

Borough of Coraopolis
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Council Workshop Meeting by teleconference
October 2, 2024
6:31 PM

The Workshop Meeting of the Borough of Coraopolis was called to order by Council President, Robb Cardimen.

A Roll Call of Members was then taken.

Present

Robb Cardimen
Rudy Bolea
George Mihalyi
Gary Flasco
Kim Haskins
Mike Harris
Joe Szabat
Michael Dixon, Mayor

Absent

Allison Marine

Mr. Cardimen said Ms. Marine is traveling for work and that is why she is not in attendance this evening.

Mr. Cardimen said are there any comments on agenda items by Council Members?

Mr. Harris said as far as voting on the side-by-side that is over \$11,000.00, would it make more sense for transparency reasons to do it during the Regular Meeting?

Mr. Cardimen said we are set to pick it up tomorrow and 60% of it was paid for through a CSX Railways grant. It will be utilized by both the Police and Fire Departments and is labeled as a public safety vehicle and he continued to explain.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to modify the Agenda to include the purchase of a side-by-side from Tri-State Powersports. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	Yes
Rudy Bolea	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Gary Flasco	Yes
Kim Haskins	Yes
Mike Harris	Yes

Joe Szabat Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Cardimen said are there any comments from the Public regarding the amendment item to the Agenda? Being none, the meeting continued.

Mr. Cardimen said we have a presentation by Sy Lampl & Chase Schemm with GSRC Development, LLC to discuss a Conservatorship.

Mr. Sy Lampl said Chase Schemm and I are here to explain the proposal and the concept regarding the filing of petitions for conservatorships on abandoned and blighted properties within the Borough. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said the first step is for you to get an agreement to me, which I will turn over to our Solicitor for review so that Council can approve it.

Mr. Lampl said I can get that to you by Monday.

Mr. Cardimen asked for a motion to approve payment of \$28,184.30 to the Coraopolis Volunteer Fire Department Relief Fund and said this is for fire insurance money that is issued to the Relief Association every year. It is used to equip our truck and buy safety equipment.

Mr. McCutcheon said we get this from the State and we have to turn it over to the Relief Association.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve payment of \$28,184.30 to the Coraopolis Volunteer Fire Department Relief Fund. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-431 distributing the General Municipal Pension System Aid in the amount of \$105,672.73. Mr. Szabat seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen Yes

Rudy Bolea Yes

George Mihalyi Yes

Gary Flasco Yes

Kim Haskins Yes

Mike Harris Yes

Joe Szabat Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the transfer of funds to IIG Client Services in the amount of \$124,779.73; with \$105,672.73 for the Police Pension Plan and \$19,107.00 for the Non-uniform Employees' Pension Plan for the 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation. Mr. Szabat seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the use of both sides of the Jailhouse Parking Lot on Sunday, October 13, 2024 from 9 am to Noon for a Car Cruise and Coffee event sponsored by Queen Beans. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Cardimen asked for a motion to purchase a 2024 Side-by-side from Tri-State Powersports in the amount of \$11,249.00 to be utilized by the Police Department and the Fire Department and said Chief Stewart was very instrumental in acquiring a \$5,000.00 grant from CSX Railway for the purchase of this vehicle. The Police Department will contribute for wrap and lettering and the Fire Department will pay for some radio work and lights and he continued to explain.

Mr. Harris made a motion to purchase a 2024 Side-by-side from Tri-State Powersports in the amount of \$11,249.00 to be utilized by the Police Department and the Fire Department. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion. Mr. Bolea said I agree with what Mr. Harris said about this being mentioned at the Regular Meeting to explain that is for the safety for the people north of the tracks.

Mr. Cardimen said I plan on thanking the Chief for his work putting this together at the Regular Meeting.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	Yes
Rudy Bolea	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Gary Flasco	Yes
Kim Haskins	Yes
Mike Harris	Yes
Joe Szabat	Yes

Motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dixon said I want to thank Council for approving the motion for that side-by-side. I also want to thank CSX and Chief Stewart for their work in getting that grant.

Mayor Dixon said I want to thank those who participated in the VFW's September 11th Celebration.

Mayor Dixon said Dick's Sporting Goods donated two dozen footballs, basketballs and soccer balls to the Police Department, along with drawstring backpacks and water bottles to give to the kids in town. It's a very nice thing.

Mayor Dixon said don't forget about the Fall Festival on October 12th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Police Department would like to use the pavilion that day for ID kits for kids and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said no one else is using it that day, so it will be fine.

Mayor Dixon said the Cory Cleanup and the grand opening of the park is this same day.

Public Works Foreman's Report

Mr. Larry Tollis said throughout the month we had normal Borough property and park maintenance.

Mr. Larry Tollis said we completed hot patch on School Street with Park Drive, Euclid and the pay lot by McDonald's will be completed by next week.

Mr. Tollis said the leaf box was installed on No. 5 and all machine operations on the leaf machine for this leaf season which will be starting soon.

Mr. Tollis said we purchased and installed a snow deflector for the plow on the new F-550.

Mr. Tollis said we worked with Officer Quinn and Officer Short to paint white lines on State Avenue, Main Street, Ridge Avenue and School Street.

Mr. Tollis said the poles are coming out as we find time to get them, Mulberry Street is complete and we are working on the Rite Aid pay lot now and he continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen said now that we have an extra 550 now, I'm hoping we can keep the leaf box on a little later, or reinstall it in the spring time and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said Mr. Flasco and Mr. Pitassi will need a truck to pick up bags for the cleanup day and I might need a truck to get rid of the flowers in the pots.

Mr. Tollis said let me know what you need and I will have it ready.

Committee Reports / Comments from Council

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

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

Mr. Bolea said I noticed that two pine trees are dying at our Riverfront Park. If they are under warranty, I think they should be replaced and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said I will speak with the engineers.

Mr. Bolea said when Montour Street is closed between 4th and 5th Avenues should we have the tractor trailer traffic turning onto Chestnut Street or onto Broadway? If they turn onto Broadway, I think we should consider temporarily eliminating parking on one side. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Ms. Haskins said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Szabat said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Harris said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Cardimen said the bid came in and is well under the threshold to have the municipal lot sealed, coated and lines repainted, the McDonald's lot, the Rite Aid lot sealed and repainted and the lines on both sides of 4th and 5th Avenues in the Central Business District from Broadway to Main Street painted with adequate parking spaces and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said we will need to coordinate the No Parking.

Mr. Tollis said they may want to do it in October, because we still have our parking regulations for street sweeping.

Mr. Cardimen said I will coordinate with Mr. Tollis, Mr. McCutcheon and the Chief.

Mr. Cardimen said I am saving my comments for the side-by-side for the Regular Meeting as well as accolades for the Chief for getting the grant for this equipment that will greatly help the people of Coraopolis and he continued to explain.

Manager's Report

Mr. McCutcheon said the 2004 Chevy Silverado pickup used by the Public Works has 190,000 miles and will cost \$2,200.00 to do some repairs to it, so I think it is time to put it to rest. We have enough pickups where we don't need that one, so we will be asking to sale or scrap it in the future.

Mr. McCutcheon said I have a quote from Cummins Sales and Service on a maintenance proposal for the generator. It's a five-year agreement at \$1,219.90 per year and I think we definitely need to do that. I was told that it needs to be bolted down and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said I have been working on the budget and once the contracts are settled with the Police and Public Works, I will get it finalized.

Mr. McCutcheon said we will have two ordinances for next week, one to increase the fines for grass and weed violations and the other to prohibit parking for the entire length of Neely Heights from Main Street to Wood on the southern side.

Mr. McCutcheon said Halloween is Thursday, October 31st.

Mr. McCutcheon said we received payment from the CWSA for the Neely Heights project, but still need to invoice Columbia Gas which will be between \$180,000.00 to \$190,000.00.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion. Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to come out of Executive Session and return to Regular Session. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea said I received a text message concerning our decision to eliminate the meters. The concern is that Mr. Diggins is benefitting by the no parking because he is renting his apartments and telling his tenants that they have free parking in our borough parking lots and on the streets. I don't know if there is anything to consider about this, but wanted to let Council know. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Ms. Haskins made a motion to Adjourn. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Meeting Adjourned.