did say that the County has to approve this so the Engineer may come back with something smaller and he continued to explain.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to hire Francisco Carballido-Dosal as a Part-time Dispatcher.

Mr. Cardimen asked if he had been vetted.

Mr. McCutcheon said, yes.

Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve Resolution 23-404 approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of Lot and Block Number 342-R-10 (1528 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue) through the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Pendel said we need to discuss the design and tree planting at the sitting area/gazebo area and a possible motion.

Ms. Marine directed everyone to the presentation of a town square design created by the Parks and Rec's Committee along with the Shade Tree Commission. Ms. Marine asked for a discussion and questions on the proposal as she continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to proceed with the design plan for the town square area. Mr. Bolea 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
Joe Szabat	Yes
David Pendel	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. McCutcheon said Chief Denbow and I spoke with Tiffany Towing about getting the gazebo towed to the dump in McKees Rocks. We were told by Tiffany's that they would be willing to take it, destroy it and burn the wood at no cost.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to remove the gazebo with Tiffany Towing at zero cost. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Cardimen said has the WIFI antenna been moved to one of our poles?

Mr. McCutcheon said yes, Mr. Deems and I removed it.

Mr. Pitassi made a motion to approve the purchase of twelve 36-gallon trash receptacles from Snider Recreation Inc. at a cost of \$22,140.00. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Mr. Cardimen said do we know where we are going to place them?

Mr. McCutcheon said probably mostly in the business district and in the new park and a discussion pursued.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	Yes
Rudy Bolea	Yes
Ed Pitassi	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Allison Marine	Yes
Gary Flasco	Yes
Joe Szabat	Yes
David Pendel	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Pendel said we need to discuss the purchase of a dump truck for the Public Works Department and a possible motion.

Mr. Cardimen said I have been talking to our COSTAR dealer at Woltz and Wind Ford and I have two prices on vehicles to be built in January 2024. For a 2024 F-550 for the chassis only the cost is \$69,890.00. I also received a quote on a 2024 F-600 which sits on the same chassis as the 550, but can hold 2000 lbs. more in the amount of \$70,740.00 and my recommendation would be to put the order in for the F-600.

Mr. Bolea said this does not include the body?

Mr. Cardimen said no it does not, with the body and other details added on it will be another \$60,000.00 for a total of about \$170,000.00. The chassis won't be in until 2024.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the order of a 2024 F-600 Chassis from Woltz and Wind Ford at a cost of \$70,740.00. Mr. Cardimen 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
Joe Szabat	Yes
David Pendel	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to advertise for temporary help for the Public Works Department for leaf collection season. Mr. Flasco seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve a \$500.00 donation to the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office for their assistance with the Memorial Day Parade traffic control. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Dixon said I have nothing this evening.

## Comments from Council

Mr. Flasco said I had a resident in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward approach me about coming to a Council Meeting to express his concerns over the section of Mulberry Street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues. He states it is hard to turn and there are cars parked on both sides and asked if we can change that to one way. A discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen suggested following up with Chief Denbow about eliminating one parking spot to increase the line of sight.

Mr. Mihalyi said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Bolea said I have nothing this evening.

Ms. Marine said for an update on our Parking Study; we have been in touch with our consultant weekly and they have been working to create a five-year road map. There isn't a final output yet, but wanted to give everyone that update.

Mr. Cardimen directed his comment towards Ms. Marine and Mr. Willard of the CCC and said concerning murals, is there a chance the artist would consider putting one on our Mulberry Street garage that faces the parking lot at our new park?

Mr. Willard said we can use grant money that is meant for the Business District for it, but the mural is something that we can consider.

Mr. Cardimen said we need to look at the Speedway on Neville Island since Bolea Oil has sold. In the event of an emergency, we need to have access to diesel. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen said two weeks ago Mr. McCutcheon, Mr. Mihalyi, Mr. Tollis, and I met with A&H Equipment to look at a new street sweeper which will benefit the Street Department as well as the CWSA. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Pitassi said I want to thank Ms. Marine for her presentation on the town square area and I want to thank Council for approving us to proceed with the design plan.

Mr. Pitassi said I want to thank the public for all the complements they have given to us for our flower pots this year. It was a lot of work, but it does make you feel good hearing so many compliments.

Mr. Szabat said since this is my first meeting, I don't really have anything to offer, but do want to thank everyone for their warm welcome.

## **Borough Manager's Report**

Mr. McCutcheon said the Conditional Use Hearing for next Wednesday has been cancelled. We were looking at vacating a couple of streets, but the applicant has pulled their request.

Mr. McCutcheon said Jordan Tax Service will be here Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to noon and again on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm to collect the Cornell School real estate taxes.

Mr. McCutcheon said I have started working on the 2024 budget, so we'll be meeting with the Committee to start discussing the 2024 Budget.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.  
Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Szabat seconded the motion.  
Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

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

Meeting Adjourned.